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## THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

IN continuation of our remarks of last week, we now take into consideration the claims of the various candidates who will compete on Monday, 14th April, at the election for the Boys' School. There are sixteen vacancies to be filled on that occasion, and the names of sixty-eight candidates appear on the balloting sheet. Of this number forty-eight are provincial, four foreign, fifteen London, and one is described as "London and Essex." Twenty-six of the Provinces have candidates accredited to them, viz: Hants and Isle of Wight, and Lincoln, five each, East Lancashire four, Devon and West Yorks three each, Bristol, Dorset, Kent, North Wales and Salop, Surrey, Warwick, and North and East Yorks two each, Berks and Bucks, Cambridge, Derby, Durham, Norfolk, Northampton, Northumberland, Somerset, Suffolk, South Wales East and West Divisions, Wilts and Worcester one each, while Essex has one candidate besides that accredited to the Province in connection with London. The four foreigners hail respectively from West Indies, Bengal, Nova Scotia, and Singapore. Twenty-three are first applications, twenty-one second, eleven third, six fourth, three fifth, and four sixth. There are nine candidates whose chances of election will cease after the next contest, their ages being such as will debar them from competing again.

Among the London candidates there are two "last applications," Nos. 5 and 10. No. 5, C. F. Frost, has both parents living, but his mother has been deserted since 1871; he is one of four children dependent on her, and he now makes his fifth application, with about ten votes brought forward. No. 10, F. A. Giles, fourth application, three votes forward, is the son of an old W.M. of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, whose widow is left with four children to provide for. Of the other London candidates, No. 33, W. R. Thorn should command especial sympathy. He is one of four children who have lost both father and mother; this is his second application, and he starts with 418 votes to the good, an evidence that he has friends who will eventually secure his election. No. 26, W. Tracy, one of eight children dependent on their mother, has 93 votes brought forward from his one previous application. No. 34, E. G. Beckett, appears now for the second time, his friends having recorded 272 votes at the last election. He is dependent on his mother, who has five other children to provide for. Nos. 51 and 54, A. Salter and A. Fellows, both first applications, are members of families of four, and in each case have lost their father. No. 2, P. C. Wilkinson, has both parents living, but they have three children relying on them; he has already made five attempts, during which 919 votes have been recorded in his favour. No. 43, H. S. J. Crane, second application, two votes brought forward, has no father, and his mother is left with three children. No. 57, F. A. Unwin, is also one of three relying on the mother. His father was a member of Vitruvian, No. 87, the members of which Lodge should be able to secure the return of this lad at an early date. No. 48, C. C. Wagstaff, is the only child dependent on a widowed mother. No. 67, P. B. Garstin, is one of six relying on their mother, he has already a brother in the School. No. 64, F. S. Waud, five children, father dead, has a sister in the Girls' School, as also has No. 17, J. S. Scott, who now competes for the third time, with

203 votes recorded at the two previous elections in which he has taken a part. His widowed mother has three children to provide for. No. 15, R. H. Nicholls is the case accredited to "London and Essex," his father having been connected with Lodges Nos. 87 and 1343. The present is this candidate's third application, and unless he is successful at the coming election, his age will debar him from entering the School. His chance of success, however, is pretty secure, as he starts with 1013 votes to his credit. His mother has six children looking to her for support,

The Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight puts forward five candidates. No. 46, G. W. Steinhauer, is one of eight children left without father or mother; the present is his first application, and although we cannot hope for his election, we trust something substantial will be done on behalf of this large family, left to the charity of strangers. No. 8, G. S. Parker, an only child, has 708 votes brought forward from three former attempts. No. 29, G. F. Gauntlett, one of four fatherless children, was a candidate at the last election, and then polled 212 votes. No. 45, H. M. Fellows, also appeared on the last list, and has 7 votes to his credit; there are two other children dependent on the mother. No. 68, W. H. Woollons, appears for the first time. His mother is living, and has to provide for four children. Lincoln also has five candidates, two of whom, No. 1, A. T. Cole, and No. 20, R. T. Winter, are last applications. In each case the father is dead, and five children are dependent. Unless something very different is done for these two candidates than has been the case at their previous attempts, their election is impossible; we are afraid that the mothers are doomed to be disappointed. The former has taken a part in five previous elections, and yet has only 10 votes to his credit, while the latter has not received a single vote, although he has been an applicant on two previous occasions. This is also the case with No. 16, W. Black, whose mother is called upon to support four children. No. 21, P. Marshall, has not fared quite so badly, as he has 50 votes brought forward from two elections; his mother has two children to maintain. No. 61, R. W. Pratt, is the only new candidate from Lincoln. If we may take the other cases from this Province as a guide, outside aid will have to be relied on. Of the four East Lancashire cases, one has but this chance of being elected. No. 25, G. F. Bowman, a candidate for the second time, but with no votes at present recorded on his behalf; if the Province has taken the case up, it is in their power to carry it at the coming election; let us hope such will be the result, as it would be a great relief to the mother—who has five children dependent on her exertions—should she thus get one of her children provided for. No. 9, J. H. Bell, has had 15 votes recorded in his favour at three elections; he is one of two fatherless children. No. 23, J. Reed, has but two votes, which represent as many previous applications; his mother has four children to provide for. No. 42, J. G. Landless, is also one of four orphans, and has already made one attempt, on which occasion he had three votes placed to his credit. All these cases we can safely leave to the care of their Province, the affairs of which—especially in the matter of charity—are too well managed to allow us for one moment to fear that either of the candidates will be forgotten. No. 36, H. Norrish, one of five children dependent on the widow of a Devon Craftsman, has 340 votes from one former trial, which number will doubtless be added to until his election is secured. No. 49, E. E. Hawke, also one of five fatherless

children, and No. 58, W. R. D. Foot, dependent, together with one other child, on their mother are the other Devon candidates, both being first applications. West Yorkshire has only seven votes to the credit of No. 37, H. H. King, who now makes his second attempt. Both his parents are living, but his father is insane. He is the only child dependent. No. 55, A. Barker, will doubtless receive such support as will ensure his early election, he being one of a family of four left without either parent. No. 50, J. A. Walker, is one of three children looking to the mother for maintenance, and, from his age, must receive early attention, or it will be of no avail. The two Bristol cases are, No. 3, E. Wait, a candidate for the sixth time, with 477 votes already polled; and No. 19, G. J. Gay, third application, 14 votes brought forward. The former is one of six, while the latter is the only child dependent on their respective mothers. Dorset has shown, by her exertions at the last election, on behalf of 39, J. B. Green, that the case is worthy of support; but even were this evidence wanting, we think that the fact of six children being left parentless would be sufficient to merit sympathy on behalf of one of the number. The votes already polled in this case are 554, let us hope a number will be added at the coming election sufficient to entitle the candidate to a place amongst those successful. The Province's other case is No. 56, J. T. Goldsbrough, whose father has emigrated to Australia. There are four other children relying on the exertions of the parents. Both the cases from Kent appear on this occasion for the first time. No. 53, E. W. Sissons has both parents living; they have, however, to provide for seven children. No. 59, A. J. Kennedy is one of five children now dependent on the mother. Their father, a pilot, was drowned, together with all hands belonging to the vessel in which he was sailing, in November 1877. Our Kentish brethren should be able to carry one of these cases at the next election; whichever they may select may be relied on as most deserving. No. 12, J. Ward (North Wales and Salop) has taken part in three previous elections, and has 1221 votes recorded in his favour. His mother is living; she has nine children to provide for. No. 24, W. J. Bartley, has 8 votes as the result of two applications. He is one of three fatherless children. One of the Surrey candidates, No. 31, R. A. Grave, has neither parents living; he is the only child now unprovided for, and has a brother in the School. No. 65, P. H. Stone, is one of three children who are left to the care of their mother. No. 6, C. J. F. Allin, is a Warwickshire candidate. He has had 375 votes recorded in his favour at the four elections he has already taken part in; he is one of three dependent on their mother. No. 52, W. B. Brown, has lost his father, and there are three other children for the mother to provide for. From North and East Yorkshire we have No. 4, L. H. Ridpeth, who has both parents living, and he is the only child dependent; his father, however, is paralysed; and No. 47, F. Colbeck, has to be provided for by his mother, and she has five other children dependent on her. The other fourteen Provincial cases are distributed over as many Provinces, and three of them are last applications. No. 11, A. J. Chandler, hailing from Norfolk, has 1153 votes to his credit; if elected, there will be two members of this family in our Boys' School. No. 40, R. J. Warner, has tried once before, and then had 347 votes recorded on his behalf. His father was W.M. of a Derbyshire Lodge, and left four children for his widow to support. No. 22, E. H. Jones, is the other lad whose only chance is at the next election, and he has but twenty-three votes recorded in his favour. His father belonged to the Eastern Division of South Wales, and both he and his wife are dead. The Northumberland candidate, No. 35, T. Allison, one of four children for whom their mother has to provide, has 706 votes in his favour from last election. No. 13, E. P. Spalding, has 437 votes brought forward from three elections; both his parents are living, and there are five other children for them to maintain. The case is put down to Suffolk, of which Province the father is Past S.G.D. 290 votes are recorded in favour of the Worcester candidate, No. 30, G. B. Brooks, whose mother has two children dependent on her. As we believe it is some time since this Province had a boy in the School, its members may be able to command sufficient interest to obtain this candidate's admission at one or other of the elections of the present year. Northampton puts forward one from a family of six, who have lost their

father (No. 28, G. W. Southam), for whom was polled 254 votes at the last election. No. 14, J. Gibbs, relies on the efforts of the brethren of Somerset, but he has only 117 votes to bring forward from two elections; we suppose the Province has had other claims on its votes, and may now be in a position to support this case successfully. No. 41, J. M. A. Thomas, the candidate from the Western Division of South Wales, has a brother at present in the School; notwithstanding this, there are still six children dependent on the widow. There are 19 votes brought forward in this case, which will need other support to that which the Province can afford ere its success can be assured. The Durham candidate (No. 38, J. Henderson) brings forward 4 votes from last election; his mother has three children to provide for. No. 60, F. J. Neville (Cambridge), No. 62, A. E. Coe (Essex), and No. 63, J. A. Seddon (Berks and Bucks), are all fatherless; there being in the case of the former four, in those of the two latter three children dependent. The Wiltshire candidate (No. 66, A. E. S. Shrapnel) is one of four who have to be maintained by their mother; he has a brother in the School.

The Bengal case, No. 18, G. N. C. Keighley, is now brought forward for the third time, with 734 recorded votes, and we hope sufficient support will be obtained to relieve the mother of this, one of the seven children she has now to provide for. No. 32, H. R. Hounslow, is the only child of an active Mason of Nova Scotia; this is his second application, and he starts with 231 votes in his favour. No. 7, H. G. H. Barclay (West Indies), has a brother in the School; he has made four previous attempts, and now has 466 votes to the good; there are three other children still left to the care of their mother. No. 44, E. C. C. Wilton (Singapore), has two sisters in the Girls' School; this is his second application, 34 votes having been recorded for him last October; he and another child are dependent on their mother.

This brings our summary to a conclusion; we can but remark on the meagre support given to some of the candidates brought forward. In previous issues we have referred to this evil practice, and can only repeat what we have frequently pointed out—that a brother has no right to allow his name to appear as recommending a case unless he intends in some way or other to further the interests of the candidate. Fifteen of those who appear on the present list have between them stood thirty-one elections, and all the votes that are yet recorded in their favour total 85, an average of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  votes at each election.

We have been materially assisted in our task by a tabular statement, which shows the number of votes held by each Province, as well as the number of persons each have on the funds of our Charities; this has been compiled by Bro. Bowden, of Bristol. We are aware that in the case of the two Schools this simply entails the totalling of the lists issued by the Institutions, but in the case of the Benevolent Institution, for which similar totals are here given, the work must have been immense; surely the officials of this Charity could render such a labour unnecessary by sub-dividing the donors under their respective Provinces, in the same manner as is done by the Schools. Bro. Terry, when will you so far oblige the Craft as to arrange for this to be done?

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The second annual supper of the La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, will be held at the Horse Shoe Hotel, Tottenham Court-road, on Wednesday next, 2nd April. Tickets, 3s 6d each, may be had of the Treas., Bro. C. J. W. Davis, 95 Oxford-street, W.

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The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday, 1st April, at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. Pulsford P.M. 1158 W.M., Farwig W.M. 180 S.W., Wise P.M. 1158 J.W., A. Withers W.M. 211 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Fane, King, Perdue, Moss, Collings, Taylor, Farwig. Second Lecture:—Bros. Festa, Radcliffe, Wise, G. Davis, G. Reed. Third Lecture:—Bros Stevens, Carter, J. Wright.

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By a clerical error the name of Lodge No. 1387 was given in our report last week as the St. John's, the proper title is the Chorlton Lodge.

## ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting of this young and flourishing Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Pendleton, on the 21st inst. Present:—Bros. S. Statham P.P.G. Treas. W.M., J. Harrop I.P.M., A. H. Allen P.M. as S.W., J. Lees J.W., D. Asquith Sec., Wm. Slater Treas., E. Winterbottom S.D., J.W. Almond J.D., J. Statham, and T. Kay Stewards, W. Harcastle I.G., J. Heydon Tyler; and Bros. G. Crossfield, Richard Johnson, T. Hewitt, W. Grundy, Geo. Stead, J. Brooks P.M., J. L. Hino P.M. P.P.G.S.W., A. Gilbert, E. Williams P.M., &c. Visitors—S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, J. Wedgwood P.M. 477, J. S. Whittaker P.M. 935, T. Gretorex 935, Luke Tims and H. Waters P.M. 935, W. T. Hansbrow W.M. 1134, A. Bennett 1219, G. Goodear 325, G. S. Smith 1633, J. E. Bowden 1588, T. J. Hooper P.P.G. Treas. P.M. 1633, J. Wood 1140, A. Ness Sec. 1140 &c., &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, at about 6.30, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Wm. J. Moffatt, which proved unanimous in his favour, and that gentleman was then very impressively initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry by the I.P.M. Bro. J. Harrop. After a few minutes intermission the W.M. resumed his seat, and announced his readiness to proceed with the lecture he had offered to give on—

## THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE W.M. IN THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS LODGE.

Worthy Brother Statham introduced this highly interesting and edifying subject to his hearers by prefacing it with the following observations:—Having been appointed by your unanimous choice to the presidency of the Albert Victor Lodge during the first year of its existence, it is the fervent wish of my heart to render myself as little undeserving as possible of the distinguished honour. As you well know, amongst the many important duties a Master has to perform, that of giving information is by no means the lightest. Not presuming upon any superior abilities, and not desiring, I assure you, to act the part of dictator, I would, however, while I have the honour of occupying this chair, do what I hold incumbent on every W.M., viz.: Upon all suitable and convenient occasions afford information and instruction to the brethren, exhort them to consider the nature of our Institution, and remind them of the duties it prescribes. Bro. Statham intimated that at the commencement of the career of a Lodge it would be peculiarly opportune to consider the nature of the duties of the Master, his prerogatives, and his claims to the strict obedience of the brethren to his authority, to ensure order and harmony. He held it was a legitimate ambition for a brother to aspire to be Master of a Lodge, but he deprecated—as most intelligent Masons do—the custom of voting in succession, almost without any regard to his qualifications, or suitability for so distinguished a post, a brother who is totally unprepared or unfitted for its duties and responsibilities. He admitted that the character of a Lodge was often preserved by the election of a Past Master, but thought it operated against the advancement of the younger brethren. He held it as undesirable and unnecessary to adhere in every case to the custom of promoting the Junior to the Senior Warden's chair, he being already eligible for the office of Master. By thus creating a greater number of Past Wardens the brethren would have a better opportunity of selecting from amongst them a brother who could undertake the duties with confidence, and discharge them with efficiency and satisfaction. The idea here conveyed is no doubt that a Junior or Senior Warden, incompetent for the office of Master, would have time to school himself for so exalted a position. The worthy Brother then adverted to the difficulties and responsibilities of the W.M., often surrounded with many cares and anxieties. If he were a faithful brother, and loyal to his obligation, he would esteem the honourable office confided to him, and discharge his trust with zeal. In order to do so satisfactorily, Bro. Statham assured the brethren that a careful study of its principles was necessary, and a scrutinising observance and investigation into its ancient landmarks imperative. He believed that such a course of study and practice would enrich the mind of the student, and elevate the standard of Freemasonry, and the axiom, "Better the Mason, better the man," would be fully realised. If a brother who aspired to the chair had not acquired his complement of tuition, to him might be applied the words, "If he can do nothing and say nothing, he must be content to be nothing." Every Master should be able to understand and expound the ceremonies with due solemnity and elucidation. Our glorious Ritual should not appear frivolous, or a tedious formality. There was little or no excuse for any brother not possessing knowledge, seeing that Masonry to-day is not crippled by the restraints with which the timid jealousy of our predecessors fettered it. Progress is on the banner of the age, everything is moving onward, and Freemasonry has not been left laggingly behind; its history, antiquity, and principles are lucidly and forcibly explained in the Masonic treatises, magazines, and journals now so abundantly provided, and available to every one. An incompetent Master may derive information and explanations from the Craftsmen of his Lodge, but such a position is not flattering to him. Self respect ought to prevent this. He feared the idea of many Masters was nothing more than that they held the presidency of a convivial club. Such a post should imply far more than spending a pleasant evening in sociable company. Freemasonry should produce, by example and precept, a permanent effect on one's life for good among all grades of society. If it were not so, we were following a shadow. The Worshipful Brother dwelt upon the idea entertained that we ever estimate the importance of Freemasonry. He contended that the Craft was not estimated sufficiently, otherwise it would be in a happier state to-day, and many who have been admitted to participate in its privileges ought never to be counted among its number. He was sorry that many men had sullied the lustre of Masonic purity, and dwarfed the standard of Masonic excellence. He yet had hope that the nobler views

of the Craft would prevail. The Master once installed, his power became absolute in his Lodge, although due checks are provided against the arbitrary exercise of it. The knowledge of his power, and the confidence reposed in him, ought to deter the W.M. from capricious and tyrannical tendencies. By immemorial law, obedience is his right, and he must be obeyed accordingly. The W.M. has an indefeasible right to preside in his Lodge during his term of office and is not amenable to removal or suspension from office or to censure. The brethren could not compel him to open, close, or adjourn the Lodge; he did all at his own pleasure, and the command of the W.M. must be obeyed. There were many matters on which a Master could decide on his own responsibility, such as points of order, ceremonial, and arrangement of Lodge business; and to his decision on such questions all the members should cheerfully submit. This absolute authority may appear to some arbitrary. But it was beneficial, even though occasioning a temporary inconvenience, as by preserving his power intact the harmony of the Lodge was often kept unimpaired, which was paramount for its welfare. Should the W.M. overstep the mark, in his zeal or from other cause, Bro. Statham pointed out the Court of Appeal, viz., Grand Lodge, where the W.M. himself must submit; and he continued further by rightly supposing that some brethren, who had but little experience, would deem it improbable that any difference could arise in the decision of Masonic questions. Differences were averted by the ruling of a judicious and well-versed ruler, but experience tells us that these wise rulers are few and far between; therefore, there is a great deference shown to the opinions of members as well as Masters. The W.M. should be quite impartial in the deliberations of the Lodge, and guard the honour of the ballot; he should never forget that the welfare of the Lodge is in his keeping. He should be like the skilful commander of a splendid vessel navigating dangerous seas; he should be ever ready to heal dissension, and prevent disunion. He should be equal tempered, and maintain coolness of judgment. The real power of the W.M. consisted in the respect by which he was held by the Lodge. Bro. Statham condemned levity or rudeness in Lodge. He maintained a Master ought to visit such an offender sharply. The Master must consider the advantage, welfare, and comfort of his brethren, all his proceedings should be interpreted with charity and liberality; if he seems to err, there are means and opportunities for placid intercourse, and communication which no Master will refuse, but for any brother to be arrogant, self-willed or disobedient, whether from injured pride or disappointment, as to endeavour harshly to rule over him, is not only unmasonic, but totally unworthy a member of so noble and exalted a society as that of Freemasonry. An eminent Masonic writer had said, "Let it ever be born in mind that all the plans of Freemasonry are pacific, it co-operates with our blessed religion in regulating the tempers, restraining the passions, sweetening the dispositions, and harmonising the discordant interests of men. It breathes a spirit of universal love and benevolence, adds one thread more to the silken cord of evangelical charity which binds man to man, and seeks to entwine the cardinal virtues with Christian grace in the web of the affections and the drapery of the conduct." The W.M. has the right to admit all brethren as visitors to his Lodge. He could debar the entrance of any of dissolute habits. A Master should demand every satisfaction of a visitor's right to enter his Lodge. Bro. Statham was very warm on the rights of the W.M. at refreshment. Refreshment, he very justly said, is a department of Masonic duty, and the festive board is under official supervision. The Junior Warden called the brethren, by the command of the Master, from labour to refreshment, and *vice versa*. The habit then, he said, of closing the Lodge and then retiring to refreshment was, in his opinion, unconstitutional. At the opportune moment the J.W., after each brother had enjoyed "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," should instruct the brethren to resume labour, and as a consequence he inferred that every brother would be where duty called him, and inclination guided him—at his own fireside, to reflect upon his own family circle, and the virtuous teachings of the Craft. Having gone so far, he reminded the brethren that the basis of the Order is indissoluble friendship, and the cement of it unanimity and brotherly love. He knew it was a delicate thing to interest one's self in a dispute, and yet preserve decorum. It was inferred that unless good order, decency, and good temper be preserved in the Lodge, discontent would arise, confusion be introduced, and something approaching dissolution follow. He then pointed out four things to be observed and guarded against. First of all roughness, which makes a brother unpleasant to others; second, contempt, which brings uneasiness and pain along with it. No one can contentedly bear to be slighted; we should guard against the curled lip, the cruel sneer, and the scornful word; third, censoriousness; we are apt to find fault, but we do not consider our own shortcomings; fourth, railery, although clothed in wit and good language, often stings, and often leaves the sting behind. Contradiction is a species of incivility, he thought often indicative of ill-breeding. Bro. Statham considered affability a virtuous trait. We should oppose ill-grounded opinions, and rectify the mistakes of others, but do it with due care, truth, charity, and proper caution. He now drew a rapid picture of some of the features of our noble Institution, of which he hoped the Albert Victor Lodge was a young, and at present a humble representative; he trusted it would soon be seen as a bright and honoured symbol. He then passed on to Charity, the magic sound of which made every Mason's heart vibrate. He bestowed high eulogium on the Grand Institutions—both central and provincial—which are the highest jewels of Freemasonry, and inseparable from the three grand principles which govern our glorious Fraternity. In conclusion, our brother exhorted those present to strictly adhere to the holy teachings of Freemasonry. Let every brother lift his eyes to the bright morning star, emblem of peace and source of light; let him so live that he will secure to himself a residence in those blessed and immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. Speak gently, act humanely, commiserate the destitute, fling wide the door of hospitality, cast round you the

soft balmy breezes of Charity, for they may fan some burning brow  
ease some aching heart, wipe away some scalding tears, and bind up  
some bleeding spirit that may rise up to call you blessed, when the  
monumental stone shall cover your mouldering dust.

"Rouse to some work of high and holy love,  
And thou an Angel's happiness shall know,  
Shall 't bless the earth, while in the world above  
The good begun by thee shall onward flow,  
In many a branching stream, and wider grow.  
The seed that in these few and fleeting hours  
Thy hands unsparing and unwearied sow,  
Shall deck thy grave with amaranthine flowers,  
And yield the fruit Divine in Heaven's immortal bowers."

The worthy brother, having concluded his lecture, sat down amidst  
the loud and prolonged applause of his appreciative brethren.

The J.W. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Statham for his  
able lecture, and expressed the feeling of all when he said  
it was a rare intellectual treat. The motion was seconded  
by Bro. J. L. Hine, who expressed himself delighted, and remarked  
if such abilities were more prevalently displayed in Lodges we  
should not hear that they had "nothing to do." Bro. Hine paid a  
high tribute of respect to the Worshipful Master and Brethren; he  
evidently takes a deep interest in the prosperity of this Lodge. The  
vote was carried by acclamation. The Worshipful Master, in acknow-  
ledgment, said: It has been with a considerable amount of trepida-  
tion that I have prepared and delivered this lecture, knowing that  
many of you are equally well informed upon this subject, if not  
better so than myself. I feel not only thankful, but proud of the vote  
of thanks you have been pleased to accord me. I yield to no man in  
my loyalty to Masonic principles, and am most anxious to see them  
carried out in their strictest integrity. This is the only motive by  
which I have been actuated in bringing this subject before you.  
Thanking you, my brethren, most sincerely for the patient attention  
you have given me, I can only say that any service I can at any time  
give to the glorious cause of Freemasonry will be cheerfully ren-  
dered. The W.M. is eminently and justly proud of his Lodge, which  
we are assured comprises a number of truly worthy and devoted Past  
Masters and brethren, who warmly and ably support their W.M. in his  
endeavours to carry out the true principles of the Craft. This Lodge  
was only consecrated last October, and notwithstanding the large  
expense necessarily involved in furnishing, the brethren generously  
contributed over sixty guineas to the late Festival of the R.M.B.I.  
The Charity box now went round, and resulted in the collection of  
£5 for the East Lancashire Educational Institution. The busi-  
ness of the evening being ended, the W.M. received the hearty good  
wishes of the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed in harmony, with  
solemn prayer. The brethren adjourned to the festive board, at which  
the W.M. presided. The usual Loyal toasts were offered and heartily  
received, after which the W.M. proposed the health of the newly-  
initiated brother. He had come among them highly recommended,  
and he hoped that Freemasonry would receive that study and atten-  
tion from Bro. Moffatt, which would confer a great reward on him.  
The toast was received with all honours, and Bro. Smith obliged with  
a song. Bro. Moffatt was greatly impressed with the beauty of the  
ceremony, and would try to do what the Order taught him. Bro.  
J.W. proposed the health of the Visitors. He felt he could not give  
them too hearty a welcome. In the name of the Lodge he extended  
a cordial greeting to one and all. After a song from Bro. Almond,  
Bros. Hooper, Wedgwood, Davies, and Hansbrow returned thanks for  
the honour done the Visitors, and expressed themselves much delighted  
with the able lecture. Bro. J. L. Hine proposed Prosperity to the  
Masonic Charities. He complimented the Province on its noble  
works, and congratulated East Lancashire on the result of the  
late Festival. He attributed the success to proper and complete  
organisation. There was no stone left unturned to ensure success for  
this Institution of the Institutions. He was happy to know the Pro-  
vince could carry in all their candidates. It was a great credit to  
have about nineteen boys and ten girls in the Schools, and many  
aged Masons and widows of deceased brethren well cared for. The  
Province had no jealousy against any other. There was no antago-  
nism—East Lancashire did not confine her charity to the Metro-  
politan Institutions merely; the Province possessed admirable Insti-  
tutions of its own. There are local claims, and always will be, which  
we take in hand and administer, but by attending to these we are  
not debarred from giving to those Charities which are more extended  
in their operations. He wished Bro. Davies to realise the fact that  
East Lancashire acted generously, but she felt that if she threw her  
bread upon the waters, she would receive it back in ample proportion.  
Bro. Hine continued at some length, but it is known to all East Lan-  
cashire Masons what a deep interest he has taken in the Charities,  
and how ably he has worked up the organisation of the Province. We  
only hope that worthy "Time-Honoured Lancaster" may live long to  
carry on the good work he is so admirably adapted to discharge.  
The toast was cordially received, and was followed by other toasts and  
songs.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of  
the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, which  
meets at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on  
Thursday the 10th of April next, commencing at seven  
o'clock p.m. Bro. Turquand P.M. 1556 will preside.

