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MASONIC CHARITY ORGANISATIONS.

IT will be observed with satisfaction, from a report in another column, that the brethren of North and East Yorkshire are at last bestirring themselves in the matter of affording organised support to our Masonic Charities, and are thus casting in their lot with the other Provinces which long outstripped them in the steady and substantial aid they have given to those deserving objects. These organisations have of late years so largely increased in number and influence that it really has come to be almost an anomaly to find a Province unprovided with some such machinery for charitable purposes. In North and East Yorkshire, however, as we have frequently had reason to point out, comparatively little has been done for the Charities, in spite of the fact that it comprises some important centres of wealth, including the ancient city of York, with all its proud traditions and associations in the history of Freemasonry. However, we are very pleased to welcome the signs of improvement in this respect which are apparent from the account forwarded to us of a meeting convened under the presidency of our venerable Bro. Dr. J. Pearson Bell, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, than whom we know few more ardent or intelligent supporters of the Craft. He was assisted on the occasion by many officers who are equally well known in the North and East Ridings, and we sincerely trust that the suggestions and resolutions brought forward will be made to assume practical shape, and that we may see this Province taking its proper place alongside the other divisions of the premier county in their practical upholding of the beneficent objects of our Order. We had long been aware that Bro. Bell had been maturing some kind of scheme by which to carry out the desire he has so often brought before the brethren in Hull and East Yorkshire; and, although we have not yet heard the details of his project, we are perfectly certain that anything emanating from a mind so evenly balanced must, if well backed up, be productive of the desired effect. We have at various times heard this laxity of spirit and energy made the subject of lamentation amongst the more prominent brethren in that part of the country, whose earnest appeals, however, have up to this time apparently failed in kindling the fire of charitable enthusiasm amongst the general body of the members. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, by his persistent and earnest solicitations in behalf of our Masonic Institutions, has often endeavoured to wipe from the Province the stigma that had so long rested upon it. Who, amongst the brethren in that Province has not seen him wax eloquent upon the need for increased individual and systematic exertion in this important matter, as opposed to the occasional spasmodic efforts that were put forth? We recollect that at various times he has thrown out the suggestion of small and regular payments to be made either weekly or monthly, in preference to making large attempts at certain stated periods. But though this idea has been taken up by other Provinces, and has long been in active and useful operation, still we had up to a very recent date to deplore the lethargy displayed by North and East Yorkshire, and the trifling addition which that Province has made to our charitable exchequer. It cannot be said that the shrewd and robust Yorkshireman is, as a rule, ungenerous or close-fisted. The hardy northern race, though tinged at first with much that is clannish, relaxes into boundless hospitality and large-heartedness when occasion requires; nor are there lacking amongst them men like Bros. Sissons, Thompson, (and

others who fight manfully for the coveted appellation of "sturdy beggars" on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The reason, therefore, of the insignificant help really afforded by them in the aggregate during past years seems almost inexplicable, save and except perhaps, that it might be accounted for by a want of system and organisation, such as the means are now being taken to institute. We sincerely trust the committee appointed will do their utmost to improve the position of the Province, and devise some means by which to rid their otherwise good name of the stain of indifference and want of active interest in charitable objects which has so long rested upon it. We cordially hold out the right hand of fellowship to our northern brethren in this new effort on their part, and express our unfeigned hope that this may be a turning point in their history, so that in future, instead of having to call their attention to unpleasant facts and failings, we may be able to offer our hearty felicitations on such an awakening to Masonic responsibility as we and others have long desired to see.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 7th day of May, at Seven o'clock in the evening punctually.

Business:—The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business, to be read.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and Appointment and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

After which the following Report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to Report that they have examined the Accounts from the 15th January to the 15th April 1879, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	757	18	9		Disbursements during		
„ Unappropriated					the Quarter - - -	231	6
Account -	177	15	5		Balance - - - - -	929	1
Subsequent Receipts -	399	9	3		„ in Unappropriated		
					Account -	174	15
						£1335	3
							5

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions James Meacham Batham as Z., Henry Charles Adolphus Wandram as H., Frederick Irving de Lisle as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Victoria Lodge No. 1577, Napier, to be called "The Victoria Chapter," and to meet at Napier, Wellington, North Island, New Zealand.

2nd. From Companions Charles Thomas Pearce as Z., John Peter as H., John Kempthorne as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Loyal Victoria Lodge No. 557 Callington, to be called "the Valletort Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Callington, in the County of Cornwall.

3rd. From Companions Edward John Bradshaw Bamstead as Z., John Franks Chittenden as H., William Youldon as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Wellington Lodge No. 548, Deptford, to be called "The Wellington Chapter," and to meet at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, in the County of Kent.

4th. From Companions Henry Thomas Wood as Z., Charles Chester Cheston as H., Peter Lund Simmonds as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge No. 1159, London, to be called "The Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter," and to meet at No. 33 Golden-square, London.

5th. From Companions William Henry Lee as Z., George William Frederick Neville Green as H., Thomas Charles Chapman as J., and

six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Duke of Connaught Lodge No. 1524, Dalston, to be called "The Duke of Connaught Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

These Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

They have also received a Petition from Companions William Alexander Barrett as Z., Charles Goolden as H., Wilhelm Ganz as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge No. 1706, to be called "The Orpheus Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

This Petition is regular in form, but as the Lodge has not yet been in existence for two years, the Committee bearing their resolution in mind that three years should elapse before a Charter to be attached to a Lodge be granted, except in very exceptional cases, cannot recommend that the prayer of the Petition be yet complied with.

A letter dated 14th March Last, from Companion the Honourable Henry Thoby Prinsep, Grand Superintendent of Bengal, was read, pointing out the very great inconveniences which arise from Superintendents not being able to issue provisional Charters pending the applications to Grand Chapter.

The Committee feeling fully satisfied that the complaint is well grounded, beg to recommend that the Supreme Grand Chapter authorise the Most Excellent First Grand Principal to grant powers to such Superintendents as he may think fit, to issue dispensations for the meeting of Chapters in cases of necessity, pending the applications for Charters to the Supreme Grand Chapter.

The Committee beg further to state that on 1st November 1876, a Charter was granted to be attached to the Fitzalan Lodge No. 1432, Oswestry, which has not been taken up, and from information they have received they have reason to conclude that it never will be taken up. Under these circumstances, the Committee recommend that the Charter be cancelled.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th April 1879.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Annual Festival of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. In the absence of the M.W.G.M., the Pro. G.M. occupied the throne. After the usual formal business had been transacted, the following brethren were appointed as Grand Officers for the year:—

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G. ...	M.W.G.M.
The Rt. Hon. Earl of Carnarvon ...	Pro G.M.
The Rt. Hon. Earl of Skelmersdale ...	Deputy G.M.
The Rt. Hon. Lord Kensington, M.P.	Senior Grand Warden.
Major Gen. Hon. S. J. G. Calthorpe	Junior Grand Warden.
Rev. William Alfred Hill, M.A. ...	Grand Chaplains.
Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A. ...	
Lieut.-Col. John Creaton ...	Grand Treasurer.
Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C. ...	Grand Registrar.
John Hervey ...	Grand Secretary.
Ernst Emil Wendt ...	G. Sec. German Correspondence.
Reginald Bird ...	Senior Grand Deacons.
George Mellor ...	
Horatio Lloyd ...	
Matthew Clark ...	Junior Grand Deacons.
John Gibson ...	
Sir Albert A. Woods, Garter P.G.W.	Grand Superintendent of Works.
Geo. Burt ...	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Samuel Mullens ...	Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.
Christopher Edwin Willing ...	Grand Sword Bearer.
Henry Gustavus Buss ...	Grand Organist.
William Wilson ...	Assistant Grand Secretary.
James Kench ...	Grand Pursuivant.
Charles Bryant Payne ...	Assistant do.
	Grand Tyler.

Alderman John Whittaker Ellis 1, John Batley 2, Horace James Browne 4, Henry James 5, Captain William Robert G. Farmer 6, Edward John Beale 8, John Nidd Smith 14, Robert Paulson Spice 21, Edward Charles Davies 23, William Coppard Beaumont 26, Hilton C. Barker 29, Thomas Birch Dyer, M.D., 46, Thomas Reynolds 58, John Thornton Chancellor 60, Robert Winter Sprague 91, Arthur Steains 99, Edward Cutler 197, George Plucknett jun. 259, Grand Stewards.

Permission was accorded to Bro. W. T. Howe, the retiring Grand Pursuivant, to take the rank and wear the clothing of P.G.P.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon announced that Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Cornwall, had presented to Grand Lodge a copy of the work he had just compiled on English Masonic Numismatics. The thanks of Grand Lodge was given to Bro. Hughan for his present, and then Grand Lodge was closed.

After the banquet, which took place in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master, the health of the Queen was proposed. The noble chairman observed that this was a toast which would never be wanting from any assembly of Englishmen; the name of her Majesty was ever loyally and affectionately received, and by none more so than Freemasons. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and was followed by the National Anthem. In proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, the Earl of Carnarvon remarked that in the old days—and he supposed he might say in the present—it was almost treason to introduce the name of a woman into Freemasonry. But as the wife of their Most Worshipful Grand Master they all revered the name of the Princess Alexandra. It was now some years since she came to this

country, during the time she had been amongst us we have learned to love and respect her. The next toast was that of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in proposing it the noble Earl said doubtless many he saw around him were present at the Festival last year, and would remember that H.R.H. presided on that occasion. The term during which the Prince of Wales had ruled over the Craft had been one of continual and increasing prosperity. Lodges had been added, and the roll of membership largely extended. The accession of the Heir Apparent to the supreme head of English Freemasonry had given a marvellous impetus to the Craft, which must ever continue to become increasingly popular and prosperous. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, said it was with extreme diffidence that he rose to propose the health of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master. The Earl of Carnarvon was well known in all parts of the country, and every one would admit that the more they saw of him the better they liked him. He was equally well known in private life, whilst as a statesman he had earned the respect of every man in the kingdom. The toast was received most enthusiastically, and in responding, the Earl of Carnarvon said he hardly knew how to thank them sufficiently for the manner in which they had received the mention of his name. He had grown so familiar with their kindness on so many previous occasions, that he could only reiterate the thanks he had tendered them so often in times gone by. Still, the words he used were no mere idle expressions, and he begged to assure them he was deeply sensible of the honour they had paid him. The last time he had the pleasure of listening to the words of his esteemed friend who had proposed this toast was in his (Sir Henry Edwards's) own Province, where he was universally esteemed and beloved. He took this opportunity of saying that the more frequently London and Country brethren were brought together, the more they would understand each other, and appreciate that unity which was one of the primary objects of Freemasonry. It had been his lot to pass through various phases of Masonry during his connection with the Craft, a period which extended over a larger number of years than he cared to look back upon. They had been presented that evening with a book in which were recorded the doings of some of the ancient Lodges; but how many had been added to the lists since the time to which that book referred, and how many were the changes they had gone through? There was another toast which he could not permit any one to take from him to propose. He asked them to join heartily with him in drinking the health of the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master. All regretted the absence of Lord Skelmersdale from this annual gathering, and would sincerely wish for him a speedy and complete restoration to health. Bro. John Whitwell, M.P., P.G.W., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Cumberland and Westmoreland, now proposed the toast of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. Although in respect to the government of Freemasonry in the United Kingdom, there was a divisibility, the three Grand Lodges worked in unity one with another. Whatever part of the world they might visit, they always found Scotch and Irish Masons ready to grasp the hand of friendship. Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre Grand Registrar said the next toast, which he was called upon to propose, was always received with the greatest satisfaction, knowing that the tribute was fully deserved. The toast was that of the Prov. Grand Masters of England. They had amongst them one who held the position in one of the most important in the country, namely, the West Riding of Yorkshire; and when he asked them to drink to the health of Sir Henry Edwards he would say that brother was a fair specimen of what the Prov. Grand Masters were—a body of men to whom Freemasonry was deeply indebted. Sir Henry Edwards, in responding, said it was with peculiar pleasure that he did so. Whatever the country might think of the Prov. Grand Masters, Masons in the respective counties were under great obligations to those men who took the trouble to attend to the duties of Freemasonry in their Province. The Pro Grand Master, in giving the next toast, said when they met at such Festivals as the present it was not only to take stock, as it were, of the past, but also to appoint Grand Officers for the ensuing year. They wished the Officers appointed to-day all success in the performance of their duties, in which he was sure they would receive the hearty and cordial support of Grand Lodge. He proposed the health of the newly-appointed Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers, both Present and Past. Lord Kensington responded, in doing which he said he laboured under some disadvantage, as this was the first time he had had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge. When he looked round, and saw so many Officers, Past and Present, he felt that the Pro Grand Master could have found some one better qualified to return thanks for this toast. He might say that the Province to which he had the honour to belong—the Western Division of South Wales—claimed some credit to itself on his being placed on the list as Senior Grand Warden. Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn ventured to think that the toast he had to propose was really the toast of the evening. They talked a great deal of what Masonry did, but really the Charities were the brightest gem in their crown. He asked them one and all to put their hands in their pockets, and help to support the Masonic Charities. Bro. Hedges, in responding, said he could not but be deeply sensible of the great honour which had been conferred upon the Charities by this kindly recognition of Grand Lodge. He reminded them that the Festival of the Girls' School took place on the 14th of this month, and he had the satisfaction to announce that their highly-esteemed Grand Treasurer, Colonel Creaton, had consented to preside on that occasion. It would then be proved, as it had been on so many occasions previously, how great an interest was taken by the Craft in its noble Charities. Bro. F. Binckes was then loudly called for, and also briefly responded on behalf of the Boys' School. The toast of the Grand Stewards terminated the proceedings in the Hall, after which the company adjourned to the Temple, where a selection of music was given.

ERA LODGE, No. 1423.

THE seventh Installation Meeting of this Lodge took place on the 12th ult., at Tagg's Island Hotel, Hampton Court. Notwithstanding the unpropitious condition of the weather, which was more like mid-winter than mid-spring, there was a goodly number of members and visitors assembled. There were present—Bros. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Midx. W.M., G. W. Devereux S.W. and W.M. elect, and nearly all the Officers; also J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. P.P.G.D. Midx. P.M. (the father of the Lodge), E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.D. Midx. P.M., J. Faulkner Hon. Dental Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, E. T. Honman, T. G. Tagg, B. Wright, J. H. Pearson, J. B. Ryley, G. S. Elliott, G. L. Wingate, and some others. The Visitors were—Bros. Col. F. Burdett R.W. P.G.M. Midx. J.P., Dr. Barringer P.P.G.W. Herts., W. A. Simmonds P.M. 1559, W. Devereux late 1423, C. Graham 874, Cash, and others whose names we were unable to ascertain. Bro. T. J. Sabine opened the Lodge punctually at the time appointed in the summons. The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday October 5th 1878 were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee, which shewed the Lodge funds to be in a prosperous condition, was received and adopted. In feeling terms the W.M. referred to the great loss which the Lodge had sustained by the death of the S.D. Bro. John Johnson. Bro. B. Wright, the Secretary, was instructed to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the widow and family. The only work before the Lodge was the installation of the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. E. W. Devereux. He having been presented by Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.M. for that honour, was duly installed in the presence of a large board of installed Masters. On the readmission of the brethren, the Acting Director of the Ceremonies proclaimed the W.M., and the brethren then saluted the newly-installed Master according to ancient custom. The appointment and investiture of officers were as follow—Bro. A. F. Lace S.W., J. Faulkner J.W., J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.P. Midx. P.M. Treas., Ben. Wright, Sec., J. H. Pearson S.D., J. B. Ryley J.D., G. S. Elliott (W.M. 1623) I.G., E. T. Henman D.C., G. C. Wingate Steward, John Gilbert P.G. Tyler Midx. Tyler. The Installing Master then gave in a very perfect and impressive manner the three addresses, which when finished received the hearty applause of all present. It was unanimously resolved that a special vote of thanks be given to Brother Sabine (and the same be entered on the Lodge minute-book) for the very efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties as Installing Master. Bro. H. A. Dubois, late Treasurer, resigned his membership of the Lodge, which was accepted with great regret. Bro. Frederick Walters, late Secretary, resigned his membership of the Lodge in consequence of his continued ill-health. His resignation was accepted with regret, and it was proposed to elect him an honorary member, the necessary notice having been given. A large number of names were given in of candidates who were anxious to be initiated into Freemasonry at the next Lodge meeting. Business ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned, to meet on Saturday, 14th June. The brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting-room, where Bro. T. G. Tagg served up an excellent repast, and ample justice having been done to the very well-served dinner, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly received and responded to with enthusiasm. In proposing the R.W. Prov. G.M. Midx. Bro. Col. F. Burdett, the W.M. said he was exceedingly happy to welcome their venerated chief in the names of the members of the Lodge on that occasion. They must congratulate themselves on having his honoured name amongst their list of members. The P.G.M. had by a straightforward discharge of his duty won the respect and esteem of all the Lodges in the province, which under his guiding care had very materially increased since it was established a few years ago. Bro. Col. Burdett, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome which he had received, and assured them that it was his earnest wish and desire to promote the interest of true Freemasonry, to keep all the Lodges in his province in a state of harmony and good working. He was glad to find that several of his Past Grand Officers were present, and that one had just left the chair of the Lodge, after installing his successor. The next toast was the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Sir Charles Bright, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past, coupled with the name of Bro. J. T. Moss. Bro. Moss, in reply, addressed the brethren in his usual humorous style, and attributed the success of Freemasonry in Middlesex to the great interest which Bro. Col. F. Burdett took in the proper working of the Lodges. Bro. T. J. Sabine, in proposing the health of the W.M., said—I cannot but congratulate the Lodge on the advance this day to the Master's chair of one of the first of the brethren who were initiated in the Era Lodge. It is an evidence of a new departure, and I trust one which will bring with it a continuance of the prosperity which has hitherto attended the Lodge. It was originally arranged that the founders should pass through the chair, and as that arrangement commenced with Bro. J. T. Moss (with a few exceptions—some caused by resignations, and one by ill health), so to-day it has ended with me. Hence, I take it, there is a new departure. The veterans of the Lodge have laid the foundation; those initiated in the Lodge from day to continue the work. I have every confidence in the newly installed W.M., who since the day of his initiation has passed through the various offices he has held with great credit to himself and unquestionable advantage to the Lodge. He has set an example, not only of constant attendance, but of perfect working; and I feel certain that during his year of office he will bear out the expressions of confidence I have used. I ask you to drink his good health, long life, and prosperity, and a successful year of office. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Sabine for the very flattering manner in which he had been pleased to speak of him and his work. He also thanked the members and Visitors for their hearty response. For himself, he had made up his mind to do his duty, and at the end of his year of office should not fear to be judged by results. He

much regretted that the Easter holidays and the Christmas weather had prevented many from attending. He thanked those Visitors who had favoured the Lodge with their presence, and he trusted during his year of office to see them again when the lovely scenery of the district could be enjoyed under more congenial circumstances. He again thanked them for the honour conferred upon him that day, and for the hearty expressions of success during the ensuing year. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and paid them collectively a high compliment for the work done by them. Addressing his Immediate Past Master (Bro. T. J. Sabine) he said:—"It is my pleasing duty to present you, in the name of the members of the Lodge, with this handsome Past Master's jewel, which I hope you may live many years to wear, and also with this elegant three-bottle liqueur stand, which, when used by you in your circle of friends, will serve at all times to remind you of the Era Lodge, which as a founder you helped to start, and which, as W.M., you have helped to support, and which as P.M. you will be expected still to feel some interest in." The jewel and liqueur stand were engraved as follows:—"Presented April 12th 1879, by the members of the Era Lodge No. 1423, to W. Bro. T. J. Sabine P.M. 73, P.M. 1540, P.P.G.S.B. Midx., Founder and Past Treasurer of the Lodge, in appreciation of his valuable services as Worshipful Master, 1878-9." Bro. Sabine, in reply, said:—"The Past Masters of the Lodge have at all times felt it a pleasurable duty not only to attend with becoming regularity, but to assist in promoting the interests of the Lodge. For myself, I can only say that from the day of consecration until this moment it has been to me a pleasure to attend and work with my fellow members. It is my hope if the G.A.O.T.U. gives me good health to be as frequently among you as ever. I cannot sit down without thanking my brother members for the handsome gifts of the Lodge, which I shall treasure as *souvenirs* of my pleasant connection with the Lodge during my life. I think W.M. I may add, on the part of my brother Past Masters and myself, that you may rely on us to give you the assistance you may need, and at all times to support you in your laudable undertakings on behalf of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors in suitable terms, referring to the working those present had done in Freemasonry, and offering them a hearty welcome. Bro. Dr. Barringer replied, he thanked the brethren for the hearty way the toast had been received, and congratulated the new W.M. on his accession to the highest office the brethren can offer in his mother Lodge. He was also pleased with the excellent working of the installation ceremony by Bro. Sabine. He might have heard it given in a more showy and more brilliant manner, but never with more effective heartiness; there was no attempt at display. It was given with earnest impressiveness, with almost faultless correctness, and delivered as if every word was heartily felt. He trusted to visit them again on some other occasion, for he was sure he should enjoy himself very much, not only in the Lodge, where he should find careful workers, but outside the Lodge, for the pleasant prospect up and down the river was, in fine weather, most enchanting. Bros. C. Graham, Cook, and W. A. Simmons also replied. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening the company were entertained with some excellent singing by Bro. Dr. Barringer and others.

CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.

ON Thursday, the 10th ult., the second regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall. The Lodge was opened by the Secretary, Bro. P.M. Cattle, who passed Bros. Rogers and Wolter to the second degree, in the able and impressive manner to be expected from one so well known for his excellent working as Bro. Cattle. The W.M. then resumed the Lodge in the first degree. A letter and telegram from two of the candidates for initiation, asking to be excused for non-attendance, on account of illness in one case, and business in the other, was read. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Ed. Austin as a Member of the Order in his usually pleasing and effective style. Subsequently the W.M. invested Bro. P.M. Thurkel as Treasurer, who returned thanks in a few appropriate sentences for the honour done him. There were three joining members balloted for and admitted. The Lodge was then closed in form and the brethren adjourned to the drawing-room and sat down to a banquet, which was admirably served, and reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Best, and gave general satisfaction. After the table was cleared, the W.M. proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to by the brethren. Bro. P.M. Cattle, on rising to propose the health of the W.M., expressed, in very feeling terms, the gratification of the Members in being presided over by one who, by his liberality and untiring zeal in the cause of the Masonic Institutions, had been rewarded by Grand Lodge electing him to the proud position of Grand Treasurer. He then informed the W.M. that the Officers of the Lodge had desired him to present in their name his jewel of office, and to wish him health and happiness long to wear it, and to enjoy the great honour to which he had been so unanimously elected. Bro. Cattle then fastened the jewel to the W.M.'s collar, amidst the applause of the brethren. The presentation was a very handsomely chased solid gold key. The W.M., Lt.-Col. Creaton, thanked the brethren for the handsome present they had made him, and assured them he highly appreciated their kindness. There was some excellent singing during the evening by Bros. Reynolds, Martin, Knight, Smith, and Cattle. Bro. Kift, the Organist of the Lodge, presided at the pianoforte. It is proposed to hold an emergency meeting in May.

Accounts are given of the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel, at Honolulu, to his Majesty the King of the Sandwich Islands, by the brethren of Le Progress de l'Océanie Lodge. The jewel is a very handsome one—in gold, and garnished with a turquoise, a sapphire, and pearls.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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A Numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges which formed the United Grand Lodge of England. Being No. 5 of the Series of "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," and containing the Numbers of each Lodge during 1813, and as altered in 1814, 1832, and 1863; years of Constitution under the "Moderns" and "Ancients;" Roll of Distinguished Lodges, Special and Centenary Medals, Historical and Numismatical Sketches, &c., &c., &c. Compiled by WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, &c. With Illustrations. London: George Kenning, Fleet Street, and Little Britain. Truro: Lake and Lake, Princes Street. Philadelphia (U.S.A.): Charles Eugene Meyer, Arch Street.

It is well-nigh impossible to be too hearty in our congratulations to Bro. Hughan on the further evidence he now offers of his determination to continue illustrating as completely and accurately as possible the history of Freemasonry. He pursues manfully the even tenour of his way, undeterred by the comparative indifference which is almost exhibited among Craftsmen to Masonic Literature. It is indeed surprising under the circumstances that any brethren should be found courageous enough to write on Masonic subjects. Men are willing enough to seek offices for which they are unfitted. There is no limit to the delight they take in arraying themselves in gorgeous Masonic raiment and wearing a profusion of Masonic jewellery. They have a keen relish for the Masonic banquet, and a few among them will even condescend at times to visit the Lodge of Instruction for the purpose of acquiring a parrot-like familiarity with our ritual and lectures. But—what a pity it is the reviewer is invariably obliged in the interest of truth to employ this unfortunate disjunctive—but, we repeat, when it comes to be a question of making acquaintance with the history, past and present, of our Confraternity, then a feeling nearly akin to horror seizes the minds of all to whom it may be submitted. The outlay of a guinea in the purchase of a dinner-ticket is a mere fleabite in the eyes of numbers of craftsmen, but the expenditure of a few shillings in that of a useful modicum of Masonic literary food is not to be entertained even for a moment. Yet there are among us several writers of eminence who, without hope of pecuniary reward, have liberally bestowed time, energy, and ability on the arduous task of unravelling the complicated story of Freemasonry in this and foreign countries. The names of Woodford, Hughan, Kenneth Mackenzie, and Gould, are among the most conspicuous of those who have not only interested themselves in, but contributed largely to, the cause of Masonic literature, and these names will be remembered and respected in the ages to come when those of the foremost bejewelled and betitled brethren have long since been buried in oblivion. The name of Preston, author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," is still cherished among us, though sixty years have passed since that distinguished writer threw off this mortal coil and his place knew him no more; but the betinselled brethren of his day, what records respecting them and their convivial gatherings still remain to us? And similarly, we may anticipate, with a confidence amounting to well-nigh absolute certainty, that the authors of our Masonic Cyclopædias and Reprints and Lodge Histories will be associated with Freemasonry long after their more showy brethren have been forgotten. This is probably the reason why there are any among our learned brethren who think it worth their while to brave the discouragement so generally meted out to Masonic literature. But, whatever the reason, the Craftsmen we have named, and a few others, are deserving of every praise for the good work they are doing, and for our part we offer them our entire sympathy; nor are we entirely without hope that the determined resolution with which they pursue their labours will in time be more worthily appreciated, and, as a consequence, that the results of those labours will be more widely known.