At the last meeting of the York Time Immemorial  
Mark Lodge, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., the Rev. Danie.  
Aco, D.D., W.M. 227, was elected an honorary member,  
the reverend gentlemen having been advanced in that  
Mark Lodge twenty-three years antecedently.

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### THE DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A meeting of the General Committee  
*pro tem* of the above recently founded Fund was held at Plymouth,  
on Wednesday, the 19th inst. The most important of the business  
before the Committee was to receive the Bye-Laws for adoption and  
confirmation; the Chairman, Bro. L. P. Metham D.P.G.M., remarked  
that upon these, in a great measure, depended the future well-being  
of the Fund.

I am induced to trouble you with these remarks—not from a sup-  
posed personal importance in connection with this Fund, but from  
the fact that from the first I have taken a deep interest in bringing  
the scheme to a successful issue; and also as having the honour to  
represent the Committee of Petitions of Devon.

I feel, as do others in the Province equally interested in the  
success of the Fund,—the salient features of which have been well  
thought out, and defined during several years past,—that no law  
should be admitted in the working or management likely to injure  
the Great Charities in London, but that the Fund should be kept  
within the strict limits of usefulness to the Province.

At the meeting referred to above an attempt was made in a  
direction likely to cause loss to the funds that by a natural right  
should go to the Great Charities, thereby causing ultimate injury to  
those Institutions. This attempt, doubtless made *unwittingly* and with  
the best motives, failed. The remarks made in support of the pro-  
position to incorporate in Law I. the right of the Committee to add the  
word *maintain*, showed a sad want of knowledge of the general work-  
ing of our Charities, both in London and locally.

A speaker at this meeting stated that he had heard me at the pre-  
vious meeting advocating this local Educational Fund, and now he felt  
*astonished* to hear my arguments against maintenance. I must,  
therefore, refer that speaker to what I have both published and ad-  
vocated at various meetings throughout the Province; he will find a full  
report of all I stated at the General Meeting of the Masons of Devon,  
held 21st January 1879, at Plymouth, in *Daily Mercury* of 22nd  
January, also in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the following Saturday.  
Being as ardent an advocate as ever for this local Educational Fund,  
I point to what I have hitherto written and spoken, and without fear  
of contradiction say, I have never *swerved* from the original ideas  
and opinions expressed, viz., to found a Fund that shall give, at  
small cost, education, clothing, and advancement in life to those  
orphans duly qualified, whom we, as a Province, cannot by any  
possibility elect into the great Charities in London. To add main-  
tenance to the foregoing, is to increase fourfold the cost for each  
child so elected. Nor can we by any means find out whether money  
given for maintenance is legitimately applied.

If the Province could do its duty by giving now and again the  
proper amounts to the great Charities, and also *maintain* its surplus  
orphans at home, under proper supervision, I and all others would  
gladly say do it, but those who do the actual work of the Charities  
know too well the contrary. They know that Devon is not now  
giving its proper share of funds to the great Charities, in proportion  
to the benefits received.

The meeting held on 21st January, composed of donors and sub-  
scribers to the Fund, was summoned to discuss the desirability of  
"establishing a Fund to educate, clothe, and advance in life the  
children of deceased or distressed Masons of Devon." I am there-  
fore more than astonished to find the word *maintain* has been added  
to this bye law, and this addition has been made without the know-  
ledge or sanction of the constituent body of donors and subscribers  
to the Fund.

Not one word was stated in that Circular in reference to mainte-  
nance or sustentation, nor one word mentioned at that meeting,  
either by the Chairman or by one of the speakers, as to maintenance.  
The donors and subscribers, one and all, promised their respective  
monies for the purpose of giving education, clothing, and advance-  
ment in life. I therefore submit this Committee have no power to add  
maintenance, that being no part of the original scheme, and never having  
been brought before the body of donors and subscribers this Committee  
has no power to make a law to divert this fund from its original pur-  
pose without first calling the donors together and taking their opinion  
upon the proposed alteration. Further do I say, and I do not hazard  
these remarks without a thorough practical knowledge of the truth  
of the same, that to introduce maintenance or sustentation into this  
local scheme will so impoverish our power as a Province with the great  
Charities, as to reduce us from a position of influence, which we  
now hold, to one of absolute dependence.

A child elected on this fund with maintenance, clothing, education,  
and if necessary, advancement in life, would be in reality in a far  
better position than if elected into the Boys' or Girls' Schools in  
London.

I presume the smallest sum you could maintain a child for (allow-  
ing it is on the fund six years—that is from eight years of age until  
fourteen) is 10s per week, or £25 per year for maintenance; to this  
add clothing and education, and you reach at lowest estimate a sum  
approaching £40 per year for each child. For that sum the original  
promoters of this local fund, those who for years past have thoroughly  
thought out the wellbeing and successful working of a local  
institution, proposed to give the real benefit of a good education,  
clothe, and afterwards advance in life four poor orphans, for the same

cost that will be incurred by one if this word "maintain" is allowed to stand part of Bye-law I.

In making these remarks I claim a knowledge gained by actual work at a cost of time and money. My experience is fortified by others, who for years past have worked in the Provinces of Lancashire, Cheshire, and Yorkshire, where local Masonic funds for educational purposes are no new idea, but during the last twenty years have been most successfully carried out. The united experience of these brethren is, that whilst these Provincial educational funds are kept and made secondary or subservient to our great National Masonic Charities in London, they do immense good to a class of orphans who never could hope to be placed on the great Charities by the aid of the Province of which their late father was a member.

An orphan can, by means of these local funds for education &c., be taken in hand by the Province at small cost, and this can be done without injury, or taking from the funds that by a natural right are devoted to our great National Masonic Charities.

If you add the cost of maintenance to the local fund, *designed* for education and clothing only, and this maintenance quadruples your expenditure, where is the money to come from to support the local scheme? Why, if it comes at all, it must be from Provincial Grand Lodge and private Lodges and Chapters, to whom you will be compelled to make frequent applications, and by so doing rob the great National Charities of what is justly their due. It is well known that neither Provincial Grand Lodge nor private Lodges can be continually giving to both the great National Charities and this local fund; it is equally well known that the Province of Devon has not given its fair share to the great National Masonic Charities for the past few years. That every penny, therefore, the Province can give to those great Charities is urgently needed, and needed in a sense of justice—for it is also an indisputable fact that Devon has lately, in fact during the few years past, placed upon the funds of all the Great Charities more than her fair share of candidates; and this has been brought about by the energy of those who undertake her charity work, and organize so successfully on behalf of the Province.

The real promoters of this local Educational Fund do not in the future even intend to canvass Lodge or Chapter for funds, but hopefully look to and depend upon the Craft of Devon, as a body, to come forward with their annual subscription of 5s or 10s year after year. The Lodges have not been enabled to give their ten guineas to each of the great Charities, to qualify as Life Governors; had such been possible, Devonshire would not now stand in need of a local Educational Fund, for with these votes the Province could easily place in the great National Masonic Charities each case or orphan as they came forward at each recurring election.

Although Devon utilises and organises her voting power for the great Charities most successfully, and places upon those Charities more than her share, yet unfortunately her surplus orphans outnumber her power of relief. It is on behalf of these the original promoters of this Local Educational Fund hopefully ask the great body of the Craft of Devon to come forward and give annually their 5s or 10s, which will provide ample funds to give each and all the advantages here shadowed forth, and this will be accomplished without injury, or taking from the funds that should be devoted to the great Charities, and without trenching by one penny on the monies which are the natural right of those Institutions that support our kith and kin—male and female—and our orphans of both sexes.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. GODTSCHALK P.M.

Representative in London of the Committee  
of Petitions of Devon; P.P.G.D.

## FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of Bro. Perceval in your last issue will certainly call forth a certain amount of sympathy for him, even from his opponents. He is evidently still a believer in some of the principles upon which it was supposed by a few enthusiasts that a great London Masonic Charity Association could be successfully founded; and although so large a majority of the subscribers have withheld their support, it must be generally, if not universally, admitted that his zeal and perseverance have deserved, if they could not command, success. Experience has, apparently, taught him that one, at least, of the leading features of the moribund society has been unable to bear the test of time, as he now considers two last applications to be unworthy of a moment's consideration, notwithstanding that we have been invited to entrust our votes to the Association in order to ensure the election of every London candidate for the Schools.

But what has become of Bro. Perceval's supporters in this Metropolitan scheme?

A few months since the London Masonic Charity Association was the only subject with which the learned Lord Chief Justice could fill his columns. Weakly leaders praised the efforts of the Committee, and extolled the objects of the Association; lengthy reports of meetings were dished up every fortnight; correspondents, *pro* and *con*, were numerous, the *pros* being received with silent approbation, whilst the *cons* were favoured with editorial snubs. Even the advertising sheet boasted its quarter column of London Masonic Charity Association, with an imposing list of officials in capitals; and every addition to the small list of subscribers formed the subject of a special paragraph. So lately as the last week in January we were informed that "the need of the Association is so obvious to all who will only condescend to look beneath the surface that we think the Association is destined to be a great success."

How, then, can we account, firstly, for a subsequent ominous

silence on the merits of the London Masonic Charity Association; secondly, for an editorial note to a letter from Bro. Perceval on the 15th inst.: "We publish our correspondent's letter, but we do not think the discussion seasonable or advisable, as all has been said that can be said;" and, lastly, for the article of last week, denouncing the proposal as tantamount to a revolution, and dismissing it "to the limbo of hopeless and chimerical projects?"

Possibly some of us may connect this divergence of opinion with passing events, but few will consider that Bro. Perceval has been handsomely treated by those who professed to be his friends and supporters in an unpopular suggestion; nor is it likely that many will attach much importance to the advice of a journal which can adopt such extremely opposite views within the space of a few weeks, without giving its readers any reasons for the change.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

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26th March 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of your correspondent, CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL, is as little intelligible as his former epistle. He, moreover, is wrong in stating that there are but two last applications on the Girls' School list of candidates; there are three, and "Allison" is not one of them—they are respectively named "Jay," No. 1, "Peele," No. 7, and "Williams Edith Corral," No. 24.

The idea of Bro. Perceval is not only unworkable, but its adoption would be an injustice to future candidates, as well as to many now accepted by the Committee, inasmuch as if the list for April were thinned of all the last and penultimate applications, it might happen that from amongst those much lower down on the list than the first of the excluded applicants, as many would have, in perpetuation of Bro. Perceval's scheme, to be brought forward as there are vacancies for, and thus eventually no candidate could be returned until the last application, as undoubtedly the friends of applicants would select such as could be taken into the School without delay and without expense, by virtue of the operation of a law rendering the election of such cases a paramount duty.

It has often been urged in another Masonic weekly issue, that the Craft did not understand the *raison d'être* of the London Masonic Charity Association. Is the Craft enlightened by the change of front now manifested by one of its promoters? I fear the response must be in the negative. That Bro. Perceval means well, will be the candid admission of every one conversant with the objects of our noble Charitable Institutions, but are not his effusions to a great extent Quixotic, and his ways past finding out?

Yours fraternally,

INQUIRER.

Shortly after the insertion in our columns of a report of the meeting of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 999, held at Manchester on the 24th February, we received a communication from its Secretary, Bro. R. W. Aitken, complaining of the blundering way in which the names of the members were manipulated, and further finding fault with us for having stated, that "it is deplorable to witness the working as now set forth." He considers the fact of our representative not having been invited to banquet is the reason for this which he calls "unfair criticism," and he further assumes that anything but praise from a visitor comes with a bad grace. We have taken the pains to communicate with our Bro. Davies, who furnished the report in question, and so far from his remarks being incorrect, he assures us he hears the same opinion expressed by others regarding the working of this Lodge. As to the motive assigned for the "unfair criticism," we can assure our Bro. Aitken that our duties as representatives of the Masonic press so frequently call us out that we are at times pleased to be relieved of the latter portion of the evening's work; it is really a greater treat for us to spend a quiet evening at home than it would be to many of our brethren to attend an Installation Festival. In stating that visitors should only praise, Bro. Aitken betrays the whole secret of his objection. Unfortunately there are too many members of our Order who hold such opinions. We have frequently met with such brethren, and as a rule have found them to be such as our report describes the Officers of No. 999. To use a similar expression to that made use of by our brother, we might say—if a visitor is expected to praise and compliment his entertainers without due regard to either honesty or truth, it is about time that visiting should belong to the past. What can be more disgusting than to hear the officers of a Lodge praised for their work when not two sentences of the ritual have been given correctly.