Having expressed ourselves thus strongly, but by no means more strongly than is justifiable, as to the indifferent reception accorded to Masonic publications, let us now turn to this latest evidence of Bro. Hughan's interest in Masonic History. This "Numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges" is the fifth in the series of his "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," and is unquestionably one of the most valuable contributions we have ever had from his pen. Many Craftsmen will ask, perhaps, What is a Register but a List? and what the compilation of a List but the copying out of the names contained in former lists which have fortunately been preserved in the archives of our Grand Lodge? To which we reply, that there are Lists which are manuscripts, and Lists which, from the extreme care bestowed on their compilation and the valuable annotations which accompany them, become historical pictures as complete in all their details as the materials at the compiler's disposal will allow. This is the case with Bro. Hughan's latest Register, which, by the way, is in reality two Registers. The first is a List of Lodges, now in existence, which were borne on the respective Rolls of the rival "Modern" and "Ancient" Grand Lodges before the Union in 1813. The Lodges are arranged in due numerical order as they were at that epoch, and as they were re-numbered the year following when the Union was accomplished, and at the subsequent alterations made in the years 1832 and 1863 respectively. The dates of Constitution are appended as well in the case of Lodges holding under the "Ancients," as in that of Lodges on the roll of the "Moderns." The dates in the case of the former have never been published previously except in the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* for the current year; but as Bro. Hughan it was who furnished them to the editor of that publication, if we cannot say this is literally the first work in which such important information has been made public, we shall be fully justified in ascribing the honour of having made it public to the compiler of this work. This, however, is, it must be remembered, subject to one important qualification to wit, that the transcripts of warrants, in the case of some four-fifths of the Lodges yet in existence

which held under the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" had previously been published in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, the labour of having collected and prepared them for publication having been borne entirely by Bro. John Constable. But Bro. Hughan, we are well assured, will be the first to acknowledge the extent of his indebtedness to that worthy Craftsman. They have worked harmoniously together in other fields of Masonic labour, and we draw attention to this important matter, not with any view to self-glorification, but because we are anxious the honour belonging to the publication of these dates should be duly apportioned among those who have had a part in it. We may state that notes are appended where necessary, and that the Lodges holding under the rival Grand Lodges are easily distinguishable, those under the "Moderns" being printed in Roman type, while those under the "Ancients" are in italics.

The second of the two Lists gives in order the Lodges in existence at the Union which have since been erased from the Roll of Grand Lodge. This is styled a List of "Extinct" Lodges, but we must point out that Bro. Hughan would have been literally accurate had he described them as "Erased," instead of "Extinct" Lodges. His first note appended to this List is to the effect that "many Lodges, as No. 17, have since 1813 been removed from the Roll, but are still in existence under Foreign Grand Lodges." Obviously the word "Erased" will include both those which have been struck off the Roll for the sufficient reason that they there are no longer in existence, and those which have been struck off because they no longer pay allegiance to the Grand Lodge which gave them birth. Not so, however, the word "Extinct," which cannot be made applicable to Lodges erased from our Roll but still flourishing under other Grand Lodges. This may seem to be a trifling matter, but considering the apathy and indifference of the general mass of Craftsmen to Masonic literature we consider it desirable the brethren who do uphold its interests should not run away with the impression that all the Lodges enumerated in the second List have ceased to be. Again, as regards Lodge No. 31 of 1814, Freemason's Hall Lodge of Liverpool—formerly No. 20 of the "Ancients"—this properly figures in the List of "erased" Lodges. To the List of presently existing Lodges a foot note is appended to the effect that "No. 31" was "not allotted in 1832." We can only suggest a reason for this non-allotment. At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held in June 1832, this Lodge No. 31 was erased, and its warrant forfeited for a series of the gravest acts of contumacy, first towards the Grand Lodge of the Province and then towards Grand Lodge itself. The members were suspended from all their Masonic functions and privileges, and were summoned to show cause at the next Quarterly Communication why they should not be expelled from the Fraternity. However, it was not till the 5th March 1823 that sentence of expulsion was passed upon the refractory brethren. All these matters will be found described at length in Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry*, Seventeenth Edition, pp 329-39, and the suggestion we are disposed to offer is to the effect, that even as late as 1832 Grand Lodge would have been prepared to restore the warrant on due submission made to its authority, and for that purpose left No. 31 unallotted. However, submission was not made, and at the next alteration in 1863, No. 34 of 1832 became No. 31. We think these incidents of sufficient importance to have merited notice at the hands of Bro. Hughan, and likewise the fate which, for refractory conduct of a similar character, and indeed, connected directly with this business of No. 31, befel the "Sea Captains' Lodge," No. 140, Liverpool, which was erased from the Roll of Lodges in 1823 and had its warrant forfeited for contumacy equally grave—see Preston's *Illustrations*, Seventeenth Edition, pp 340-1. This also appears not to have been allotted in 1832, and possibly for the reason we have suggested in the case of its insubordinate sister No. 31. Again, on the authority of Preston, p 349 of same edition, we learn that at the Quarterly Communication of 5th March 1823, no less than fifty-nine Lodges were struck off the roll and their warrants declared forfeited for "having neglected for a considerable space of time to make any returns or communications to the Grand Lodge, although repeatedly called on for that purpose." It would not be difficult to indicate these Lodges and any others which have been similarly struck off. We are well aware that these matters are in a measure outside the scope which Bro. Hughan appears to have marked out for his present compilation, and we bring them under his notice, not as evidencing any shortcoming on his part, but as a hint for the future, if it should ever occur to him to re-issue his present reprint with additional information, collated from minutes of Grand Lodge and other authoritative documents.

But it is time we directed our attention to the other portions of this "Reprint, &c.," No. 5. The illustrations, which are admirably done, include the Arms of the United Grand Lodge (frontispiece) and the following:—Plate 1, the Royal Medal of the Lodge of Antiquity, both Obverse and Reverse; Plate 2, Medals of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, and Royal Somerset House Lodge, No. 4, both Obverse and Reverse; Plate 3, Royal Medal of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259; Plate 4, Medal of Centenary Lodges (ordinary); of Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10; of Royal Alpha, No. 16, and Star in the East, No. 67; and Plate 5, Commemorative Medals of the Inauguration Festival, 1869, and Royal Installation, 1875; the Freemasons' Hall Medal, A.D. 1780; and the Charity-jewel for Past Stewards of the R. M. Institutions for Girls, Boys, and Aged Freemasons and Widows. These are in the highest creditable both to the artist who designed, and the lithographer who has re-produced, them. Then follows a kind of preface, in which Bro. Hughan indicates clearly the character of his work, and then the work itself, which, commencing with the Articles of Union, with explanatory notes, and concluding with an heraldic description of the Arms of Grand Lodge, furnished by Sir Albert Woods. This of course prepares the way for the Numismatic portion of the Register, in which are given, not only some information relating to the older and more important of our Lodges, but likewise full lists of Lodges the members of

which are entitled to wear special or ordinary Centenary and other jewels. Considering how little has been written on Masonic Numismatology—at least in this country—there can be little question that this portion of the work will attract a considerable amount of attention from Masonic students, and perhaps even from those who are partial to the tinsel of Freemasonry. The latter will be able to admire the pictures, if they cannot fully appreciate the circumstances under which they are permitted to be worn. First in order comes the Freemasons' Hall Medal of 1779-90, with a list of Lodges permitted to wear it. Then we have the "Charity Jewel," with particulars of the regulations which must be complied with, ere permission to wear it can be obtained. The Inauguration Festival and Royal Installation Medals of 1869 and 1875 respectively having been described, Bro. Hughan next gives us a list of Royal, Special, and Centenary, and Jubilee Medals, &c., together with brief sketches of our oldest and most important Lodges, including the Grand Stewards', with a list of the Red Apron Lodges the Grand Masters', the Time Immemorial Lodges, the Albion, Westminster and Keystone, the Royal Alpha, the Prince of Wales, &c., &c. Our readers must understand that these are not histories, but succinct sketches, just long enough to whet the appetite of the literary Mason for fuller information, but they fully satisfy the plan of Bro. Hughan's work. Nothing, indeed, can be better than the general design of the book, unless it be the manner in which it has been carried out. Like all Bro. Hughan's contributions to our literature, this must be regarded as authentic material for the History of Freemasonry which has yet to be written.

We have now sufficiently described this excellent Register. We have taken upon ourselves to offer one or two suggestions, which, in our opinion, will prove serviceable to the author in any future edition, and it only remains for us to speak of the manner in which the printer and publisher has done his part. If we say the plates are as near perfection as they can be, and are likely to pass unchallenged even by the critical eye of Sir Albert Woods—to whom the work is fraternally dedicated—while the printing and general appearance leave nothing to be desired, we shall have done a simple act of justice. If we said more than this, it might be thought we were indulging in flattery.

MASONIC CHARITIES ORGANISATION FOR NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

ON Monday 21st ult., the members of the committee for the organisation of the Charity Voting for the Province of North and East Yorkshire met in the Masonic Hall, York. Those present were Bros. Dr. J. P. Bell W. Dep. Prov. G.M., and M. C. Peck Prov. G. Sec.; Bros. J. W. Woodall, Wm. Lawton, W. Petchell, J. Thompson, and T. Clough, the Stewards appointed by the Province, and the following representatives of Lodges—Bros. W. Tesseyman P.M. Humber 57, G. H. Walshaw P.M. Old Globe 200, Sir James Meek P.M. York 236, W. H. Cowper W.M. North York 602, James Hogg W.M. Marwood 1244, C. Waistell P.M. Anchor 1337, R. Boggett P.M. De la Polo 1605, J. S. Cumberland W.M. Eboracum 1611, R. H. Peacock P.M. Leopold 1760. Several suggestions were made by the brethren present as to the rules to be adopted, and eventually a sub-committee, consisting of Bros. Bell, Woodall, Meek, Lawton, Tesseyman, Thompson, Petchell, Cumberland, and Peck (Sec.), was appointed to draw up a code of by-laws and present them at the next meeting of the committee, to be held in July. It was arranged that the regular meetings of the committee should be held in York, as the best available centre, in the months of January and July in each year. We are requested to state that the Prov. Grand Sec. will be glad to receive suggestions regarding the proposed rules from any brother of experience in such matters. On the arrival of the D. Prov. G. Master at York from Hull, he was met by a party of brethren, and escorted to the Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611) rooms at the Queen's Hotel, where luncheon was laid out, and where he and several of the representatives from Hull, Scarborough, Malton, &c., were warmly entertained. After the charity meeting the regular meeting of the York Lodge, No. 236, was held at the Masonic Hall, at which the Deputy P.G.M. was present with several others of the Visitors, and other P.M.'s and brethren, including Bros. W. D. Husband P.M., J. Todd P.M., S. Maltby P.M., J. S. Cumberland W.M. 1611, and T. B. Whytehead P.M. The business consisted of a raising, which was conducted by the W.M. Bro. A. Buckle, and the D.P.G.M. congratulated Bro. Buckle upon his working of the ceremonies, and said he had been much gratified by what he had heard and seen. He also presented to the Lodge several old summonses and other Masonic relics of value to the historian, which he hoped would be valuable additions to the many curious documents in the custody of the York Lodge. After the closing of the Lodge, a social evening was spent, and the usual toasts were duly honoured.

There is likely to be a goodly muster of the Essex brethren at Walton-on-the-Naze on Wednesday, 7th May, on which date the R.W. Bro. the Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, will consecrate a new Lodge under the title of The Arnold, No. 1799. The Lodge takes its name from that of its first W.M. designate, Bro. B. Alfred Arnold, who will be installed by the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Suffolk, the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. of the Grand Lodge of England. The Great Eastern Railway Co. have made special arrangements for the convenience of the brethren who wish to be present at the consecration, and a large attendance is expected at the installation banquet, which takes place at the Marine Hotel at 4.30 p.m.

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FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From the letter addressed to you by Bro. Binckes, dated the 21st instant, it would appear that full accounts have been published, giving details as to expenditure of the monies subscribed for the Schools, and showing the balances carried forward or amounts invested. The writer does not say that he has enclosed a copy for your perusal—of course he has done so; nor does he add any information as to the place of publication, or the price at which it may be obtained. It will, indeed, be as satisfactory to many of the subscribers as to myself to be assured that £27,000 has not been expended during the past year upon 410 children, but that a large part of this sum has either been already invested, or is in the banker's hands awaiting the opportunity for investment. Will Bro. Binckes kindly inform us how and where to obtain the publication?