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

## COSMOPOLITAN LODGE, No. 428, S.C.

THE election and installation of Office Bearers for the ensuing year took place on the evening of the 20th December, when the Lodge, in response to an invitation of Bro. T. Pemberton, the R.W.M., had the honour of a visit from the District Grand Master of English Freemasons in Northern China, accompanied by his Officers. The Lodge met half an hour earlier than usual, and balloted for the candidates who had been previously nominated for the different offices, the voting resulting in the election of the following: T. Pemberton R.W.M., W. Birt I.P.M., W. Youngson S.M., U.W. Harris S.W., F. T. Williams J.W., W. Youngson Treas., J. J. G. Thueson Sec., J. Gould S.D., J. D. Clark J.D., J. Beckhoff I.G., R. A. J. Anderson S.S., J. Tonkin J.S., A. Silverthorne D.C., W. Van Corbach B.B., G. Baffy Hon. Organist, T. Hore Tyler. The R.W.M., Bro. Pemberton thanked the members for the confidence they had reposed in him by his election a second time to the highest position in the Lodge, and took the opportunity to thank his officers for the great assistance they had rendered him, without which he was sure the success that had characterised their proceedings during the last twelve months would not have been achieved. At nine o'clock, the R.W.D.G.M. of Northern China, (E.C.) and his Officers were received by the brethren with the customary honours of their rank. The R.W.M. expressed to the D.G.M. and his officers the pleasure their visit afforded to the brethren of the Lodge. It was an honour of which they were all proud, and their pride would be enhanced by the D.G.M. kindly consenting to officiate as Installing Master. The D.G.M. thanked the brethren for the warm reception accorded to him and his officers, and said it was always a pleasure for them to meet their brethren on occasions like the present. Being himself an honorary member of the Lodge, it was his duty to be present and assist in the labours; therefore they had, as it were, doubly honoured him in asking him to conduct the installation ceremony. The R.W.M. thereupon vacated the chair when the I.P.M. Bro. Birt presented the retiring R.W.M. for re-installation, explaining that he had again been elected master of the Lodge by a large majority. Bro. Pemberton was reinstated in the chair of King Solomon and was saluted by all the brethren in due and ancient form. At the request of the D.G.M., Bro. Hart D.G.J.W., obligated and invested the Office Bearers in their respective positions, which was followed by the usual addresses. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren retired to the Banqueting Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the Master proposed the first toast and, after the National Anthem had been sung, he gave "The rulers of our respective countries." In submitting the latter toast, he remarked that in a cosmopolitan community like Shanghai, and more especially in the Cosmopolitan Lodge, in which there were brethren from the four quarters of the globe, it was their duty never to forget the allegiance due to the sovereigns of their native lands. Bro. W. Birt P.M., 30<sup>th</sup>, explained that, as the Senior member of the Cosmopolitan Lodge present, the duty and pleasure devolved upon him of proposing the next toast, "The D.G.L. of Northern China." He thanked Bro. C. Thorne and his Deputy, Bro. Jas. Hart, and the other officers of the D.G.L. for their presence and for conducting the installation of the Master and Officers of the Lodge. It was an honour that the Scotch brethren very highly appreciated, and they could not be too loud in their praise of the very able manner in which the installation ceremony had been carried out. The erection of the D.G.L. in Northern China had had many beneficial influences on masonry in Shanghai, particularly on English masonry. Everyone had recently had occasion to notice and remark the great regularity and uniformity of Masonic work among the Lodges under the rule of the D.G.L. of Northern China, and, as a Scotch Mason he could not help envying his English brethren; but as another Lodge under the Scottish constitution had been recently erected in China, he earnestly hoped, for the good of the Scottish craft, that the day was not far distant when the G.L. of Scotland, in its wisdom, would erect a Prov. G.L. in Shanghai, when the Scottish craft in the Far East would aim to work as successfully as their English brethren in disseminating the culture of Brotherly Love, thereby adding to the glory of the ancient and noble fraternity. Bro. Thorne could only repeat what he said in Lodge, that it at all times afforded much pleasure to the Officers of the D.G.L. to be present on occasions like the present. Freemasonry in Shanghai has produced such a bond of union amongst all the Lodges, that they work with that harmony which may fairly be copied by others, and should indeed prove that Masonry is something more than an empty name. Before sitting down, he called on the brethren to join in drinking the health of Bro. Pemberton who had, for the second time, been installed into the chair. The Lodge had thrived under his care and all now wished him a second prosperous year of office. Bro. Hart responded to the toast of the D.G. Officers and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to take the prominent part he had in the installation ceremony of a Lodge working under the Scotch Constitution. His pleasure was considerably enhanced by the fact that his Mother Lodge was Scotch,—Mother Killwinning—of which Robert Burns was once a member. The Master gracefully acknowledged the compliment the D.G.M. had paid him, and thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had supported him. He next proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, and again referred to the great assistance they had rendered him during the last twelve months. The S. and J. Wardens replied. Bro. Kingsmill, replying to the toast of the Sister Lodges of Shanghai, spoke of the cordiality of feeling that existed among the various Lodges working under different constitutions, and expressed a hope that the feeling would long continue to characterise the proceedings of the Brotherhood. Bro. Cook, also said a few words as to the good feeling that existed among the different Lodges in Shanghai, and took occasion to propose "Grand Lodge of Scotland." Bro. Birt, in replying, thanked the members of

the D.G. Lodge and visitors for the cordial reception given the toast, and remarked that he was certain that the members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on receiving a report of this meeting, would highly appreciate the compliment paid them, and more so the eminent services English masons were conferring on the Scottish craft in China. After other toasts had been proposed and acknowledged the brethren separated.—*North China Herald.*

## NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

ON Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham street, E.C. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Wm. Stead, the Lodge was opened by Bro. T. J. Cusworth, who was supported by the Officers, Past Masters Bros. T. Bartlett, H. J. Gable, M. J. Atkins, and a large attendance of Visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. J. Mackinlay P.M. 351, H. H. Whale 172, W. M. Gow Good Hope Lodge, P. H. Kilduff 1579, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, Thos. Lawes 1426, H. Gabb 72, J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, J. Painter W.M. 749, H. Hastelow P.M. 101, G. Hobiustock 1017, Burt 13, L. Abrahams 898, A. Abrahams 205, W. S. Hunter W.M. 1677, Geo. G. Parker 1426, Geo. Tyson 1314, H. J. Horton 913, D. H. Jacobs P.M. 27, J. E. Randoll 145, J. Lugell P.M. 1579, R. Pierpoint 177, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. Groom 145. The minutes having been read, they were unanimously confirmed, and the ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. C. Starkey as a candidate for initiation, and for Bro. G. Treble, late a member of this Lodge, as a candidate for joining. The result was unanimous in both cases. Mr. Starkey was then introduced, as was also Mr. Lewis Christopher Haslip, who had been balloted for at a previous meeting, and Bro. Cusworth performed the ceremony on their behalf in a most impressive manner, and greatly to the edification of the candidates. Bro. Johnson, a candidate for raising, was the next who came forward, and Bro. Cusworth conferred on him the benefits of the third degree. The agenda paper was not yet clear for the ceremony of Installation, as there was a candidate for the second degree; but Bro. Cusworth was equal to his work, and duly passed Bro. Chadwick. The W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Robert Harper, was then introduced, and duly took the obligation. Lodge was opened up, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Cusworth, who had most ably conducted the duties hitherto, gained further credit for the way in which he conducted the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted, and he appointed his Officers:—S. George S.W., W. Gabb J.W., Stillwell Treas., W. H. Main Sec., Taylor S.D., Thomas S.D., Pierpoint I.G., C. I. Stevens Ph.D., M.A., Chaplain, Boulton W.S., A. J. Potter D.C. After routine business, Lodge was closed. The brethren, 78 in number, now adjourned to the banquet-room, where a most sumptuous repast was served up by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. The way in which the good things provided were placed upon the table and served elicited unqualified approval. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. called on his Wardens to report those under their charge. This having been done, the W.M. proposed the first toast—the Queen and the Craft. After the National Anthem, the health of H.R.H. the Grand Master, was drunk, and followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The Grand Officers having met with due notice, Bro. Stead proposed the health of the W.M. It seemed to him only the other day that he and Bro. Harper were initiated. Now they had attained the summit of the Lodge, not at the same time, but as close as such was possible. The brethren honoured the toast with the utmost enthusiasm, and, after a song from Bro. Wicks, the W.M. replied. Having tendered his thanks for the kind sentiments which had just been expressed, he stated that he had the interest of the Lodge at heart, and he felt assured that at the end of his year of office the members would give him credit for having striven to perform his duty. Bro. A. Abrahams here whistled "Happy be thy dreams." The W.M. proposed the health of the new members, and each acknowledged the compliment paid them. The health of the Past Masters was next given from the chair, and Bro. Bartlett directed attention to the jewel attached to the collar of the I.P.M., intimating that that was part of the vested property of the Lodge. Bearing in mind what had just been said by Bro. Harper as to he and Bro. Stead being his children in Freemasonry, he had now great pleasure in tendering for Bro. Stead's acceptance a P.M.'s jewel, which he wished him to accept and consider as his personal property; this he sincerely trusted Bro. Stead would find pleasure in wearing for many years to come. After a song, Bro. Stead thanked the Lodge most sincerely for the kind things which had been said, not only of his personal efforts, but for what had been done by the P.M.s. He warmly thanked the members for the jewel. He had once most mistaken notions of what constituted Freemasonry. Since he had joined its ranks he had arrived at a very different opinion of its professors. Bro. Bartlett had been a P.M. for many years. He had always been well received and he hoped it might be many years ere his connection with the Lodge would be severed. Bro. Atkins hoped he might for many years have the opportunity of being among them. Bro. Cusworth would ever be ready to assist in any way that he was capable of. Bro. Main assured the members it was always a pleasure to him to attend. He considered the Lodge of Instruction in connection with their own Lodge was deserving of more support than was at present given it. After some other toasts, interspersed with songs and concluded by the Tyler, the brethren separated.

## IVY LODGE, No. 1441.

ON Tuesday, the 25th March, the members of this Lodge assembled at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, for the annual induction of Officers. Lodge was opened, and, being advanced, Bro. Francis Gill was raised, after which Bros. Trehearne and Shaw were passed. Bro. T. F. Knight Smith was now introduced as W.M. elect, and was duly obligated by Bro. C. Smith, the

first W.M. of the Ivy Lodge, who carried out the remainder of the Installation Ceremony with the greatest impressiveness, and, his knowledge of the Ritual being perfect, the whole passed off in a manner rarely equalled. P.M. John Noke acted as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. appointed the following brethren to assist in the government of the Lodge for the coming year:—Bros. W. Ashur P.M. S.W., R. Forster J.W., C. Stuart Jolly P.M. Sec., G. Mattock P.M. Treas., G. Skegg S.D., J. Burgess J.D., A. Vernon I.G., A. Goodman D. of O. The report of the auditors was read, discussion thereon being postponed until next meeting. Before closing his Lodge the W.M. had the pleasing duty of presenting to the retiring Master a mark of the esteem of the brethren which took the form of a P.M.'s jewel. In giving it he felt sure he could do so in return for real benefits conferred on the Lodge by Bro. L. Cornelissen, who had always been respected in the Lodge for his goodwill and hearty co-operation in any measure brought forward. Bro. Cornelissen thanked the brethren for their uniform kindness to him; he had a great difficulty to contend with, being a foreigner, but the indulgence of the members had been such as to remove his uneasiness on that score. The W.M. now closed the Lodge, and the brethren proceeded to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet, their Hall at Camberwell having been let for a Ball. This journey occasioned some annoyance among the members, but the comforts of the Restaurant in some measure compensated them. The following were the Visitors to the Lodge:—Bros. E. Farwig W.M. 180, J. G. Rush 1201, F. L. Yonge 1216, H. D. Martin 1309, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, and L. Sarre 1402. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. was also present, he being an honorary member of the Lodge, in recognition of his assistance at the consecration. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual toasts were given, Bro. Cottebrune replying on behalf of the Grand Officers. Bro. Cornelissen referred to the Master as an enthusiastic Mason. He did not know but they might go too far if they copied him literally; but for all that he was a most desirable brother to have in the chair. They had better by far have too much energy than indifference; of this latter he felt Bro. K. Smith would never be guilty. The W.M. expressed the great pleasure he felt in occupying the position he now did. A few years since he would have looked upon such an event as all but impossible, now it was an accomplished fact. He was the first initiate of the Ivy Lodge, and now had the honour of being its Master, a position to be sought after and prized by every true Mason. He considered visiting was one of the most important points of Freemasonry; by it brethren were enabled better to study the principles of the Order, and become better acquainted with its various details. They had many Visitors present, all of whom he should be pleased to hear reply, would time permit. Bro. Farwig tendered the thanks of the Visitors for the reception they had met with at the Ivy Lodge, and wished the Master and his Lodge a successful future. The health of the Installing Master was next given. The toast was, the W.M. said, one of particular interest and pleasure to him. Bro. Smith had initiated him into Masonry, and now had installed him into the Chair of the Lodge. In the interim he had been a staunch friend. The Installing Master was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and on him had fallen the choice of the brethren when the question of first Master was decided. Bro. Smith, in reply, assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to merit the high compliments that had been passed on him. It was exceedingly gratifying to him to see the Ivy Lodge in so prosperous a state as it was at the present time. Their newly elected Master was in every way competent to maintain the high position to which the Lodge had attained. The toast of the Past Masters was now given. The Ivy Lodge had had a succession of good working Masons to preside over its destinies; they had all devoted their energies to making the Lodge one of the best in the Craft, and he thought their efforts had been eminently successful. Bros. Cornelissen and Cantle replied, assuring the brethren of their hearty co-operation, and wishing the Lodge a prosperous career. The Treasurer and Secretary were, the W.M. said, two most important Officers; their duties being continuous, not like that of other Officers lasting but for a short year, it was necessary they should be brethren well capable of faithfully performing their allotted tasks. He felt that the members would agree with him that the two brethren who filled these offices in the Ivy Lodge were so qualified, and he felt certain they would make good use of their abilities. Each of these brethren replied to the toast, after which that of the Officers was given, and responded to most heartily. The intervals between the various toasts were enlivened by some capital songs given by members of the Lodge.

#### STUART LODGE, No. 1632.

THE annual meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, 24th inst. After the opening of the Lodge and the transaction of formal business, the W.M. elect, Bro. G. Thistle Thornes, was presented for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was efficiently performed by the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. T. Poore P.M., Bro. C. Stuart-Barker jun. P.M. acting as D. of C. After the usual salutes the W.M. invested, as the Officers for the year, Bros. S. Browne S.W., G. R. Gilham J.W., G. Lilley Treas. and J.D., T. Poore Sec., D. Clark S.D., C. Stuart-Barker jun. D. of C., G. Evans Org., G. Gilham I.G., Job and Dressel Stewards, Steedman Tyler. The addresses were then given, thus completing the ceremony. Two propositions for initiation were handed in, and, the visiting brethren having tendered their hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed. The visitors were Bros. S. H. Perman 586, P.P.G.R. Wilts, C. Burley 1273 P.P.D. of C. Kent, A. J. Probyn 11, A. A. Pailas 23, R. W. Miller 55, R. J. Taylor 144, W. Coventry 174, R. Browne 503, M. L. Bale 538, J. W. Clegg 1259, W. W. Morgan jun., 1385, R. Lawson 1426, and J. M. Hunt 1662. The brethren then partook of a banquet, which was served in a most satisfactory manner. On the removal of

the cloth the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, all of which were heartily received. Bro. John Walmsley, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He had great pleasure in doing so, having been associated with him for many years. He trusted he would perform the duties of his office in such a way as to merit as great approval as the members could bestow. The W.M. tendered his heartfelt thanks to each of the members of the Lodge for having placed him in his present proud position. He hoped to cement with each a greater friendship than at present existed, all were now his friends, he hoped that at the expiration of his term of office they would be brothers, in the true sense of the word. He was obliged to the visitors for their attendance on what was a great night with him, although perhaps an everyday occurrence to them. He now had the pleasure to propose the health of the I.P.M. but would first place on his breast the magnificent Jewel which the members had so kindly voted to him. Their late Master was a man of keen friendship, if he could not be described as a man of pleasant words, and one that never forgot a kindness. During his term of office no word had been spoken in connection with the Lodge which needed withdrawal, had such been the case it would have been his greatest pleasure to heal the wound, but happily it was otherwise. As regarded his working it was only necessary to say that he had fulfilled his duties in such a way as to cast great lustre on the Stuart Lodge. The Jewel which was presented to our brother was certainly one of the neatest we have seen and reflects great credit on Bro. Steedman, who designed it; it bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Stuart Lodge, 1632, to Bro. John Walmsley on the completion of his year of office as W.M., March 24, 1879." Bro. Walmsley considered that a great deal more had been said in his praise than he deserved. He had simply done his duty. He had always looked forward to the time when he might occupy the chair of a Lodge, and now he felt very loth to vacate the office as even an I.P.M. felt somewhat a loss of power. The W.M. next had to propose a toast he was sure would be received with pleasure—both by members and visitors. The members of a Lodge should feel very proud to have in their midst a brother who can perform the ceremony of installation as could their Bro. Poore. His working was admitted to be of the first order, not only by those present that evening, but by the members of many other Lodges who had the pleasure of witnessing his rendering of the ceremony. It gave the Lodge a high position when it ranked among its members such brethren as he. The members of the Stuart Lodge had many other kindnesses to thank him for, and his efforts on their behalf were so well known that any remarks he could make would only be re-echoing the feelings of each of them. Bro. Poore tendered thanks for the kind sentiments of the W.M., and for the hearty reception that had been accorded them. It had afforded him great pleasure to instal as able a Master as Bro. Thornes. If what had already been done was to be accepted as a guide for the future the Stuart Lodge could boast a good Master to preside over its destinies. If his "Poore" services could be of any use to this or any other Lodge, he should at all times be most happy to give them. In giving the health of the Past Masters the W.M. referred to the fact of the Stuart being a young Lodge, consequently they had not many brethren to toast under this title. The two they had were such as would be a credit to any Lodge. Bro. Walmsley replied. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. He considered it a great pleasure to see so many present as they had that night. Bro. Burley and Perman responded to the toast. The W.M. now proposed the Officers of the Lodge. Although he sat in ease in giving this toast, his position would be a bed of thorns were he surrounded by inferior Officers; as it was, he knew that every Officer of the Lodge could, and would perform his duty most satisfactorily. Bro. S.W. stated that it would be the aim of each Officer to work the ceremonies and conduct the affairs of the Lodge in such a manner as to ensure success. Bro. J.W. would do everything in his power to further the interests of the Lodge, and trusted he might give satisfaction. Bro. S.D. would always feel it his special duty to help all new members; he considered the welcome accorded a brother on the first night of his appearance in a Lodge one of the most important matters to consider. Bro. J.D. trusted that the confidence reposed in him would not be abused. The W.M. concluded his labours by calling on the brethren to toast the press; this he considered the all-powerful toast of every civilised nation. By it we learnt what the world thought of us, and in its conduct the greatest men of all ages took a lively part. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Morgan jun., who replied as representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, after which the Tyler was summoned, and gave the closing toast. Several brethren contributed some excellent songs and recitations during the evening.

#### Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—

On Wednesday, 19th March, at the Earl Russell Tavern, Isledon-road, Holloway. Present:—Bros. L. R. Rogers W.M., T. Press S.W., J. Pigot Treas. J.W., N. B. D. Dunn Sec., A. Goode S.D., Dunn J.D., S. Goode I.G. Past Master Bro. P. Dickinson Preceptor; T. Goode, J. W. Wright, Grant, &c. Bro. T. Goode candidate for raising, entrusted. Lodge opened, and ceremony of raising rehearsed. Traditional History given. Lodge closed in third and second degrees. Bro. Press elected W.M. for ensuing week.

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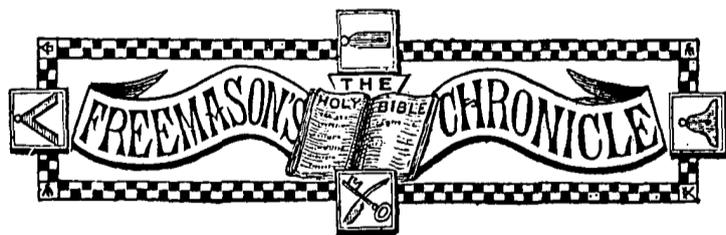
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degrees, the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. A. Robinson S.W., J. F. Holliday J.W., Wm. White Treas., J. D. Bishop Sec., H. A. Johnston S.D., J. Findlay J.D., T. Hore Tyler. The D.G.M. delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens and the Lodge respectively. The W.M. then thanked the R.W.D.G. Master and his Officers for their attendance, and assistance in the working of the installation ceremony. The R.W.D.G.M., in reply, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to assist at all times in the working of our ceremonies. He called the especial attention of the brethren to the necessity of their making themselves conversant with the Ritual, so that they might always be ready to aid the W.M. in the working of the Lodge, should any of the Officers, unfortunately, be absent; he also urged them by their conduct outside the Lodge to uphold the high character of our Masonic institution. The W.M. having thanked the visitors for their attendance, and some Masonic business having been attended to, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining room, where a cold collation was spread. After ample justice had been done to the viands, the W.M. rose, and in a few graceful words proposed the health of the Queen, which was received with much enthusiasm, the brethren joining in the National Anthem. The W.M. then drew the brethren's attention to the great interest taken by M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in everything calculated to benefit the noble Order over which he presided. The Prince did not confine himself to any one particular subject, for wherever good and useful work could be done for the advancement of the interests of mankind in general, there was our M.W. Grand Master to be found. In the papers just received from England, they learned how indefatigable he had been in his capacity of head of the British Commission at the Paris Exhibition; the golden opinions he had obtained, and the kindly feeling expressed towards him by members of every nationality, all of which clearly proved the high esteem in which he was held by all. His Royal Highness was most ably assisted in the Grand Lodge by the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, and in fact by all his Officers. Time being short, he would not dilate further, but ask the brethren to show their respect by joining with him in drinking the toast. Bro. Morris P.M. rose, and reminded the Lodge that they had brethren working in harmony with them, who owed jurisdiction to Sister Grand Lodges. In Shanghai it was always the custom to remember those Sister Grand Lodges when assembled around the festive board. They had representatives amongst them of Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Three Globes Lodge of Berlin; he therefore hoped he need do no more to ensure a hearty reception to the toast than to draw attention to the kindly feeling which was always shown towards brethren working under those Constitutions. The W.M. said he was sure he had an easy task in proposing the toast of the R.W.D. Grand Master and Officers of the D.G. Lodge, as all were so well known to the brethren present. The R.W.D.G. Master was much appreciated by the brethren generally, inasmuch as he had gained the esteem of those working under other constitutions, equally with that of the brethren over whom he presided; he had always shown himself a zealous Mason, ready to help them at any moment; and every W.M. knew, that should he need advice and assistance, he was ever willing to render it, the D.G. Officers were emulating the R.W.D.G.M. in this respect. The R.W.D.G.M. said he had been particularly gratified by the kindly feeling shown to him not only on the present, but on all occasions by the Shanghai brethren. When acting in the manner referred to by the W.M., he felt he was only carrying out the principles of the Order, which he had undertaken in common with all installed Masters to perform; and he was pleased to see many brethren associating themselves with him in this respect. He trusted that whether in or out of the Lodge, the principles and tenets of Masonic teaching would ever influence the conduct of the brethren, and also that the younger members would avail themselves of every opportunity of acquainting themselves with the duties they had undertaken to perform when they entered the Order; he advised them to attend Lodges of Instruction whenever they had an opportunity of so doing. He was pleased to find the D.G. Officers had acted in such a way as to gain approval, and on their and his own behalf he thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast. After a song by Bro. J. D. Bishop. Bro. Robinson S.W. proposed the next toast. He felt some difficulty in doing so, lest it should not receive that justice at his hands to which it was so fully entitled. Those who had worked up in the Lodge could not fail to be struck by the aid at all times rendered to the junior members by those who must be considered the pillars of the Lodge, viz., the Past Masters; they indeed set an example worthy of imitation, since, whenever they were called upon to fill any office, from that of W.M. to that of I.G., they were always found willing and ready; no matter how high or how low the position, they did not think it derogatory to them to fill it for the time being, provided the working of the Lodge could be efficiently carried out thereby. After a song by Bro. Holliday. Bro. Kingsmill acknowledged the kindly feelings of the brethren just expressed in response to the toast of the P.M.'s. On behalf of the P.M.'s, he could assure the Lodge that the statement by Bro. Robinson that every P.M. was ready to fill either a high or a subordinate office, was no exaggeration, inasmuch as they felt that to fill any office efficiently brought honour to them; and he trusted the junior brethren would emulate the P.M.'s in this respect; whilst thanking the brethren on their behalf, he must ask them to pay a special mark of honour to one who had only that evening taken his seat among the P.M.'s; he alluded to Bro. Morris, who had presided over them as W.M. during the past year; how well he had performed his duties and how kind and courteous he had proved to all, was so well known, that to dilate upon his many virtues was superfluous. To prevent being tedious, he would call upon them to show their appreciation of W. Bro. Morris by the manner in which they responded to the toast of his health. Song by Bro. Kingsmill. Bro. Morris thought as his name had been coupled with that of the P.M.'s he should have escaped addressing them separately. He heartily thanked the brethren for the assistance

rendered to him during the past; he was afraid there had been a good many shortcomings on his part, but at the same time, he felt no one had a greater desire to do his duty than he himself, and any defects, he trusted in fact he knew by their kind expressions, would be and had been condoned. He thanked Bro. Kingsmill for bringing his name before the Lodge, and the brethren for thus enthusiastically responding to it. He had also to express his thanks to the brethren of the sister Lodges, who from time to time visited the Northern Lodge and assisted in its working. Personally he had received much attention at the hands of the P.M.'s of sister Lodges; that night they were favoured with the company of many of the members, and he felt assured the brethren would pay their tribute of respect by responding to the toast of the sister Lodges; he would couple the toast with the name of Bro. Short W.M. elect of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 1097. Bro. Short briefly responded; he thanked the brethren on behalf of his own Lodge, as also on behalf of the Royal Sussex Lodge. Bro. Thorne D.G.M., in the absence of Bro. Hart D.G.J.W., drew the brethren's attention to the happy selection of Officers made by the W.M. Many of them had filled subordinate offices, and were now gaining the reward of merit; all promised fairly for a successful year; he pointed out to the Officers some of the duties expected from them, and urged them to a regular attendance to their duties. Bro. Bishop, Secretary, in a few well chosen words, expressed on behalf of himself and brother Officers, their thanks for the notice taken of them. It would be their pleasure, as well as their duty, to aid the W.M. to the best of their ability in carrying on the working of the Lodge. There was one thing which always gratified the members of the Northern Lodge, and gave zest to its officers in the performance of their duties, and that was the presence of visitors. They had been favoured that evening by a goodly attendance of kind brethren, who had given tone to the meeting. Through the kindness of the W.M. he felt it an honour to be allowed to bring before the brethren the toast, which required no words from him beyond the actual mention of "Our Visitors," to recommend it to their attention. The toast was most enthusiastically received, with musical honours. Bro. Housbury, in returning thanks, said how pleased all brethren were to visit the Northern Lodge of China, where they always received a hearty welcome. They had partaken of its hospitality, and he was sure, by the happy faces of his brother visitors, who stood with him, that they felt deeply indebted to the brethren for the kindness received at their hands. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated at 12.30 a.m.

**Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25.**—The Installation meeting was held at Freemason's Hall, on Monday, 24th instant. Present—Comps. John Bertram M.E.Z., J. R. Sherrill H., Jas. Martin J., Kirby P.Z. Treas., Platt Scribbs E., Last P.S., Baxter N., Hatton, and others. Visitors—Comps. Thomas, and Dicketts P.Z. 145. Business—Ballot was taken for Bros. J. E. Shand J.W. 1563, and G. Draton I.G. 25, and those brethren were exalted by Comp. Sherrill, who had previously been installed M.E.Z. The other offices were filled as follow:—Martin H., Land J., Baxter N., Halton P.S., Elsley First Asst., Shand Second Asst. The Companions afterwards dined together, when the usual toasts and formalities were observed.

**Union Chapter, No. 414.**—This Chapter held its Quarterly Convocation on Friday, 21st of March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Comps. Robert Bradley M.E.Z., A. Portsmouth H., W. P. Ivey acting S.E., J. T. Lamb S.N., R. Ravenor P.S., J. T. Brown 1st Assist., J. W. Houslow acting as 2nd Assist.; P.Z.'s Comps. J. Dew, F. A. Bulley, W. Biggs; Members—Comps. C. J. Butler, J. Long, C. Stephens. Visitors—Comps. W. P. Ivey 771, J. Haran 694. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. Two candidates were balloted for and elected; one of them, Bro. G. W. Webb, being in attendance, was admitted and exalted. It is seldom that, in a country Chapter, the Ritual is so admirably performed as it was in the present case. After the usual closing ceremonies the Chapter was adjourned.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The usual weekly Convocation was held on Tuesday, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, and, as usual, was attended by some most talented Royal Arch Masons. There is no doubt that this is one of the best worked Chapters in the Metropolis. Comp. Brown was the M.E.Z. of the evening; Comps. J. Constable H., and H. Thompson 619 J. The usual formalities having been gone through, the ceremony of exaltation to the Royal Arch degree was performed by Comp. Brown in a faultless manner, Comp. Goldsmith being the candidate. The duties of P.S. were also rehearsed by a Companion in a manner which elicited general commendation, showing that he is well qualified to undertake that office in a regular Chapter, to which he soon expects to be appointed. The usual addresses were delivered by the acting J., H., and M.E.Z., and after some other business had been transacted, the Chapter was closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday next. Comp. Wallis, from Sheffield, was the only visitor.

The *New York Advocate* states that the Grand Lodge of Hungary has set out a prize of fifty 10-franc pieces for a pamphlet to be written for the purpose of informing the profane public of the substance and history of Freemasonry in general, and of the special mission the Royal Art is called to perform in the Austria-Hungary Monarchy. The work is to be completed and delivered 31st December 1879, and may be written either in German or the Hungarian language.

### MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

**T**HE annual meeting and distribution of prizes to the pupils of this Institution will take place in the Exhibition Palace, Earlsfort-terrace, Dublin, on Thursday evening, the 8th of May next. Admission will be Tickets, obtainable by Governors only.

The doors of the Building will be opened at 7.45, from which time until the commencement of the proceedings, and also after the distribution of Prizes, a selection of music will be performed by the Grand Organist, in the Concert Hall, and also by Military Bands.

At 8.15, the Grand Officers and other brethren expected to occupy places on the platform will assemble in the Robing Room; and, a procession having been formed, it will move to the Grand Concert Hall. The Pupils of the School will enter the room, followed by the Pupils of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, and, on reaching the platform, will file off and occupy the seats provided for them. The Most Worshipful Grand Master will then be saluted according to ancient custom, and the Hundreth Psalm having been sung, the Meeting will be addressed by Members of the Order; after which the processions will be re-formed, and proceed to the dais in the Glass Building, where the several Prizes and Certificates awarded to the Pupils at the annual examinations will be distributed.

We have received a copy of the report of the second Tottenham, Enfield and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association, for the year ending February 1879. From it we learn, that £176 2s 6d has been subscribed, out of which sixteen appropriations have been made to the three Charities. The Committee pass a deserved compliment on Bros. J. H. Thompson and James Garrod, the Treasurer and Secretary respectively, to whose zeal and energy they attribute much of the prosperity of the Association.

### PEMBROKE LODGE, No. 1299.

**A**T West Derby, near Liverpool, on Thursday, the 20th instant. Bro. John Capell W.M. presided, and was supported by P.M.'s Joseph Clegg, W. Crane, R. Bennett, W. S. Vines P.P.G.D.C., W. Jones D.C., P. Macmurdrow P.P.G.S.D., &c. There was a large attendance of Visitors as well as members. Brother Francis B. Bramham was installed as W.M. for the year, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. John Capell I.P.M., W. S. Bennett S.W., T. G. Fisher J.W., P. Macmurdrow Treas., W. Hiles Sec., W. Jones D.C., H. P. Bloomer S.D., L. Bramwell J.D., J. P. Bradford I.G., C. Ainsworth S.S., R. W. Taylor J.S., and J. Robinson Tyler. After business the W.M. presided at a banquet, and gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. On the health of the Past Masters being given, the W.M. presented a valuable P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. Capell I.P.M. on behalf of the Lodge, and a beautiful coffee service, the gift of a number of the members. Bro. Capell, in returning thanks, said he had hitherto considered the day when he was installed as W.M. one of the happiest of his life, but he must now confess that such kind and flattering acknowledgements of the esteem and friendship of the brethren affected him yet more deeply. Among other interesting events of the evening was the presentation, by P. S. Gore 1356, of a handsome W.M.'s gavel to the Lodge.

### ST. JAMES'S CHAPTER, No. 482.

**T**HE annual convocation was held at the New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire, on the 17th inst. The Chapter was opened in due form by the Principals; Comps. the Rev. W. Randall M.E.Z., J. Jacobs P.Z. H., F. Caddick J., when the rest of the Comps. were admitted, among whom we noticed, J. F. Pepper E. acting P.S., F. W. Payton N., G. J. Payton Treas., R. T. Harley First A.S., W. H. Ward, T. Parton, and F. Garner Janitor. Also the following visitors:—T. Howkins P.Z. 43, John Pursall P.P.G.J. Warwickshire, J. S. Kennedy M.E.Z. 1031, Thomas E. Shaw M.E.Z. 1016, Henry Smith M.E.Z. 74, P. Howse H. 1016, H. T. Belcher H. 1031, J. H. Parkes 938. The minutes were read and confirmed. The bye-laws were read. The ballot was taken for Comps. W. B. Tatlow, Wolverhampton, Thomas Parton, West Bromwich, as joining members, also for Bros. James Roberts J.W. 662, Heywood Hartland 662, for exaltation, and found in each case to be unanimous. The latter named brethren being in attendance were duly exalted, the whole ceremony, with the lecture, being given in a very efficient manner. The M.E.Z. invited E. Comp. Thomas Howkins to take the chair as installing Principal, when E. Comp. the Rev. W. Randall was reinstalled as M.E.Z., F. Caddick as H., W. H. Ward as J. The M.E.Z. invested the following Comps. as Officers, viz.: J. F. Pepper as S.E. for the fourth time, F. W. Payton S.N., G. J. Payton Treas., R. T. Harley P.S., J. Jacobs P.Z. D.C., F. Garner Janitor. After several propositions had been made the Comps. adjourned to an excellent banquet, when the usual Loyal and R. A. toasts were given. The M.E.Z. thanked E. Comp.

T. Howkins, installing Principal, for the splendid manner in which he had performed his work. The Visitors complimented the Principals and Acting P.S. on the manner in which the ceremonies had been rendered.

**Unity Chapter, No. 1151.**—The usual Quarterly Communication was held in the Masonic Rooms, Tywardreath, Cornwall, on Tuesday the 18th inst. Present:—Comps. W. Toukin M.E.Z., Rev. Dr. Treffry H., J. Polkinghorne J., Dr. De Legh P.Z., T. C. Stephens P.Z., W. Rowe Treas., J. Rundels S.E., W. P. Smith S.E., P.S., Emra Holmes P.Z. P.G.S.B., J. Stephens, &c. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and this being the annual meeting for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, the ballot was taken with the following result:—Emra Holmes M.E.Z., J. Polkinghorne H., W. P. Smith J., E. Wellington Scribe E., N. H. Lamb Scribe N. Sylvanus Trevail Treas., J. Walton P.S., Elliott Janitor. The other business having been disposed of, and a candidate proposed for exaltation, the Chapter was closed in due form and solemn prayer.

**Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.**—The March meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 20th instant, at the Red Lion Hotel. Bro. C. W. Fox W.M. presided. The necessary preliminaries being observed, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. C. J. Bunyan was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. John Cameron Jessett S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. E. Hopwood's valuable services as Treasurer were again secured in response to the unanimous vote of the brethren, and Bro. Gilbert re-elected Tyler. The bye-laws of the Lodge were read by the Secretary, certain dues were paid, but the arrears are still heavy, and our good brethren of the Hemming will, we are sure, see the necessity of reducing the same for the mutual comfort of both the retiring and the incoming Master, as also for the general welfare of the Lodge. We do not for a moment wish to imply that the arrears in 1512 are larger than the average amount that prevails in other Lodges, quite the contrary; but we do not believe in arrears at all, and they are an eyesore in the balance sheet of any Lodge. A P.M.'s jewel was heartily voted to the retiring Master, and all farther business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room. The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, the Master's health was drunk with great cordiality, and duly responded to. The W.M. next proposed the health of the W.M. elect. This toast was received by the brethren in a manner which must have been most gratifying to the brother in question, as an earnest of the satisfaction they entertain at the prospect of his year of office. Bro. Jessett is a thorough good working Mason, and it is always a pleasure to chronicle the election of such a man to the highest honours it is within the power of the brethren to confer. Ten o'clock was now close at hand, and there was the usual exodus of the London contingent, (we wonder, by-the-bye, if these worthy brethren are aware the South Western run a *later* train to the metropolis at 10.57). The Senior Past Master Bro. Wm. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex succeeded to the Master's gavel, and proposed the remaining toasts. Bros. Costelow and Pinckney responded as Visitors. The intervals were occupied with vocal effusions appropriate to the occasion, and as the parish clock struck eleven, the brethren separated, evidently well pleased with the labour (and refreshment of the evening. The following is a complete list of the brethren present:—C. W. Fox W.M., W. Hammond P.M. Sec., E. Hopwood P.M. Treas., John Hurst P.M., John Hammond I.P.M., D. B. Raw late Treas., J. C. Jessett S.W., T. W. Ockenden J.W., T. C. Walls S.D., F. W. Kent J.D., J. W. Hiscox I.G., T. Moody M.O., W. J. Day jun. W.S.; C. J. Bunyan, G. Phillips, H. C. T. Murphy, Carpenter. W. Knowles, T. G. Wheeler. Visitors—Bros. C. J. Costelow S.D. 780, T. Pinckney 1638. Bro. T. C. Walls is the Steward of the Hemming for the Boys' Festival; we saw him busy collecting, and wish him every success with his list. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, 16th October.

**Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717.**—A meeting was held on the 16th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, North Africa. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley D.G.S.W. Malta, W.M., J. H. Stevens S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., A. Blanch Sec. and Treas., G. Pentecost S.D., P. M. Paleologo J.D., V. C. Clement D.C., E. Gardelle, Barsotti, and Bokobsa Stewards, M. Lo Gallais I.G., J. Eymon Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Dr. Mugnaini 32°, Sulema 18°, together with Bros. Tulin de la Tunnisic (German Consul General), Dr. Pace-Williams, and more than forty members. Visitors—Bros. A. Travero, General Elias Musalli (Director of the Foreign Office of H. H. the Bey of Tunis), Samama, Forté, Xueref, and Enriquez. Captain Robert Alexander Johnstone (Hants Militia) of Brighton and Tunis, who had been unanimously elected at the last regular meeting, was introduced and initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of the Order. The W.M. also delivered the usual charge. The charitable collection having been made, the Lodge was adjourned.

### NOTICE.—BACK NUMBERS.

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## 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, 29th MARCH.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
1142—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## MONDAY, 31st MARCH.