I am much obliged to "ANOTHER H." for correcting the remark in my previous letter that "the parents of many of the candidates for the Schools have answered freely to the call of—Give, give." I should have written *some*, instead of *many*. At the time of writing I had in my mind the case of a candidate at the last election for Boys, whose father had been twice Steward for the Benevolent, once Steward for the Boys', and was a Life Subscriber to the Girls', although only six years a Mason. This, I admit, is an exception to the rule, and, from one point of view, we should not regret that it is so; as it tends to prove that comparatively few of those who practise charity to others are themselves the victims of adverse circumstances, necessitating an application for the benefits of the Institutions to which they have been contributors.

Yours fraternally,

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29th April 1879.

"A WORD TO THE CRAFT."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under the above heading, in your last issue, was reproduced a few well chosen words, calling attention to the present sad position of Bro. "Henry Marston," who for so many years graced the London stage. We are told that under his "real, but obscurer" name of "Richard Henry Marsh," our brother is a candidate for election on the Benevolent Fund. Doubtless a large number of London brethren knew "Henry Marston" in his prime, as an actor of rare ability and intellectual power—a man of worth, not only possessed of originality, but who graced each part he played. Will such come forward and make this appeal successful at its first application?

If my mite of twenty-five votes, and what influence I can bring to bear, will form a nucleus to bring about this end, they are at the service of any brother or Lodge having the case in hand. Or, in event of its not having been already taken in hand by Lodge or brother, I would gladly undertake the same, asking brethren to add their mite by sending votes to me. We could then bring the case to a successful issue on the first time of asking.

Yours fraternally,

28th April 1879.

ALPHA.

[We gladly insert the above communication, and shall be pleased to receive proxies from any other of our readers.]

THE LATE ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Mrs. Nicholls, of Grays, desires to return her heartfelt thanks for the great kindness of the W.M. and brethren of Lodge 1317, and many others, who so kindly interested themselves in obtaining votes, whereby her son, Richard Howell Nicholls, was elected to the benefits of the Masonic Institution for Boys. The kindness of the brethren will be ever remembered as a blessing to the fatherless.

In some parts of America there is a Masonic custom of visiting the grave of a deceased brother, some time after burial, and reading over it the service. This practice is very rightly condemned by several Masonic papers.

King Oscar, of Sweden, is about to circulate a reply to Pope Pius IX's numerous attacks on Freemasonry. The publication will be further enlarged by a collection of King Oscar's principal addresses to Masons in various Lodges in Sweden and Norway. The work will appear simultaneously in Swedish and German.

The *Vox de Hiram* of Havana says the Masons of Spain are having internal dissensions, owing to difficulties having arisen between the Craft and Scottish Rite Lodges.

The *Masonic Review* observes that between 1823 and 1830, 124 anti-Masonic papers were published, and adds, "they have all gone where the woodbine twineth."

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

WE glean from the *North China Herald* particulars of an interesting meeting of the brethren of the Doric Lodge No. 1433, E.C., which took place at Chinkiang on the 14th January last. In the absence of W.M. Bro. Gearing, P.M. Bro. Menzies assumed the chair, and Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formalities. R.W.D.G. Master Bro. Cornelius Thorne being duly announced, entered the Lodge, and was received with grand honours. P.M. Bro. Menzies, in welcoming the D.G.M., asked that he would be pleased to take the chair of the Lodge, to which, after the customary business of the Lodge had been transacted, he assented. The R.W.D.G. Master said he was certain from the very kind manner in which the brethren had expressed themselves towards W. Bro. Menzies that he had gained their esteem, and he felt sure it would afford them satisfaction to see the W.M. elect installed into the chair by one who had done so much to raise the position of the "Doric Lodge." He therefore had great pleasure in returning the gavel to W. Bro. Menzies and requesting him to proceed with the Installation, and he (the R.W.D.G. Master) would be happy to take a part in the ceremony by addressing the W.M., Wardens and brethren after the officers had been duly invested. W. Bro. Menzies having resumed the chair, the W.M. elect, Bro. Emery, was duly presented by P.M. Bro. Fergusson, P. of the B. of G. Purposes. The W.M. elect was then installed in accordance with the prescribed rites of the Craft. The W.M. having received the customary salutations from the brethren, proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bro. Colby S.W., Bro. David J.W., Bro. Menzies Treasurer, Bro. Solomon Secretary, Bro. Nunn S.D., Bro. Solomon J.D., Bro. Hickey Tyler. The R.W.D.G. Master in excellent style delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. The W. Master proposed, and Bro. S.W. seconded, that a most hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the R.W.D.G. Master and P.M. W. Bro. Fergusson for their kindness in responding to the invitation to come to Chinkiang to officiate at the Installation. R.W.D.G. Master replied in a few well-chosen words, and further added that he would at all times be most happy to do all that lay in his power to forward the interest of "Weo Doric," and thanked the W. Master and brethren for the reception accorded to him and the President of the District Board of General Purposes Bro. Fergusson. Bro. Fergusson, rising, said that the R.W.D.G.M. had fully expressed what he himself would have said, he therefore thanked the W. Master and brethren for their kindness. The Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

The installation of Bro. Johnsford as W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501 (English Constitution), took place at Shanghai on the 28th January last, in the presence of a large assembly of the brethren. The Lodge was opened at 9.15 p.m. by W. Bro. Evans, and shortly afterwards the R.W. D.G.M. of Northern China with his Officers was announced, and received with Masonic honours. In acknowledging the flattering reception paid to him the D.G.M. said he had always taken a great interest in everything pertaining to the Craft, feeling assured that when its principles were faithfully disseminated much good must result therefrom, and this Lodge had materially assisted in promulgating those principles. The Royal Sussex Lodge, although not the first established in Shanghai, was the oldest in China. It was removed to that port under the auspices of the R.W. Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past Prov. G.M. for China, one of its former Masters, who was ever foremost in promoting the welfare of his brethren when with them, and who continues in the good work now that he resides in his native country. They rarely took up an English Masonic publication without finding his name mentioned therein, associated with work calculated to prove beneficial to the Craft. After referring in felicitous terms to several brethren who had previously filled the chair as Masters of this Lodge, he expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present on this occasion and to officiate as installing Master. The ceremony was then proceeded with and carried out most efficiently; at its close the newly installed W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. S. E. P. Lalcaca S.W., S. Ballard J.W. and Treasurer, U. W. Harris Secretary, T. Ford S.D., J. Howell J.D., C. T. P. Hudson I.G., J. B. Browne Organist, T. W. Harrocks Steward, T. Roberts Steward, T. Hore Tyler. Bro. Evans P.M. then, on behalf of the Lodge, returned his sincere thanks to the Grand Officers for their presence, and for the great assistance they had rendered throughout the ceremony of installation. More especially to the Deputy Grand Master thanks were due for the very eloquent and impressive manner in which he had conducted this ceremony. It afforded him intense gratification, and he was sure it did the members of the Lodge to see so large a gathering of the brethren assembled, and as they had on this, their first meeting in the New-year, so many present, it augured well for the future, and he sincerely hoped that a period of revival in Freemasonry was about to set in. The R.W. D.G.M., in reply, said: In performing the ceremony of installation, in this, as well as in other Lodges, it had been his earnest endeavour to impress upon the W.M., his Officers, and the brethren generally, the necessity of acting up to the professions they made from time to time, and he was sure if they would so act the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. would rest upon them and the good wishes which had been so forcibly expressed, that Masonry might flourish, and that a bright future would be in store for the Craft in Shanghai, would be fully realized. On behalf of himself and Officers he returned many thanks for their kind expressions towards them and hoped that the year on which they had entered might prove one of prosperity to the Royal Sussex Lodge and its members. The various ceremonies having concluded, the newly-installed Master invited the brethren to join him and his Officers at a banquet provided in the adjoining room, and the Lodge was thereupon closed in due and ancient form. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with musical honours. In proposing the health of the Officers of the D.G.L. of Northern China, he said the brethren

of the Royal Sussex Lodge were all proud of their presence, and he begged to thank the R.W. D.G.M., for the able and impressive manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony. All Masons working under the English Constitution, as well as those working under the American, German and Scottish Constitutions, knew the value of the work the District Grand Lodge was doing, and they were proud of the untiring zeal and ability of their right Worshipful D.G. Master, who, aided by his Officers, was always ready to render assistance for the good of the Craft. The D.G.M., in responding, said it would be their endeavour to emulate their worthy predecessors who were so intimately connected with this Lodge, and whose portraits they saw hung upon the walls of their banquetting room. They had observed how well their newly installed W.M. had wielded the gavel that evening, and he hoped they might augur from this that a year of prosperity was in store for the Lodge over which he had been elected to preside. They knew he would have not only the sympathy and assistance of the brethren working under the English Constitution, but also that of the brethren working under other Constitutions, as they had many proofs that the right hand of fellowship was warmly given by those rejoicing in the tie of Brotherhood no matter from what country they might hail. He then proposed prosperity to the Sister Grand Lodges, the toast being most cordially received. P.M. Bro. Birt 30°, thanked the members of the Royal Sussex Lodge for the very kind and cordial reception they had given to the toast; he felt a double pleasure in being present at their installation this evening, first as a representative of the Scottish Craft working in China, and, secondly, as he was paying dutiful homage to his Mother Lodge, inasmuch as it was within the Royal Sussex Lodge, some sixteen years ago, that the first rays of Masonic light beamed upon his vision. He congratulated the Lodge upon the large attendance, and particularly upon the number of P.M.'s and other exalted members of the Craft who were present, testifying plainly their unabated interest in China in an old Masonic Lodge, and their esteem for the newly installed Master, Wardens, and Officers, whose health he now proposed. Bro. Johnsford's Masonic career was known to all of them. For many years past he had been a most industrious worker having held all the various offices leading up to the principal chair. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and briefly acknowledged by the W.M. Bro. Hart then gave the health of the "Past Masters of the Royal Sussex Lodge." They seemed to have been particularly fortunate in obtaining good men to occupy the chair of the Lodge, and two of them had occupied most distinguished positions in Masonry in China. He was happy to say that they were still useful in promoting the welfare of the Craft at home. The brethren were well acquainted with the very distinguished manner in which the P.M.'s had conducted the affairs of the Lodge while under their control, and therefore he would ask them to drink to their health and prosperity, coupling with the toast the name of W. Bro. Evans. The toast was suitably acknowledged by P.M.'s Evans and Browne, Bro. Weiller D.G. Sup. of Works of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, in a very humorous speech, responded to the toast of the Visitors, and shortly after the Tyler's toast had been honoured the company separated.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN MALTA.

THE annual installation meeting of the "Melita" Chapter, No. 349, E.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on the 17th April. The Chapter was opened by the three outgoing Principals, Ex. Comps. Rotherham Z., Read H., and Riechelmann J., in the presence of Ex. Comps. Kingston (D.G.M.) P.Z. "Melita" 349, Capt. F. W. Beechey P.Z. 1174, and P.P.G.S.B. Devon, and A. M. Broadley Z. 1717. On the Companions being admitted the following Officers took their respective chairs, viz., Comps. Price S.E., King S.N., W. Jones P.S., C. Yeoman S.S., C. Abrams J.S., and Beck Janitor. The minutes of the last Chapter meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for four candidates, resulting unanimously in favour of Bros. Sherlock, Pretty, Lakey, and Bunt. Ex. Comp. Beechey was elected a joining member, as was also Comp. Owen of the Chapter Felix S.C. at Aden. A board of installing Principals being formed, with Ex. Comp. Kingston in the chair of Z., the newly elected Principals were duly installed and inducted into the three chairs, viz., W. Read Z., C. Riechelmann H., and W. Watson J. The Companions being readmitted, the following Officers were appointed and invested, viz., Comps. Grebbel S.E., Crabtree S.N., Jones P.S., Blake S.S., and Richards J.S. Comps. Segond and Beck were elected and invested as Treasurer and Janitor. The above mentioned candidates were introduced and exalted to the sublime degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The lecture of the first chair was most accurately given by Ex. Comp. Rotherham P.Z. The ceremony being ended, Ex. Comp. Broadley Z. 1717 gave the Companions an account (at the request of the 1st Principal) of the progress of the "Ancient Carthage" Chapter, in which the members of the "Melita" took so much interest. He again thanked the "Melita" Chapter for the present of sceptres, which would always be a precious memento of the fraternal feeling of the members of one Chapter towards those of another. He explained also the exceptional circumstances under which the Charter for 1717 had been granted, and trusted their present satisfactory state justified the confidence reposed in the Companions who had sought to obtain it. Ex. Comp. Broadley concluded by alluding to the invaluable aid rendered by their P.Z., E. C. Rotherham, in forming the "Ancient Carthage" Chapter, and the presence of the Ex. Comp. Riechelmann at its consecration by their indefatigable D.G.M. Ex. Comp. Kingston, Ex. Comp. Riechelmann proposed, and Comp. Watson seconded, the election of Ex. Comp. Broadley as an honorary member of the "Melita" Chapter, and the proposition was carried unanimously. Ex. Comp. Broadley returned thanks, and said he would now exercise for the first time his rights as a member of the Chapter, by proposing that a cordial vote of thanks be offered to Ex. Comp. Rotherham P.Z. for his zealous and efficient

services as First Principal during the past year. He was sure that any one who listened to the lecture delivered by him during the ceremony, would be convinced how well he deserved that mark of their approbation. This motion was seconded and carried by acclamation. The Chapter was then closed in ancient form, and the Comps. adjourned to a banquet under the Presidency of Ex. Comp. Rotherham, at which all those toasts peculiar to R.A. Masonry were duly honoured.

Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter.—The regular meeting of this flourishing Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on Saturday the 12th inst., and was very numerously attended. Present—M.W.S. the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, P.M.W.S. Kingston (D.G.M.) as 1st General, Rotherham 2nd General; Broadley H.P.M., W. S. Segond Treas., Louis Schaefer Recorder, Coffey G.M., Jones Capt. of the G., Richards as Raphael, Riechelmann Organist, and many other Princes. The first business of the evening was the election and installation of a M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The choice of the Princes fell unanimously on the H.P. Prince Broadley [D.D.G.M. of Malta, W.M. and Z. 1717 E.C. W.M.M. 222, E.C. and E.P. "Melita" Grand Preceptory and Priory]. The M.W.S. elect was then duly installed by P.M.W.S. Rosenbusch, assisted by P.M.W.S. Kingston and Segond. The M.W.S. returned thanks to the Princes for the honour they had done him, and informed them he should do his best to be present at all the meetings of the Chapter, although on each occasion a sea-voyage of five hundred miles was entailed upon him. He then appointed the following Officers—Rev. G. N. Godwin, R.N., H.P., Riechelmann 1st General, Watson 2nd General, Schaefer G.M., Lieut. Coffey, R.A., Raphael, Jones C. of G., Grebell Recorder, Richards Herald, and Professor Stilon D. of C. P.M.W.S. Segond was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Prince Beck Equerry. Ill. Bro. Captain Beechy 30° was elected a joining member, and thanked the Princes present for the honour done him. The following candidates for perfection were then unanimously elected, viz., Bros. Professor S. Souiller (1717 E.C.), Starkey (D.G. Sec.), Zamit, Bennett, and Mortimer. The candidates being present were then perfected by the M.W.S. The labours of the evening being ended, the Princes adjourned to a banquet.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A.P.M., Nelson, New Zealand.—There is no general law on the subject. The Constitutions lay it down that "every Lodge shall annually elect its Master and Treasurer by ballot." It is thus left open for each to determine for itself whether a mere majority of the voters shall carry the election, or whether the Master elect must possess an absolute majority among the members of the Lodge. We shall make our meaning more apparent by employing the following illustration. Given a Lodge of forty members, all present. There are, say, three candidates for the chair, namely, Bros. A, B, and C. The ballot is taken with the following result:—A polls 15 votes, B 14 votes, C 11 votes. If there is nothing to the contrary in the Bye-laws, Bro. A, if the minute of the election is confirmed at the next meeting, will be installed W.M., though the absolute choice of only fifteen out of the forty members composing the Lodge. If the Bye-laws require an absolute majority, then the lowest number a candidate must poll would be 21 votes, that being one in excess of the half of the Lodge. That being so, C, we presume, being the lowest would retire, and the choice would then lie between A and B, one or other of whom must poll 21 votes at least out of the 40, and it might easily happen that B succeeded, being able to command seven of the eleven votes recorded in the first ballot for C, while the other four were cast for A. Our correspondent is aware that different systems of election prevail in different countries, and, indeed, in the same country in elections for different offices. In one case a mere majority is all that is needed. Thus, at the Parliamentary election for the borough of —, there are, say, three candidates, A (Conservative), B (Liberal), and C (Liberal). The constituency numbers 4,000, of whom considerably more than one-half are known to be Liberals. Yet the latter party is beaten, because both Liberals are determined to go to the poll, and on the day of election A (Conservative) polls 1500, B (Liberal) 1400, and C (Liberal) 1100. Clearly A is not the choice of the majority of the electors, yet he is returned to Parliament because he polled the highest number of votes. In similar elections elsewhere the law prescribes that a member shall be the elect of an absolute majority, that is, of 2001 of the electors in the case we have prefigured. Elsewhere again a two-thirds majority may be requisite. Sometimes, as in the case of a vacant secretaryship, to compete for which a general invitation is issued to all persons possessing certain qualifications, it is laid down that the ballot shall be repeated till one has obtained a certain majority. There are say fifty candidates, of whom we will imagine six are picked out for the electors to choose from, and A obtains 400 votes, B 350, C 200, and so on to F, who polls some 50 only. Then a second ballot is taken, in which A obtains 750 votes and B 720; but the law in this case requires that the successful man must be the choice of two-thirds or three-fourths, and consequently the ballot is taken again and again until at length A or B gets the requisite number, and is declared. At the election last year for the Secretaryship of the Masonic Girls' School, nine candidates went to the poll, and Bro. Hedges, for whom 373 votes were cast, was declared successful; No. 2 polling only 268 votes, or less than Bro. Hedges by 105; No. 3 153, and so on. In all 997 votes were recorded, and, therefore, Bro. Hedges cannot be described as the choice of a majority of the electors, there being as many as 624 votes distributed among his rivals, while only 373 were given to him; yet the Bye-Laws were complied with, and Bro. Hedges was declared and is Secretary. Similarly, if a Lodge lays it

down that a mere majority is sufficient, the man who secures the first place in the ballot will, in due course, be installed master. Of course, it would be open to any brother to challenge the wisdom of the choice made by moving the non-confirmation of the minutes, and if he carried his point, there would have to be a fresh election. We have referred to Dr. Oliver, whose authority is admitted in all matters of this kind, and he says there are different methods followed by different Lodges. Some, he points out, adopt the principle of seniority, which may be determined by the "respective dates of initiation, raising, or the appointment into the chair of a Warden." This, however, does not find favour with the learned writer who expresses his objection to it, and considers it should be respected only "when other qualifications are on a par." Other Lodges, he goes on to point out, name one candidate, and ballot for him, but he is opposed to this, as he says no one would care to incur the odium of voting against the candidate so proposed. In other cases he mentions that the Master proposes one, and the Senior Warden another, and the brethren choose between them. But he considers there is a probability of securing the best candidate for the year if all who are eligible to fill the chair are nominated, and the individual who gets the most votes is elected. However, we have been at some pains to consider the most usual among the different methods which obtain in different directions; and therefore we must refer a "P.M." to his Lodge bye-laws, and if they are silent, then unquestionably the brother who at the ballot gets the most votes is elected, though his majority may not be a majority of the Lodge. Nor is any great harm done if it is so, for the numbers in the imaginary case we have described are a fair criterion to go by of the feeling of the Lodge. A and B with 15 and 14 votes respectively are decidedly better thought of than C with only eleven supporters, while as between the former there is a mere nominal, or perhaps accidental, superiority of A over B, and through this slight difference in their claim, A having the advantage, should certainly get the benefit of it.

The first part of Shakspeare's "King Henry IV.," compressed into four acts, will be performed at the Olympic Theatre this (Saturday) afternoon. Sir John Falstaff is to be personated by Bro. Henry Murray P.D.G.M. of China, whilst Mr. George Leicester takes the part of the King, and Mr. Rosier that of Hotspur. The cast includes the names of other equally well-known *artistes*, and we anticipate they will be met by a full audience.

Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones. The editor of the *Keystone*, after criticising a trivial expression in a late issue of our paper, speaks in his next paragraph of the loss sustained by a Dover Lodge "by a late battle in India." Quartermaster Bloomfield fell at Isandula, which we have yet to learn is anywhere in India. Our brother's geography is evidently at fault.

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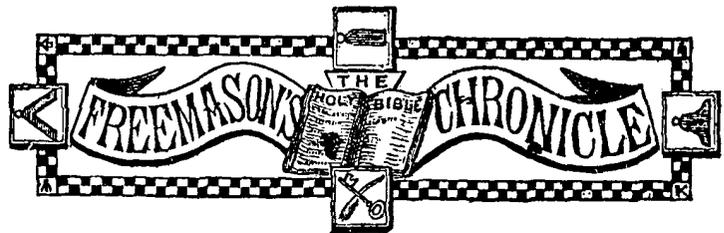
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THE annual Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the
United Province of Cheshire and Wales was held on Friday, the
18th ult., at Llandudno, under the warrant of St. David's Lodge, 38.
The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in form by the R.W. Prov. G.M.,
and when the roll was called it was found that every Lodge in the
Province was represented. The Secretary read the minutes of the last
Prov. Grand Lodge held at Birkenhead, which were duly confirmed.
A grant was made of fourteen guineas each to the Cheshire and North
Wales and Shropshire Masonic Educational Institutions. The
R.W. P.G.M.M. nominated and invested the following brethren as
Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. the Rev. C. W.
Spencer-Stanhope V.W. D.P.G.M.M., W. L. Banks P.G.S.W., Edward
Friend P.G.J.W., Thomas C. Thorburn P.G.M.O., Edward Smith
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Worthington P.G. Tyler, and A. McMillan, J. R. L. Hazledine, and
J. T. Purvis P.G. Stewards. After the other business had been
transacted, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren
for attending in such large numbers, and congratulated them
on the increasing prosperity of Mark Masonry. He was glad
to learn that it was likely North Wales would soon form
itself into a Province, as a Province which extended from the
neighbourhood of Manchester to Holyhead was too large to be
well looked after. After the Lodge closed, the brethren sat down
to banquet at the Imperial Hotel, the R.W. P.G.M.M. presiding. The
usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given from the chair,
and cordially received, Bro. Dr. T. C. Roden Past Grand Deacon
proposed the health of Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P.,
their excellent and energetic Prov. G.M.M., to whose earnest and
unflinching zeal the Province owed so much of its prosperity. The
generous and fraternal spirit in which he had spoken in Prov. Grand
Lodge that day as to the proposal that the Province should be
divided by separating North Wales from Cheshire proved how entirely
he was guided by his care and anxiety for the good of Mark
Masonry, even to the yielding up of a portion of the Province over
which he ruled so well, and so entirely to the satisfaction of the
brethren, if, by so doing, the welfare of both was likely to be
promoted. It was not from any desire on their part to exchange
the ruler they now had for another, however eminent he might be

but from a belief that if North Wales were constituted a separate Province, it would give an impetus to Mark Masonry in this part of the country. For his own part, he thought it was reasonable to expect that benefit would thereby result to both Cheshire and North Wales, by leading to increased activity, and perhaps a little wholesome emulation, and ultimately to an extension of the practice of the Mark degree in the neighbouring Provinces. He concluded by asking the brethren to join him in drinking to the health of the Hon. Bro. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and on rising to reply, the R.W. P.G.M.M. was warmly greeted. After thanking the brethren for the cordiality with which they had responded to the toast, he proceeded to assure them that it would afford him great pleasure to see the degree extended, and strengthened by the formation of new Lodges, which he had no doubt would be the effect of a division of the Province. He had never contemplated the union of North Wales with Cheshire as a permanent arrangement. On the contrary, he had always looked forward to North Wales becoming a distinct Province. It was obvious that such an immense district could not be properly superintended by any one man, and it would be a satisfaction to him if another Mark Lodge or two were established in North Wales to form a new Province, which he was sure the M.W. G.M.M.M. Lord Skelmersdale would willingly sanction. When the separation took place, he trusted the same fraternal feeling which now existed between them would continue, and that they would all unite in promoting the interests of Mark Masonry, and in carrying out its principles and its benevolent purposes. The toast of the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province followed, and was acknowledged by Bro. W. L. Banks, W.M. of the St. David's Lodge, No. 38. The Tyler's toast was given, after which the brethren separated, well pleased with their enjoyable meeting.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, 1560, LEICESTER.