- 45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 3. (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.)  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)  
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1280—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
1625—Trodegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
149—Lights, Masonic Hall, Warrington.  
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.  
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.  
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.  
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.  
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlisle-street, Castleford.  
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.  
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster.

## TUESDAY, 1st APRIL.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Loaden-hall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
217—Stability, Anterton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.  
1293—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.  
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.  
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)  
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester  
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
121—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.  
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.  
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.  
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.  
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.  
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
621—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.  
731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.  
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Goldfield.  
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool  
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cocker-mouth.  
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.  
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
1343—St. John, King's Arms, Grays.  
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)  
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.  
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.  
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
R. A. 293—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.  
M. M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, 2nd APRIL.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)  
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)  
1145—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Counts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)  
1293—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1558—Duce of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)

- 1535—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.  
1637—Rothsay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.  
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott.  
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.  
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.  
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale  
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.  
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.  
330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.  
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.  
580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.  
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)  
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.  
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.  
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.  
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.  
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)  
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1037—Portland, Royal Brookwater Hotel, Portland. (Instruction.)  
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.  
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.  
1206—Cinquo Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.  
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.  
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street  
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.  
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.  
1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.  
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore  
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.  
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.  
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.  
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
M. M. 39—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

## THURSDAY, 3rd APRIL.

- 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, Loaden-hall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1237—Upton, King and Cheese, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1319—Friars, Cheshire Queens, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
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. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.  
31—United Industrious, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.  
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinkley, Leicestershire  
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.  
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.  
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.  
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.  
266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.  
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.  
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield  
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.  
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.  
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.  
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham.  
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.  
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.  
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.  
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester.  
360—Poinfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.  
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.  
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.  
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.  
449—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Ottoxeter.  
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.  
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.  
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.  
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.  
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby  
816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.  
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.  
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale  
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.  
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland.  
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.  
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.  
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.  
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.  
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.  
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.  
1504—Rod Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padilham, near Burnley.  
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.  
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.  
R. A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Ardwick, Manchester.  
R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.  
R. A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan.

## FRIDAY, 4th APRIL.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isleton-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1439—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.  
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.  
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
- 44—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury  
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.  
 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.  
 1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.  
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire  
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.  
 R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.

## SATURDAY, 5th APRIL.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
 1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held its weekly meeting at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. Fox, assisted by Bros. Hallam son. S.W., Gyer J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Sillis S.D., Isaac J.D., Pelikan I.G.; also a numerous gathering of "Strong Men," amongst whom we noticed Bros. R. H. Halford, Wing, Percy, Trewinnard, Gash, Gieseke, Spurgin, J. W. Smith, Willison, Gibbs, Symons, Halle, Cleverly, Weeden, Droscher, G. Cook, Hine, Parkinson, and Edmunds. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Gibbs candidate. Bro. Fox now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Tolmie, who opened the Lodge in the second, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Fox acting as W.M. elect, and he appointed and invested his Officers, after which Bro. Tolmie completed the ceremony by giving the Charges in a very impressive manner, much to the pleasure of the numerous assembly. Bro. Hallam son. worked the seventh section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Edmunds of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam son. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for the excellent manner he had worked the ceremony, after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.**—On 20th instant, at White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. Timothy W.M., Brown S.W., Janeway J.W., Isaac Treas., Bond Sec., Ball S.D., Chalkley J.D., Davis I.G. Bros. Stuart, De Solla, Whiting, E. Smith, Field, Watterton, Reynolds, Davis, Woodliff, &c. Bro. Davis was entrusted, and afterwards raised. The three sections were worked. Lodge resumed to first degree, and Bro. Reynolds of No. 87, elected a member. The S. Warden will be W.M. for next meeting.

**Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.**—This Lodge met on the 25th, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Present—Bros. J. H. Loggott W.M., H. Lister S.W., J. Curtis acting J.W. in the absence of Dr. W. Wilkinson, G. States Sec., Thomas Bull P.M. Treasurer, C. A. Woods S.D., A. D. Kerrill J.D., J. Reid I.G., Grant Tyler. Past Master Bro. E. H. Thiellay. After preliminaries Bro. Toomer was passed, and Bros. J. Detraz, C. V. Smith, and M. Hart were raised. The work was excellently rendered. A notice of motion was given by Bro. T. Bull P.M. and Treas., to take into consideration the adoption of some method to perpetuate the name of the late Bro. John Boyd. The Lodge was then closed. There was no banquet, but the W.M. entertained the brethren with a very excellent supper at his personal charge.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. Present—Bros. Pearey W.M., Byott S.W., Brand J.W., Fenner Sec., Forss S.D., Hallam son. J.D., Gibbs I.G.; also Bros. Powell, Reed, Gilham, McMillan, Greene, Jacobs, J. Millington, Hunt, Ross, Carr, Caldewood, Seidel, Halford, Garrod, and Fysh. Lodge opened; the minutes were read, and duly confirmed. Lodge advanced a degree, when Bro. Powell proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Powell candidate; the traditional history was given, and the ceremony performed in an unexceptionable manner. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down. Bro. Hallam son. worked the first, and the W.M. the second section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. F. J. Hine, of United Strength 228, and H. A. Jacobs, of Lodge of Friendship No. 206, were elected members. Bro. Byott was appointed to preside at next meeting.

**Devonshire Lodge, No. 625.**—An emergency meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, the 26th inst. Present:—Bros. Joseph Collins W.M., Thomas Dearnaley I.P.M., D. A. Davis S.W., W. Booth J.W., S. Collier Sec., W. Thorp Treas., J. Hadfield S.D., W. Garlick J.D., W. H. Hodgson I.G., Wm. Fielding Tyler. The Lodge was opened with due observance of ancient custom. The ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Rowbottom and Mr. Samuel Rowbottom, both of Glossop, and proving unanimous in each case, those gentlemen were initiated by the Worshipful Master in a very able manner. The brethren of this Lodge work remarkably well, and considering it is an inland town, they deserve great credit for the zeal and application they evince for our beloved Craft and the Charities connected therewith. The labours of the evening being ended, the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed. By the courtesy of the W.M., the brethren adjourned to supper. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and heartily received. Some good music made the evening very enjoyable. Among those present were Past Masters Hall, W. Dawson P.P. D.C., &c.; Bros. W. H. Irlam, E. Williams, S. P. Armitage, Geo. Woodcock, T. A. Tomlinson, T. Warhurst, &c.; Visitors—J. R. Roberts 320, and S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—The Anniversary Supper took place on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. There was a good attendance of the members, and the proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character. The chair was taken by Bro. George Weige, the W.M. elect of the mother Lodge; he had for his Wardens the Brothers J. and C. Lorkin, while the Preceptor, Bro. W. Wallington P.M., and the Secretary, Bro. Richard Dallas, supported the Chairman left and right. The repast was admirably served by Bro. Smyth, and justice was done the good things placed upon the table. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Weige gave the comprehensive toast—"Loyalty to the Throne, and Prosperity to the best interests of Freemasonry." This was well received and then came the complimentary toasts, which were interspersed by some capital songs. Bro. Wallington offered for the acceptance of the brethren the toast of the Worshipful Master, whom he characterised as a true Mason, and expressed the gratification felt by the members at the unanimous way in which Bro. Weige had been elected to preside over Dalhousie Lodge for the next twelve months. Bro. Weige gracefully acknowledged the honour done him, and expressed his obligations to Bro. Wallington for the kind manner in which he had referred to his efforts to advance the welfare of the Order. He also acknowledged his indebtedness to Bro. Wallington, who, in his capacity of Preceptor, had rendered such goodly service, not only to him personally, but to the other attendants at the Lodge of Instruction. Bros. Smyth (Treasurer) and Dallas (Secretary) were associated with the toast of Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, and each briefly replied. Bro. Morgan was called upon to reply for the Visitors, and he directed attention to the happy feeling that always existed amongst the members, and expressed the gratification he felt at meeting so many of the old members of this Lodge. The proceedings were enlivened by the musical efforts of the talented brethren whom one always meets here, and all departed satisfied with the way in which the evening had been spent. Among those who attended, we may enumerate Bros. G. Weige Chairman, W. Wallington, Harding, Wardell, Macklean, Forss, Darnall, J. Lorkin, McLean, Lovelock, Carr, C. Lorkin, Collins, Richardson, Holsworth, Giller, Polak, Finch, Clarke, Christian, Brasted, Whyman, Worsley, Smith, Dallas, Morgan, Smyth.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—On the 26th at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin-court, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. Marston W.M., Abell S.W., H. R. Hallam J.W., Welsford S.D., Knill Abell J.D., Brown I.G., Long Preceptor, and about a dozen other brethren. The W.M. performed the ceremony of initiation in his usual impressive manner, Bro. France being the candidate. The S.W. was then presented to the W.M. for the benefit of Installation, which ceremony was also admirably rendered, more particularly the three concluding addresses. A part of the Lecture of the 1st degree was worked by the brethren. After which a brother was elected, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able working of Bro. Marston. The Fifteen Sections are to be worked in this Lodge in May, by Bro. H. R. Hallam.

**Tyne Lodge, No. 991.**—The regular meeting took place on the 13th, at the Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay. There was a large attendance of brethren. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. W. Gladstone, supported by Past Masters J. Montgomery, G. A.

Allen and M. Guther, W. Hardie S.W., T. W. Smith J.W., W. Morton Sec., G. Ridley S.D., G. Turnbull J.D., M. Whyte I.G., G. Hilltop Tyler. The Lodge being opened, and all formalities gone through, the Provincial Grand Officers entered, the brethren receiving and saluting them according to custom. One brother was then passed, and three gentlemen initiated, both ceremonies being very efficiently rendered by the W.M. Bro. Adam Robertson P.G.S.W., testified the satisfaction he and the other P.G. Officers felt at their visit, and expressed a hope the brethren would use proper discrimination as to whom they admitted into the Order. He apologised for the non-attendance of the P.G.J.W., who was unable to be present, owing to domestic affliction. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to supper. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Past Grand Officers being replied to by the P.G.S.W. A meed of praise is due to the brethren of this Lodge for the energy they must have used in obtaining such a prettily fitted and well adapted hall for holding their meetings in. The Visitors present were—Bros. A. Robertson P.G.S.W., J. Cook P.P.G.S.W., J. Bolam P.G.S.D., G. Cockburn P.G.R., J. Spearman P.P.G.S. of W., B. P. Ord P.G.O., G. I. Dean P.G.A.D.C., G. G. Taylor P.G.A.P., W. M. Bell W.M. 1557, R. Symonds J.W. 1626, W. A. Ogelvi J.W. 24, J. Wood S.D. 48, S. M. Harris S.D. 406, &c.

**Sykes Lodge, No. 1040.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great Driffield. Present:—Bros. W. Santon W.M., John Dunn S.W., James S. Wilson J.W., Ralph Teal P.M. Treas., H. Holgreaves Sec., M. Simpson S.D., Geo. Beilby J.D., W. Barnby Steward, John T. Kirby I.G., Bros. J. Elgey P.M., S. Chadwick Chaplain, Geo. H. Hewson, John Baines, W. Roberts. Bro. J. J. Baines was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, according to ancient custom, by the Worshipful Master. It was decided to endow the Master for the time being with two votes in perpetuity for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons.

**Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.**—At the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Tuesday. The following brethren attended:—Bros. J. J. Holland W.M., W. A. Blackmore S.W., J. J. Frost J.W., P. V. Denham S.D., A. M. Newens I.G., J. G. Carter, C. Digby, F. H. Newens, and A. A. Denham. Bro. Holland, who was complimented by Bro. Carter (the Preceptor) for his proficiency, went through the working of the two degrees, Bro. A. N. Newens being the candidate. Bro. P. V. Denham gave notice of motion as to the disposal of the Lodge funds now in hand. It is proposed to devote a portion of the money to presenting Bro. J. G. Carter with a testimonial for his untiring energy and kindness in acting as Preceptor.

**St. David's Lodge, No 1147.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Present:—Bros. Ishmael Davies W.M., Thomas Elliott I.P.M., Ellis Jones P.M. as S.W., Wm. Hadden J.W., J. O. Evans Sec., R. Barlow S.D., J. B. Seel J.D., T. R. Williams P.M. D.C., A. Ehrenbach Organist, E. Staveley I.G., Wm. Sly Tyler, Past Masters T. R. Williams, T. R. Peel, T. Gibson, Edward Williams; Bros. M. T. Singer, W. Palmer, Ellis Tootill, F. J. Brown, Jas. P. Haworth, &c., and S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE visitor. The Lodge was opened punctually at 6.30 with solemn prayer; the minutes of last meeting were read, and, being correctly recorded, were confirmed by command of the W.M. The Secretary read the bye-laws of the Lodge, as this was the first meeting after the induction of Bro. Davies into the chair. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and worked up to the third, from which the Lodge was worked down to the first. A sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the R.M.B.I. The business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to supper. It is very gratifying to record our visit to this Lodge, and bear witness to the administration of its affairs. The W.M., who is a zealous Mason, has his zeal tempered with that geniality which emanates from the "cultivation of the heart," and his power in the Lodge will be strengthened by the esteem in which he is held by the brethren. The Officers are all Masons of tact and ability, and, if we mistake not, will, by the next meeting, feel quite at home in their new collars. But the most noticeable feature in the St. David's is the talent of the Past Masters, and the unmistakably deep interest they take in the welfare of the Lodge. We have known Lodges where Past Masters have assumed, and others do assume, every conceivable attitude towards the brethren who have done them honour, and, sad to say, often to the detriment of the Craft. How heartily then should a Lodge be congratulated where it possesses such estimable, talented and zealous Past Masters as we find at their posts in 1147? Surely such brethren are the shining lights of a Province, the pillars of a Lodge. The brethren of this Lodge fully appreciate their Past Masters, and no Lodge can be more happily in accord. That it may continue so is a consummation devoutly to be wished. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the first toast of the evening, the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured. The Most Worshipful the G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was heartily received, and the toast of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge past and present, also met hearty responses. Bro. Gibson P.M. assumed the gavel; by permission of the W.M. he had to propose a very important toast. They had the pleasure of meeting on the day of the marriage of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and he was sure the brethren of the St. David's Lodge wished him and his bride all

the happiness this world could afford. Every brother know the interest the Prince took in the Craft, and he need not do more than ask them to drink to their Royal Highnesses very good health, and wish them joy. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and twenty-one guns. Bro. Ehrenbach played a Wedding March. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Prov. G.M. Colonel Starkie, the Deputy, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers past and present, which was cheerfully responded to. Bro. Ed. Williams P.M., on taking the gavel, said the duties of office still clung to him, but his performance of it on this occasion was very pleasing, as he had to propose the health of their worthy W.M. This being the first evening he had met the brethren "at home" as it were round his privileged festive board. He felt it an honour to have the first opportunity of asking them to pledge their regard in a bumper. They had that evening sufficient proof of the ability of their Worshipful Master to carry on the affairs of the Lodge for the next year with success. He looked for a very happy and prosperous year. He admired the impressive manner in which the ceremonies of the Lodge were performed by Bro. Davies, and requested the toast to be drunk with full honours, which was done with enthusiasm and one-and-twenty guns. Bro. Howardine obliged with a song, after which the W.M. rose to respond. He thanked the brethren for their mark of esteem. He felt his position very acutely. He considered it one thing to be ambitious and seek the office of Worshipful Master, but quite another thing to discharge the duties of that high office. Having attained the distinction through the kindness of the members, he sought their indulgence, support, and hearty co-operation in his efforts to discharge his trust. He felt he should not ask in vain, and with their co-operation he looked forward to a pleasant year of office. He felt that it was a man's mission to do all he could for common humanity, and in few positions could he be of more service than in Freemasonry. Brethren who read of what transpires in our Order see how many good men shine among us, and he would particularly recommend every brother to make himself fully conversant with current Masonic matters, by reading accounts of what goes on. Bro. Peel P.M., in proposing the health of the Visiting Brother, did so with that kindness and consideration for which he is so well known. He proposed the health of Bro. Davies in two capacities, as a Brother Mason and as the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. He held that current Masonic literature was a great boon, as it gave an account of what transpired in the north, south, east and west, as well as abroad. All well-informed Masons read as much as possible. He exhorted the brethren to read not only current Masonic literature, but the valuable writings of many able authors. He hoped Bro. Davies might live long and happily to carry on his important duties, and to do good for the Craft. He held that the free unfettered liberty of the Masonic press rectified many errors, and prevented many others from creeping in, and by fair criticism roused lethargic officers to a sense of their duties. He had much pleasure in inviting them to do honour to the toast, which was drunk heartily, with Masonic honours. Bro. Haddon obliged with a song, after which Bro. Davies returned his best thanks for the honour done to him, as well as for the kind allusions to his efforts in connection with the journal he represented. Bro. S.W. *pro tem* had a pleasant duty to perform, and he felt sure the brethren would appreciate his mission. He had the honour to propose the health of the Past Masters. To them the Lodge would ever owe a great debt of gratitude. They were always at their posts, whoever was absent, and are ready to open and carry on the affairs of the Lodge. When the Lodge is open, they are ever willing to assist in its workings. The presence of our Past Masters is a great stimulus, and he hoped they might have good health and long life; the least thing they could do on the present occasion was to drink to their continued good health. The toast was warmly received, with three times seven. Bro. Howardine again kindly added to the musical programme. Bro. Ellis Jones P.M., on behalf of the Past Masters, returned thanks. He regretted as a rule that these occasions were conspicuous for toasting. It was certainly a sign of good feeling, but he regretted that the higher standard of Masonic intelligence did not show itself when a brother had an opportunity of speaking. He more particularly alluded to the reports of meetings in the Masonic press. He feared there was too much superficial intelligence among Masons, and that they were content after acquiring very little. He was sorry he did not see a higher aim and effort generally portrayed. He was glad to see Bro. Davies, whose efforts in the Craft he commended, and whose reports he read with much satisfaction. As one of those who had occupied the chair, he had always availed himself of the privilege of inculcating the principle of a universal Brotherhood, and as such advocated the cosmopolitan nature of a Lodge, and the St. David's Lodge in particular. As a Lodge they did their utmost for their fellow men. He held that as Masons they should also do all they could for the human family at large. Bro. Brown responded to the call for a recitation. Bro. T. R. Williams P.M., Director of Ceremonies, rose. The W.M. had entrusted him with the gavel to propose the toast of the Officers of the Lodge. The toast was a very important one, as without the Officers being in their place they could not get along. He hoped they would not think it too much to attend punctually, as in consequence of his office it devolved upon him to see the Lodge in working order. The ability possessed by each Officer was equal to the duty each was called upon to discharge. He asked the brethren to drink heartily the toast he had the pleasure to propose, which was done with Masonic honour. Bro. Seel J.D. was requested to reply to the toast, and in doing so regretted the duty of responding for the Officers had not been placed in more able hands. To be punctual in attendance and efficient in work he felt were the aspirations of each Officer, and he felt sure that each would endeavour to honour the post he occupied, and bring credit to the Lodge by practising those principles out of it which they were taught within. Bro. Ellis Jones kindly favoured with the next song, and was followed by Bro. Ehrenbach giving a selection on the piano. The Tyler's toast ushered in the time for parting, when the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—At a meeting held at Ealing, on Thursday, 19th March, there were present:—Bros. G. Davis J.W. No. 167 W.M., W. Hogg P.M. 1349 S.W., C. G. Sparrow I.G. 1743 J.W., J. J. Clarke S.D., L. Franckel J.D., F. Delevante Org. 1612 I.G., H. E. Tucker Treas. and Preceptor 1612, J. Wells Acting Sec., and several others. This being the night set apart for the Fifteen Sections, they were worked by the following brethren. Bros. J. Murch D.C. 27, P. Burton 834, R. Josey 834, C. G. Sparrow I.G. 1743, A.C. Alais P.M. 834, H. R. Hallam 1349, Rudderforth S.W. 1668, A. W. Fenner S.D. 1227, W. G. Reynolds 1441, G. Davis J.W. 167, W. Hogg P.M. 1349, Dutton S.D. 167, C. G. Sparrow I.G. 1743, Rudderforth S.W. 1668, Hays. On the motion of Bro. Wells, seconded by Bro. Clarke, Bro. Smout jun. was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, as was also Bro. Penn P.M. 1642, on the motion of Bro. A. Jones, seconded by Bro. H. E. Tucker. Bro. Tucker proposed that a most cordial vote of thanks be accorded to the W.M., and to the brethren who had so kindly worked the Sections on this occasion, and that they should be elected honorary members of this Lodge of Instruction. The motion was ably seconded by Bro. Delevante, and carried with acclamation. A letter was read from Bro. T. Kingston W.M. 1612 expressing his regret at being unable to attend owing to illness in his family. The Lodge was closed in due form.

**Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728.**—The usual meeting took place on the 20th inst., at the London, Fleet-street, and was well attended by members and several Visitors. Bro. T. W. C. Bush W.M. presided, assisted by his Officers—C. Butcher S.W., A. E. Staley J.W., Geo. Adamson Treas., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, Kennett Harris W.S. 1185 S.D., B. Butterworth J.D., J. Kimpton I.G., W. Woodward W.S., J. Rexworthy D.C.,—Frost Organist, Recknell Acting Secretary. Lodge was opened, after which the ballot was taken for four gentlemen—Messrs. W. Fowler, James Gathercole, Edmund Meek, and J. W. H. Black,—and, proving favourable, they were, later in the evening, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the W.M. previously having passed Bro. Andrew. The working of Bro. Bush was all that could be desired. Each ceremony being given with that clear utterance and impressiveness peculiar to Bro. Bush, and for which he is at all times justly complimented. On the Lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner. The evening being somewhat advanced, owing to the large amount of work got through, the W.M. gave the usual toasts in a slightly compressed form. In proposing the initiates, he regretted the absence of Bro. Meek, who, in consequence of indisposition, was unable to join the banquet-table. Later on he also deplored the absence of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge, the latter sending a telegram from Manchester, where he had been hastily summoned on urgent business, and the former, Brother Adamson, being at home, owing to a severe and sudden domestic affliction, namely, the death of his youngest son. The toasts of the W.M., I.P.M., Officers, &c., being duly responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the evening. Some capital songs and recitations were given by Bros. Rexworthy, K. Harris, Frost, Bailey, Recknell, and others.

**Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 22nd inst, when there were present Bros. H. A. DuBois, P. Prov. S.G.D. P.M. P.Z. W.M., Henry Lovegrove S.W., Geo. Clark jun. J.W., W. Ramsey I.P.M., H. B. Marshall Treas., W. H. Barber Sec., Harry Clark S.D., C. C. Cruikshanks J.D., Dr. Whitmarsh I.G., F. G. Perks D.C., G. J. Dunkley Organist, J. Daly Tyler, W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, T. W. G. Wood, W. S. Dunkley, and W. A. Villars. The Visitors were Bros. M. S. Larham P.M., C. P. McKay W.M. 720, H. Baldwin, White, E. W. DuBois, and H. C. Levander M.A., Prov. Grand Secretary of Middlesex, and V. P. Beard of General Purposes. The minutes of the Consecration and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the ballot having been taken for some joining members, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and Bros. H. B. Marshall, W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, and T. W. G. Wood were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being performed (by permission of the W.M. by Bro. McKay W.M. 720, a friend of one of the candidates for raising). The whole ceremony, including the lecture and traditional history being given. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bro. W. S. Dunkley, and W. A. Villars to the second degree. Messrs. F. W. Gritten and N. Voice, who had been previously balloted for, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The draft by-laws were read and approved, and ordered to be submitted to the Prov. Grand Secretary for approval by the Prov. Grand Master. An important part of the proceedings was the presentation by Bro. H. B. Marshall of a very handsome copy of the Sacred Law, which he had promised on the evening of his initiation. The W.M. thanked the donor in an appropriate speech, and proposed a vote of thanks, which the J.W. seconded, and which will be recorded on the minutes. Bro. H. Lovegrove expressed the pleasure felt by himself and the Founders of the Lodge at the presence in their midst of a very distinguished Mason, Bro. H. C. Levander Prov. G. Sec. (who was prevented from being present at the Consecration), and proposed that he be requested to accept honorary membership of the Lodge. This proposition was seconded by Bro. G. Clark J.W., and carried unanimously. At the close of the proceedings, which lasted over three hours, the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Inn, where a banquet had been provided, and a pleasant evening was spent. The next regular meeting of the Lodge will be held on 24th May.

**Charterhouse Masonic Club of Instruction.**—At the meeting of this Club on Tuesday last, Bro. W. Webb W.M. 382 President, T. B. Humphrey Senior V.P., John Syer Junior V.P., W.

Hames P.M. Preceptor, and a number of other brethren present. After the first and third ceremonies had been ably rehearsed, it was unanimously agreed that on the occasion of the first annual Festival to be held on Tuesday next, Bro. James Stevens P.M. of The Great City and other Lodges, should be requested to work the ceremony of installation of W.M., prior to the banquet. Arrangements were also made in respect of music and other accessories, to secure the success of the Festival, and the enjoyment of the numerous company expected. In our last impression we mentioned the name of Bro. Butt as the President on the forthcoming occasion, but we have been informed that that position will be filled by the able Preceptor of the Club, Bro. W. Hames. Bro. Butt it appears, however, is not without some desire to assist, as we have heard a whisper of "great works" on his part to secure comfort for his guests. On the whole, the Festival promises much for all concerned.

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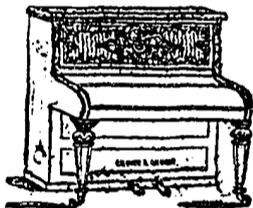
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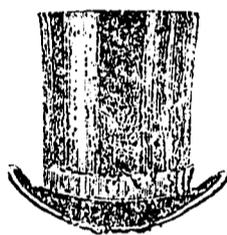
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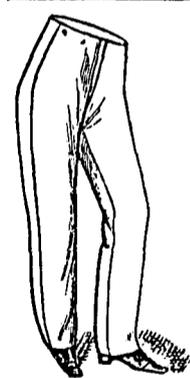
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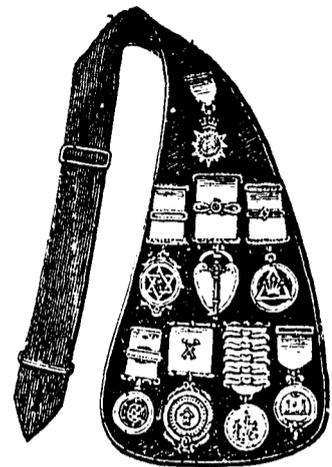
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