TUESDAY, the 8th ultimo, was the birthday of his Worship the Mayor of Leicester (Ald. Clement Stretton), and it being the ordinary meeting of the Albert Edward Lodge of Freemasons, of which his worship is a member, the occasion was availed of to give him a special fraternal greeting. There was consequently a large and influential gathering both of the members of the Albert Edward and the Sister Lodges, especially, perhaps, of St. John's, of which the Mayor was for two successive years W.M., as he is now for a second year occupying the civic chair of the borough. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, the brethren at a later period of the evening sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the esteemed W.M., (Captain J. G. F. Richardson). The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Clement Stretton, the Mayor of Leicester, prefacing the toast with a few complimentary observations upon the honourable position which the family of the Strettons had so long occupied amongst them, until he might truly say the name had become a household word. (hear, hear.) They were both proud and pleased to have the honour of the Mayor's presence with them that evening as one of their brethren, and as a fellow-citizen who had distinguished himself in the high office which he held as chief magistrate of the borough. (hear, hear.) In the discharge of the duties of that important position his worship had ably acquitted himself, and he had, at the same time, in the most hospitable manner, proved himself a worthy successor of his ancestors. (hear, hear.) In his Masonic career, too, he had not only won his way to very high office, but he had also distinguished himself by great generosity, being always ready to cater to the wants of others; and not only was his purse always open for the relief of such wants but it was always so without the slightest ostentation. He (the W.M.) had therefore the greatest possible pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. Stretton, coupled with a wish that he might live long to enjoy the honourable position to which he had attained, and the duties of which he had so worthily fulfilled. Bro. Stretton in acknowledgment said the manner in the toast had been proposed by the W.M., and the cordial way in which it had been received by the brethren, was very gratifying to him, and he was very grateful to them for such a numerous attendance in honour of his birthday. It was only two weeks ago that he spent his Masonic birthday, for on the first of the month just 16 years ago Bro. Haxby, assisted by Bro. Kelly, introduced him into Masonry. He had been through most of the offices in Masonry, until he had arrived at the height of a Mason's ambition, namely that of being P.S.G.W. (hear, hear). During his connection with Masonry he had made many kind friends, and only this last year Masonry had been of very great assistance to him. When by an unfortunate occurrence it again fell to his lot to be invited to take office as Mayor he had recourse to his Masonic friends for their advice. Some of them present would no doubt remember that he solicited their advice as to whether he should accept office a second time; and the counsel he received from his Masonic friends, of both political parties, determined him to accept the office which had been again so kindly offered to him (applause). He could not do more than thank them most heartily and sincerely for the very kind manner in which they had received him. Bro. S. S. Partridge had pleasure in proposing to them the health of their much esteemed Worshipful Master of the Albert Edward Lodge (applause), who so very admirably filled the office (hear, hear). It was not given to every one to occupy the chair in the manner in which Bro. Richardson now filled it, for he did not aim to go through the duties in a mere parrot-like schoolboy style; but both in the Lodge and in their banquets afterwards the admirable way in which he presided over them commanded their greatest admiration (hear, hear). His Office must all be well pleased to serve under him, and he (Bro. Partridge) was sure all the brethren present would unite in wishing him very good health and prosperity during his year of office. The W.M. said he thanked them very much for the

great honour they had done him by the cordial manner in which they had received the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. Partridge. He said he never anticipated the honour of passing the chair in any Lodge, and certainly never expected he should have the honour of presiding over such a Lodge as the Albert Edward. He could only say that it would be his earnest endeavour to conduct it impartially, and with the best feelings towards all the brethren. The health of the Officers was next proposed by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged; The Visiting Brethren, responded to by Bro. S. Cleaver, W.M., of St. John's 279, Bro. Richard Taylor, W.M., 523, and Bro. T. A. Wykes, I.P.M., 523, and Bro. S. S. Partridge, Commercial Lodge 1391, Bro. J. Vaughan, 275, P.M., Loyalty 86, proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. Vaughan; and this was followed by other complimentary toasts. During the evening the proceedings were greatly varied and enlivened by the musical performances, both vocal and instrumental, of several of the brethren, including Bro. W. T. Rowlett P.P.G.O., Bro. Scott Organist of 279, Bro. A. Wykes, Bro. R. Taylor, and others, the meeting being altogether a most enjoyable one. In Lodge the chief work was the raising to the third degree Bro. James Neale F.S.A., the author of the beautifully illustrated and able work descriptive of the fine old abbey church of St. Alban's. The ceremony was performed by the P. Prov. G.M., Bro. Kelly F.S.A. Bro. Neale is a native of Leicester.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN TUNNAH, PROV. GRAND SECRETARY,
EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE Masons of East Lancashire, and many other brethren, will learn with regret that the veteran Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. John Tunnah, departed this life on Sunday, 27th April, in his 72nd year. The deceased brother was seized with an attack of paralysis about eight weeks ago, and for the past six weeks it had assumed such severity as to completely prostrate him. He was attended by Dr. F. B. Mallett, but that gentleman's skill proved unavailing, and death ensued at a quarter to four on Sunday afternoon, at his residence No. 111 Manchester Road, Bolton. Initiated on 5th July 1849, in the Anchor and Hope Lodge, then No. 44 (now No. 37), Bolton, deceased was immediately appointed Secretary of his Lodge, in which office he exerted himself assiduously for about seven years, and on his retirement from that office he was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel. In the year 1868 he served as Master of his Mother Lodge. Soon after his initiation he joined the St. John's Lodge, then No. 268 (now No. 221), Bolton, serving the office of J.W. in 1850, and W.M. in 1851. In 1854 he was appointed Prov. Grand Secretary, by Lord Francis Egerton (afterwards Earl of Ellesmere), R.W. Prov. Grand Master, which office he continued to hold up to the time of his death, a period of 25 years; during which time he had, without exception, attended the whole of the meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge. On his re-appointment in 1874, for the twenty-first time, as Prov. Grand Secretary, he was presented by Colonel Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, with a splendid jewel, as a mark of his appreciation of Bro. Tunnah's long and eminent services. At the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master, on 28th April 1875, Bro. Tunnah attended as one of the special Stewards from East Lancashire. Bro. Tunnah was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Chapter of Concord, No. 37, Bolton, on the 2nd October 1850; and after passing through the various offices, served as First Principal in 1855, and for many years he has held the office of Prov. Grand Scribe E. Deceased was also a P.E.C. of the St. James of Jerusalem Encampment of Knights Templar, a Past Prov. Grand Mark Overseer of Lancashire, and a member of the 18th and numerous other Masonic Orders; but his great affection in Masonry was for the Craft degrees. By profession he was a public accountant and auditor, having been in practice in Bolton (his native town) upwards of forty years, the last ten years of which he was in partnership with Bro. James Newton, who had for many years previously been his confidential clerk. By the expressed wish of the deceased the funeral, which took place on the 1st May, was strictly private.

Hammersmith Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 211.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, 18th April, at Bro. E. Gilbert's, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, West Hammersmith, at 5 p.m. Bro. J. W. Baldwin opened the Lodge. The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, 18th January, were read, confirmed, and signed. The report of the auditors was received and adopted. The candidates for advancement were unable to be present. It was decided to hold an emergency meeting on Saturday, 21st June, at five p.m. Business ended, the Lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour, and a very happy evening was spent.

JAMAICA.

A District Grand Mark Lodge was held on 26th of March at 4.30 p.m., at the Masonic Hall of the Friendly Lodge, Hanover-street, Kingston. R.W. Bro. the Hon. R. Hamilton M.W. D.G.M. presiding when among others the following Officers were invested:—J. W. Whitbourne D.G.M.M., J. J. G. Lewis S.W., R. Langley J.W., O. De Cordova S.C., Altamont De Cordova M.O., O. Delgado, O. Delgado jun. Registrars, J. Leon Secretary, Barnet Stiles elected as Treasurer. George Magnus Tyler; Thomas Allen, M.D., Captain Portlock Da son, and Holler G. Stewards. A vote of thanks was accorded to the officers and members of the Sussex Mark Lodge for their kindness, and also to the officers and members of the Friendly Craft Lodge for the use of their Lodge Room,

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.

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SATURDAY, 3rd MAY.

Prov. Grand Chapter Surrey, Crown Inn, Chertsey, at 4.
 General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, 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, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 5th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (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—Wollington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1260—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. (Inst.)
 1623—Warmony and Industry, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
 1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 M. M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
 119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
 302—Hope, Now Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hehden Bridge.
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
 408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
 478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Ayrington.
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
 1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl.
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
 R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, M'rcley, near Leeds.
 R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY, 6th MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 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.)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
 1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 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.)
 1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
 R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
 159—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
 178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 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.
 303—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent.

673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield.
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 847—Fortesque, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool.
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyno.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1343—St. John, King's Arms, Grays.
 1473—Booble, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle.
 R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.

WEDNESDAY, 7th MAY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 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.)
 882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
 1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
 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.
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester.
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale.
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
 471—Stilurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
 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.
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
 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 Breakwater Hotel, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.
 1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
 1167—Alwicks, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwicks.
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
 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.
 1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
 R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
 R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
 R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
 M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
 M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, 8th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 19—Royal Abhelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 715—Iligh Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1076—Copper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
 1349—Friars, Ceshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
 1553—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 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.)
 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 345—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester.
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin.
 458—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Ottoxeter.
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 781—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 915—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
 1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyno.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1204—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
 1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colchestr.
 R. A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
 R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dowsbury.
 R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
 R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
 R. A. 613—Fridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 K. A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 K. T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

FRIDAY, 9th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
 834—Raealagh, 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.)
 1165—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-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.)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
 R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
 455—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter, Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme.
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
 1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
 1280—Rock, Bedford House, Redond-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
 R. A. 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
 K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

SATURDAY, 10th MAY.

103—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pic. Hotel, Erith, Kent
 1301—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
 1566—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.—A meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Thursday evening at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Richards. He was supported by Bros. Chapman S.W., Coulson J.W., H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary P.M. Treasurer, Poole P.M. Secretary, Cutlbertson J.D., Grammer I.G., J. Murch D.C., Jacobs P.M. W.S., King Assist. W.S., and Potter Tyler. Amongst the Visitors present were:—Bros. Harper W.M. 813, Lucas 192, V. E. Etienne 1612, Medcalf W.M. 1671, C. S. Crowden 79, C. W. Christian 289, E. Coste P.M. 9, T. A. Elsdon 816, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, &c. Lodge was opened in form; but there was no ceremonial business to be transacted, a circumstance almost unprecedented in the history of this old and substantial Lodge. After the usual formalities had been gone through, the brethren partook of refreshment, and a number of toasts were submitted, those of the Masonic rulers being received with especial honour. In responding on behalf of the Grand Officers, Bro. Bass, the Assistant Grand Secretary, observed that those who attended the Grand Festival on the preceding night must have been struck by the enthusiastic manner in which the names of those brethren were received upon whom grand offices had been conferred. He remarked upon the impartial manner in which those favours had been distributed, and thought the brethren had every reason to be satisfied with the selection that had been made. The health of the Visitors was then given by the W.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be honoured with the presence of so many members of other Lodges. The toast was cordially received, and suitably acknowledged by Bros. Harper, Medcalf, &c. Bro. Maidwell P.M. next proposed in felicitous terms the health of the W.M., who in response thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name. He sincerely regretted that circumstances had prevented the display of Masonic knowledge which he knew so many of his officers possessed, and which no doubt they all hoped to have been called upon

to exercise. Still they had the satisfaction of knowing that the master-roll of the Lodge contained the names of those who were desirous of doing their utmost to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and to maintain the high position it had so long enjoyed in the Craft. The health of the P.M.'s was then given, and received with every expression of welcome. In acknowledging the compliment paid them, Bro. Maidwell assured the brethren that he and his fellow P.M.'s would be glad at all times to render whatever assistance they could in promoting the best interests of the Lodge, whose welfare they all had so closely at heart. Bro. Buss, the senior P.M. of the Lodge, also responded, and said that as Treasurer of the Egyptian Lodge he had held office longer than any other Treasurer in the Craft. In a long and interesting disquisition on the duties of Freemasonry, he urged the brethren to support their principals, who were, of course, the mainstay of the Lodge. He hoped they would all go on unitedly together, and the Lodge continue in the prosperous career it had so long enjoyed. He impressed upon the members the necessity of acting together, and ever to remember the responsibilities which were incumbent upon them, and to strive to do all they could to advance in proficiency and to maintain the prestige which the Lodge had gained and held now through a long series of years. Several other toasts were honoured, the intervals being enlivened with some capital singing, in which assistance was lent by Bros. Maidwell, Jacobs, Medcalf, the W.M., and others.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction.—The annual banquet of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 28th ult. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m., Bro. Bumstead P.M. and Sec. 548, P.Z. 79, &c., occupying the chair, and the other offices being filled as follows:—Bro. Batchelor J.D. 548, P.S. 79 as S.W., Bro. Hutchings J.W. 147, S.D. 1531 as J.W., Bro. Catterson S.D. 548 as S.D., Bro. Hunt I.G. 1662 as J.D., and Bro. Price 471 as I.G. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. The working of the first and third sections of the lecture by the Junior Warden followed. The time had then arrived for an adjournment from labour to refreshment. The Lodge was accordingly closed, and the brethren—to the number of forty—sat down to banquet, which was served by the host, Bro. Morgan, in a style that called forth commendations from all present. The same Officers presided as at the working of the Lodge. The Stewards were Bros. Batchelor J.D. 548, P.S. 79, Carman 548, Gloster W.M. 1531, I.G. 1326, Griffin P.M. 933, J.W. 1531, P.Z. 79, &c., Preceptor and Treasurer, Gibson 1531 Hon. Sec., Hutchings J.W. 147, S.D. 1531, Hunt I.G. 1662, Vohmann S.W. 871. The usual Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. invited the brethren to drink the toast of the evening,—“Prosperity to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction,” with which he coupled the name of Bro. Griffin, the Preceptor and Treasurer. In proposing this toast, the W.M. desired to impress upon the mind of every brother present the necessity of frequently attending a Lodge of Instruction. To those young in Masonry it was necessary as a preparation for the time when they might be summoned to take office; while for those more experienced occasional, if not regular, visits to a Lodge of Instruction would serve to “rub off the rust” and conduce to the securing of correctness in the delivery of the ritual. While on the subject of ritual he desired to express his deep regret at a practice which, of late years, had become common amongst Preceptors of Lodges of Instruction, of introducing phraseology of their own in the working of the ceremonies, instead of employing the ancient and recognised ritual. He felt very strongly on this point. The innovations thus made on the ancient landmarks of the Order were rapidly increasing. One heard from time to time of a certain form being Bro. “So and So's” working, and it had become difficult to find two Lodges of Instruction where the ritual was identical. In fact the working in many Lodges resembled an ancient picture which had passed through the hands of a modern “restorer,” or if he might descend to a more humorous parallel he would allude to the celebrated dog, whose owner declared had been originally a greyhound, but, his ears and tail being cropped, became converted into a mastiff. He concluded by inviting the brethren present to drink the toast, which was done with enthusiasm. Bro. Griffin replied, thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded. For his own part the remarks of the W.M. concerning the innovations in the working of the ceremonies did not apply, as he could confidently declare that he had neither introduced nor suppressed, but taught the ritual in the precise form he had received it. In conclusion he expressed a hope of meeting the brethren round the festive board upon many future occasions. The next toast was that of the Visitors, of whom there were some twenty present, including Bros. Abbott W.M. 765, Jewiss J.D. 765, Quittman 538, Finch 217, Leaver 548, and Payne 548. The W.M. having proposed the toast, Bro. Abbott briefly returned thanks. Bro. Griffin then proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Bumstead, whom he said had to some extent retired from Craft Masonry and identified himself with the Royal Arch Degree, but nevertheless had shown by his working on that evening that he was no stranger to Craft ritual. Bro. Bumstead, in acknowledging the compliment, said he hoped at some future time on a similar occasion again to attend this Lodge of Instruction, where he had received his first instruction in Masonry. He then proposed the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Gibson, who in returning thanks, quoted statistics to show that the attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, during the financial year just concluded had shown a satisfactory increase upon the previous years. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge followed, and was acknowledged briefly by Bros. Batchelor, Hutchings, Catterson, Hunt and Price. The Tyler's toast was subsequently given, and terminated one of the most successful banquets given by this Lodge for many years past. The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by the vocal efforts of several of the brethren present, both members and visitors.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Monday, the 28th ult., at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, Bro. Willison being the W.M., assisted by Bro. Hallam S.W., Isaac J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Alford S.D., Lane J.D., Hirst I.G.; also Bros. Percy, G. E. Cook, Ross, Recknell, Spurgin, J. W. Smith, Stock, Gibbs, Droscher. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Percy worked the first, Bro. Fenner the second, third and fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—On 24th April, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. W. Stuart W.M., S. Jolly S.W., H. C. Ball J.W., G. Isaac Treas., J. G. Bond Sec., Brown S.D., Chalkley J.D., R. Janeway I.G.; Watterton, Holland, Moss, Buck, Watson, De Solla, Caton, Whiting, Field, Noke, Vizzard, Chambers, Valentine, Skirving. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked by Bros. Janeway, Moss, Brown, Ball, Whiting, Noke, Stuart; Watterton, Moss, De Solla, Noke, Whiting; Caton, Ball, Whiting. The Lodge was resumed, and closed in perfect harmony.

Manchester Lodge, No. 179.—The last, though not the least enjoyable, meeting of this Lodge, previous to the summer recess, took place on Thursday, the 17th April, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Bros. Bryant and Wallwin were raised to the third degree by the W.M., Bro. D. M. Bellfrage, in a manner that gave satisfaction to the brethren present; this completed the business of the evening. At the banquet table the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received; amongst others that of the Visitors, those present being:—Bros. Hayward Edwards P.G.S.B. Herts, No. 1385, Carr Constitutional No. 55, William Bellamy Regularity No. 91, Sutherland Lion and Lamb 192, Meredith Kilburn No. 1608, John Dndivo East Surrey Lodge of Concord No. 463, and also Bro. Benoit from a Lodge in Normandy. Bros. Edwards and Benoit suitably acknowledged the cordial reception which had been accorded to the Visitors, and expressed their satisfaction at the enjoyable evening they had spent. The intervals between the various speeches were enlivened by songs, Bros. Bellamy, Rosser, Millward, and Dickenson kindly contributing. Bro. Parson in no small way deserved the thanks of the brethren for his clever extempore verses, rendered doubly comical from his manner in delivering them. The summer banquet, it was arranged, should take place on the 19th June, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. The Tyler's toast, at eleven o'clock, brought the proceedings to a close.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysch's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 26th ult., the Fifteen Sections, were worked by Bro. R. Percy the Preceptor, assisted by Bros. Wallington S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Fenner Sec., Slaughter I.G.; Bros. Stock, Trewinnard, W. H. Lee P.M., Brasted, Powell, Byng, Peach, Bartle, Chant, Gibbs, Ross, Garrod, J. Lorkin, Mackie, Richardson, Hallam, Fidler, Giller, Spencer, H. P. Isaac, Fysch, Carr, Brand, H. Hall, R. H. Halford, and Cull. Preliminaries having been duly observed, the following brethren worked the sections:—FIRST LECTURE—Bros. W. Bartle, J. Gibbs, F. H. Peach, A. W. Fenner, J. Stock, W. H. Lee, J. A. Powell. SECOND LECTURE—J. Lorkin, J. A. Powell, H. R. Hallam, H. P. Isaac, F. G. Chant. THIRD LECTURE.—F. Brasted, A. Trewinnard, J. Garrod. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the very able manner he had worked the Sections, for the first time; for which he returned thanks. A vote of thanks was also given the brethren who had assisted him. After which Lodge was closed and adjourned. Bro. Hallam will preside at the meeting next Saturday.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—A regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 23rd April, at Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham. Present:—Bros. H. Stephens W.M., J. H. Thompson S.W., J. Farren J.W., and the other Officers; Past Masters Bros. T. Jones, J. Linzell, and W. Dance; Visitor—J. Driscoll P.M. 30 P.G.P. Herts. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. G. Fidler was entrusted and passed, the ceremony being ably conducted by the W.M. The lecture on the tracing board was given by Bro. J. Garrod D.C., after which the Lodge was resumed, and closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. P.M. Jones proposed the health of the W.M., who briefly responded. Bro. Linzell responded to the health of the P.M.'s, and Bro. Driscoll for the Visitors. Although there was but a small attendance of the brethren, a very pleasant and agreeable evening was spent.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. A very wholesome rule obtains in this Lodge of Instruction that, on the fifth meeting night in the month, the Secretary shall have the privilege of presiding. The 29th ult. being the fifth Tuesday, the brethren assembled in strong force to support Bro. Dallas, who so untiringly devotes his energies to further the welfare of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. H. Williams was the S.W., Ward H J.W., Clark S.D., Brasted J.D., Polak I.G., M. Christian acting as Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; J. Lorkin, Smyth, R. Williams, Collins, C. Lorkin, W. W. Morgan, Webb, &c. After preliminaries had been fully complied with, the ceremony of passing was

rehearsed, Bro. R. Williams candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed. The Lodge was opened in the third, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Webb worked the first, second, and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed and seconded that the Fifteen Sections should be worked the fourth Tuesday in May, Bro. Webb to preside. Bro. H. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.—On Thursday, 24th April, at the White Swan Hotel, 217 High-street, Deptford, Bro. R. Harman W.M. initiated Mr. Taylor and raised Bro. Clark. Bro. Frederick Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. resigned the Secretaryship, through ill-health. The resignation was accepted with great regret. A notice of motion was given to place him on the list of honorary members. Bro. J. J. Pakes P.M. was appointed and invested Secretary. A vote of thanks was given and placed on the minutes for services rendered by Bro. H. J. Fisher, late Organist. A committee was appointed to investigate the question of the eligibility of members to be placed on Seafaring and Country Members' list. Business ended, the Lodge was closed. Banquet followed. Toasts, songs, recitations and good music passed away some pleasant hours. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Robinson and Holland.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 25th April, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present—Bros. Geo. Read P.M. 511 W.M., T. Cull S.W., Sparrow J.W., Eldridge Treas., Dickinson Sec., Maillard S.D., Yeomans J.D., Hunter I.G., and about thirty-five other brethren. Lodge opened in the three degrees, and minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction having been invited to work the Fifteen Sections, the Lectures were worked by the following brethren—FIRST LECTURE: Bros. Nevitt, Coop, Chalfont, West, Sparrow, Maillard, Reynolds; SECOND LECTURE: Bros. Thompson, Dickinson, Wright, Cull, Dutton; THIRD LECTURE: Bros. Rogers, Sparrow, Cull. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously accorded to Bro. Read for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Master; in appreciation of which he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. A vote of thanks was also unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, who had kindly come forward, and in so able a manner worked the Fifteen Sections. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 29th April. Bro. Johnson W.M., Pavitt S.W., Worsley J.W., Spencer S.D., Smith J.D., Barker I.G. and acting Secretary, P.M. Cundick acting Preceptor; Bros. Shepherd W.M. 1349, Dunsmore, Watkins, Roberts, White, Sadler, Lloyd, Ellis, McDonald, Waterer, Pinder, &c. P.M. Cundick opened the Lodge in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson was presented as W.M. elect, and the installation ceremony was worked by P.M. Cundick. On Lodge being resumed, Bro. Barker, assisted by the brethren, worked the first four sections of the first lecture. Bros. Waterer 1549, Lloyd 1472, and Ellis 860 were elected members. It was proposed by Bro. Worsley J.W., seconded by Bro. S.W., that the best thanks of this meeting be given to Bro. Cundick for the able manner in which he had worked the installation ceremony, and that he be made an hon. member. Carried unanimously. Bro. Pavitt will preside at next meeting. Many of the brethren expressed regret that Bro. Musto was absent, business in the country preventing his attendance; however, by the kind assistance of Bro. Cundick, the brethren had a very instructive evening. It is gratifying to see such good attendances at this new Lodge of Instruction, which opens at 7.30 each evening.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1558.—On Wednesday evening, 30th April, at 8 p.m., in the Class Room of the Sutherland Chapel, 346 Walworth-road, S.E. Present—Bros. T. E. Walker W.M., Power S.W., Williams J.W., Stokes S.D., Taylor J.D., Lawrence I.G., Corpe Treasurer, Walker Sec., Dunn Preceptor, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Corpe as candidate. The questions for raising were answered, and the ceremony was duly rehearsed, Bro. Brooke acting as candidate. The Lodge closed to the first. The S.W. was elected W.M. for ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously given the W.M. for his efficient working in the chair. The meetings in the new quarters are most satisfactory; there is a much larger attendance than formerly, while the members continue to express gratification at the labour being disassociated with refreshment.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on the 24th ult. Present—Bros. Kingston W.M., Jones S.W., Burr J.W., Green S.D., Seward J.D., Porter I.G., Tucker Treasurer; Bros. Wells, Fernec, Clark, Stephen, Owen, Bloomfield, &c. After preliminaries, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Wells was raised. Lodge having been resumed, the Treasurer intimated that Bro. Terry would in all probability rehearse the ceremony of consecration on a day to be named in May, and the suspension of Bye-Law No. 1 was accordingly agreed to. Some other business was transacted, and the Lodge adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—A meeting of the members of this popular and excellent Lodge was held at the Ealing Institute, on the 12th ult., when there was a respectable muster of the brethren, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. Kingston. Amongst the items of business transacted, Bro. Kasner S.W. gave notice of a motion for the alteration of Bye-Law No. 9; and an Audit Committee was appointed. Bro. Kasner was unanimously chosen as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Tucker was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison Tyler. The sum of five guineas was voted by the Lodge for the purchase of a P.M.'s jewel to be presented to the retiring W.M. It was also proposed to procure, as a record in the Lodge, an album for the portraits of its members, and the brethren were requested to further this object by sending their *cartes de visite* to the Secretary. An emergency meeting was convened for Saturday last, when there was again a goodly attendance of the brethren and visitors. Bro. Thomas Kingston W.M. was supported by Bros. A. Beasley I.P.M., H. Kasner S.W., A. J. Burr J.W., H. Tucker Treasurer, J. Green S.D., S. Dyer J.D., W. Siward D.C., Delevante Organist, Fisher Steward, &c. Amongst the Visitors were:—Bros. W. Heath 1681, Fred Botley 780, J. Owen 671, J. Headon S.W. 1425, C. H. Bolt 1681, W. A. Hart 771, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, &c. Lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock in the usual way, when Bro. Youens, having proved himself efficient, was raised by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a perfect manner. The ballot was then prepared for Mr. Charles Peter Bellerby, whose sponsors were Bros. Clarke and Jones, and the unanimous approval of the brethren in that gentleman's behalf was recorded. The candidate, however, not being present, the Lodge was closed, and after the transaction of ordinary business, refreshment was partaken of, at six o'clock, at the Feathers Hotel. At the conclusion of the repast, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and received every manifestation of welcome. In proposing them the W.M. observed that as Englishmen everywhere were proud of the Queen as the head of the State, so they, as Masons, were proud of the Prince of Wales as the supreme ruler of the Craft. He then gave the toast of the Grand Officers, remarking that we were most fortunate in having such talented men to fill those high and important positions in the Craft. Those who were privileged to attend Grand Lodge could more fully appreciate the ability there displayed, and he advised those who were not so privileged to push forward until they attained so desirable a qualification. Bro. Beasley said he rose for the last time in his capacity as I.P.M. of this Lodge to propose the health of their excellent W.M.; he said it in all sincerity that the manner in which Bro. Kingston had discharged the duties of his office during the past year had redounded much to his credit and to that of the Lodge. He had proved himself a very worthy pattern, which successors to his chair would do well to imitate, and in asking them to drink to his further success and happiness in the study of Masonry he felt certain the brethren would one and all unite most heartily. The toast was warmly received, and in brief but suitable terms the W.M. acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him. He hoped to be associated with this Lodge for many years, to take part in the administration of its affairs, and to lend whatever assistance he could to those who had especial care of its interests. In turn he cheerfully proposed the health of the Past Master of the Lodge. At present there was but one, yet he was an officer in whose footsteps he (the speaker) hoped to follow, and whose example he should do his utmost to emulate. The gratifying success which had attended this Lodge was in a great measure due to the active interest manifested in its affairs by its Founder and first W.M., to whose health he now asked them to drink. Addressing Bro. Beasley the W.M. said:—A very pleasant task has now fallen to me, and although I feel that it is out of my power to do it justice, yet I must ask you to take the will for the deed. You are not ignorant of the fact that the brethren of the West Middlesex Lodge are anxious to offer you some mark of esteem and respect, as a slight recognition of your arduous duties during the two years and upwards you occupied the chair of this Lodge, as well as for the vast amount of time and labour it cost you in founding the same. I have now been a Mason upwards of twelve years, and I must say, without the slightest exaggeration, that I have never heard the ceremonies worked better than, and seldom so well as, they were by you. I now, in the name of the brethren of the West Middlesex Lodge—and I think there are one or two brethren who are not members, but who have subscribed—ask you to accept this clock and candelabra. We all sincerely hope that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to grant you and Mrs. Beasley health and strength for many many years to note the benefit of this gift, and when in course of time you are taken from this sublunary abode, may it be handed down to your children and to posterity as a proof of the esteem in which you were held by the members of the West Middlesex Lodge. Amidst loud and repeated cheers, the testimonial was formally presented to Bro. Beasley. It consisted of a magnificent timepiece and a pair of candelabra, under glass shades. Attached to the clock was a plate bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to Brother A. BEASLEY,
by the Brethren of the
WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

As a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he rendered, as a Founder, and the first W.M. of the Lodge during the two years ending 1878.

In acknowledging the handsome presentation which had been so kindly made him, Bro. Beasley observed that the gift of eloquence had not been vouchsafed him; he could not find words adequate to express his indebtedness to them for this substantial mark of esteem and regard. During the two years he had presided over the Lodge he had endeavoured to discharge his duties well; if he had worked hard, as some of the brethren had kindly given him credit for, he felt he had been amply rewarded by the great kindness which was ever evinced towards him by the brethren with whom he had been associated. He paid a high compliment to the W.M. for the way

in which he had conducted the Lodge business. On behalf of wife and himself he again thanked them most kindly for the handsome gift which he had just received at their hands. The health of the Visitor was then given in cordial terms by the W.M., who associated with the toast the names of Bros. Headon 1681, and W. W. Morgan of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Brother Headon responded in suitable language, and was followed by Bro. Morgan, who said he had so frequently been called on to respond to this toast in their Lodge that he had very little that was fresh to say on this occasion. He expressed himself gratified with the working he at all times witnessed from the Officers of the Lodge, and, reverting to the charitable proclivities of the members, he drew their attention to the claims of Bro. R. H. Marsh, formerly a tragedian, and known as Henry Marston. Their W.M. had asked him to give them a reading, and he took this opportunity of saying that if he possessed the requisite qualifications to comply with that request, he felt his indebtedness to Bro. Henry Marston for any elocutionary knowledge he might have acquired. He paid that brother a high compliment, as being a kind-hearted man and a painstaking member of his profession; and expressed his regret that one so gifted, and in earlier days so sought after and esteemed, should now find himself constrained to appeal to the sympathies of the Craft. He had already mentioned this case to one or two brethren, and found that several members of this Lodge had given Bro. Marston their support, notably Bro. Beasley, who had handed over all the votes at his command. He trusted those who had the care of Bro. Marston's application might be successful, and reminded them that however deserving might be the claims of individual brethren, those who had the voting strength at their disposal frequently pledged their support, and therefore it required very great effort to carry a case. This was one that deserved immediate and earnest attention, and for that reason every exertion would be required to carry it through at the next election. Bro. Morgan then gave some selections from "Othello," which seemed to be very much appreciated. The health of the W.M. elect was next proposed, and heartily received, and Bro. Kasner, in responding, said he took it as a very high compliment that there was not one dissentient voice at his election. He assured them he should do his utmost to carry out the duties of his office in such a manner as would tend to promote the best interests of the Lodge, and he hoped at the expiration of his year to retire from the position, as his predecessors had done, with all his blushing honours thick upon him. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was the next toast on the list, and Bro. Burr J.W. said he esteemed it no small honour to be called upon to respond to that important toast. When brethren of such experience as Bros. Headon and Morgan were enabled to speak in eulogistic terms of the way in which the working of the Lodge had been conducted, it was a compliment that reflected more or less upon all the Officers, and for this he was very grateful. The Masters had always impressed upon the brethren the desirableness of doing well all that they undertook, and the consequence of the wise counsel they had received in the Lodge, and at the instruction meetings, was that there was scarcely a member incapable of taking any post assigned to him for the time being. They were all united in the endeavour to support the Lodge, and it was to this *esprit de corps* that much of their success was due. He regretted the absence of Bro. Roe, who was certainly one of the most energetic Secretaries, and to whom every member of the Lodge was deeply indebted for the zeal and ability with which he discharged the duties of his important post. Bro. Tucker, as Treasurer, also responded; in doing so he explained the absence of Bro. Roe, to whom they were much indebted for the assistance he had rendered to the Testimonial Committee, as well as in the ordinary duties of his office. He (the speaker) was deeply sensible of the compliment which had been paid him by his re-election to the Treasurership. When he entered Freemasonry—he was the second initiate of this Lodge—he was a stranger to most of the brethren he saw around him; now he felt they all entertained towards him feelings of esteem and brotherly regard. He referred to his connection with the Lodge of Instruction as Preceptor, and spoke of what should be done in supporting the Charities. To show the harmony that prevailed in the Lodge of Instruction, he mentioned that they were never unmindful of their distressed brethren, for all cases brought forward, and found deserving, were relieved. One or two other toasts followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs and recitations, amongst the latter "The Charge of the Light Brigade" was effectively rendered by Bro. Jones. Bro. Delevante, the talented Organist, as usual lent valuable assistance as accompanist.

Jamaica Lodge, 1771.—A meeting was held on the 25th of March 1879, at the Masonic Hall, 23 Hanover-street, Kingston. Present—Bros. Thomas Allen, M.D., W.M., John McClean S.W., Capt. Portlock Dadson J.W., S. E. Pietersz Sec., J. W. Whitbourne S.D., Henry Garcia J.D., George R. Taylor I.G., George Magnus Tyler. Members—The R.W. Hon. R. Hamilton, M.D., D.G.M., and the W. Bro. the Hon. John C. Macklashan D.G.J.W. Visitors—Bros. J. J. G. Lewis D.G.S.W., G. Lewis D.G. Sec., W. Lee Madon W.M. Sussex Lodge, M. Delgado W.M. Friendly Lodge, John Harris S.W. Sussex Lodge, Dilleott, Commander A. W. Warry, R.N., of H.M.S. "Urgent." Business—Bros. A. H. Alexander and J. W. Anderson, M.D., were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the lecture being most impressively given by the R.W. Dr. Hamilton, 33° D.G.M. Commander Warry, R.N., was proposed as a candidate for joining.

STOKES ON MEMORY.—Some very interesting and novel illustrations of the acquired power of memory are being given at the Royal Polytechnic Institution, by a number of the pupils of Mr. Stokes, in his Lecture on Mnemonics. Various applications of his system for teaching music, and for playing from memory, are especially worthy of notice.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—The usual meeting was held on Thursday, at the George Tavern, Australian Avenue, Barbican. Bro. Hentsch opened the Lodge, assisted by Bros. A. Withers S.W., Chamberlain J.W., King P.M. Preceptor, W. E. Young S.D., Radcliffe Treas., W. W. Morgan jun. as Sec. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Withers took the chair. Bro. Morgan was entrusted, and afterwards raised. The Lodge being closed to the first degree, Bro. J. S. Cumberland W.M. 1611 was proposed, and unanimously admitted a member of the Lodge of Instruction, which was then closed. Next Thursday the conduct of the work will devolve on the Officers of the mother Lodge, who are anxious that this Lodge of Instruction shall become a popular one, and will make an effort to induce a strong attendance on that occasion. The brethren cordially invite any of our readers who may be disengaged to pay them a visit.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 29th April, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings. Present:—Bros. Low W.M., Gruggen S.W., Hallam J.W., Dickins Secretary, Linscott S.D., Powceby J.D., Snodin I.G.; Bros. T. B. Dodson, Cornu, Sanders, White, Abell, Sadler, Watts, and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Whaley offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The first, second, and third sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hallam. Bro. Gruggen was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and a vote of thanks ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Low for his able working on this the first occasion in this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Eleanor Lodge of Instruction.—The members have decided hold their future meetings at The Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street. On Tuesday next the following Sections will be worked there, under the presidency of Bro. S. J. Turquand P.M. 1556. **FIRST LECTURE:** 4th section Bro. Christian, 5th Bro. Taylor, 6th Bro. Slaughter, 7th Bro. Webb. **SECOND LECTURE:** 2nd section Bro. Everdell, 3rd Bro. Andrews, 4th Bro. Byng, 5th Bro. Pringle. **THIRD LECTURE:** 2nd section Bro. Gimingham, 3rd Bro. Garrod. Bro. Webb will act as S.W., Bro. Christian as J.W., and Bro. Tanner as I.P.M. Lodge will be opened at six o'clock.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amburst-road, Hackney, on Monday 28th April. Present:—Bros. P.M. Lee W.M., Fieldwick I.P.M., P.M. Turquand S.W., A. R. Olley J.W., McDowall S.D., L. Coubro J.D., Grist I.G., Slaughter Hon. Sec. Also Bros. Blunt, Cull, Martin, Peach, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Garrod, Butler, Webb, G. Farrer, Gillings, Carr, and others. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—**FIRST LECTURE:** Bros. Peach, McDowall, A. B. Olley, Cull, Fieldwick, Slaughter, P.M. Turquand. **SECOND LECTURE:** Bros. L. Coubro, Fieldwick, Cull, Webb, Slaughter. **THIRD LECTURE:** Bros. Webb, J. Lorkin, Garrod. Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and Bro. P.M. Turquand proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. P.M. Lee for the careful and able manner in which he had worked the sections. This was seconded by Bro. C. Lorkin, and unanimously carried. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, Bro. J. Lorkin seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the thanks of the meeting be recorded to the officers of the evening. Bro. P.M. Turquand answered on their behalf, and expressed his willingness to at all times contribute to the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Grist proposed, and Bro. Butler seconded the proposition, that the thanks of the meeting be recorded to the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the sections, which was also carried unanimously. Bros. Webb W.M. of Loyalty Lodge No. 1607, F. Carr I.G. 1607, and S. Gillings 1607, were duly elected members. The Lodge was then closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned to Monday 5th May, at 8 o'clock.

A Norwich paper is responsible for the following:—Consternation prevailed among the brethren of Perseverance on Tuesday 15th inst. at the loss of their warrant—it is not the first time this document has gone astray—and it was not till the wires had been pulled and many messages despatched that the missing warrant was found in safe keeping across the British Channel; but no Lodge could be opened, and the brethren had—poor fellows!—to discuss Host Coleman's banquet without working, and make merry afterwards over the social board.

Miss Florence Smart's benefit concert, given on Wednesday week at "The Athenæum," Camden-road, was a great success. This well-known and rising pianiste was assisted by several artistes of acknowledged repute, and Miss Smart's playing on the pianoforte, especially in Rubenstein's a. "Nocturne" (Henselt) b. "Valse Caprice," elicited the most unmistakable expressions of approbation from even the severest musical critics. Altogether, the evening was a rich classical treat, and will go far to strengthen the reputation which Miss Smart has already established in her profession.

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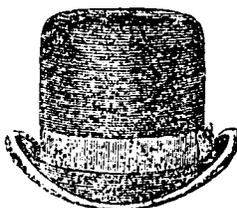
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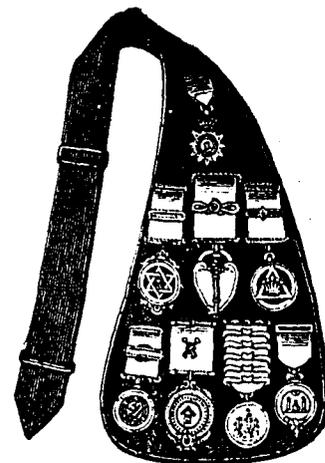
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