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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL—ANALYSIS OF THE LISTS.

IT is with unusual gratification that we refer to this year's list of subscriptions towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, of which a detailed statement appeared in our last issue. We certainly had anticipated that, after the additional interest manifested in the School since its enlargement, the amount to be sent in by the Stewards would be in excess of the former average; and we even hinted that, considering the increased number and influence of the Masonic body, such a scheme should not be regarded as being fairly supported until the total of the donations could be announced at the Festival in five figures. But that the sum should have amounted to £11,713 3s on the day of the annual gathering, and with twenty lists still to be sent in, must have surpassed even Bro. Hedges's most sanguine expectation. It was evidently a source of pride and pleasure to Lieut.-Col. Creaton to know that, under his presidency, the amounts brought up by the Stewards exceeded by £3,000 those of the last Festival, and by £2,000 that of any other Festival of the Institution. We have referred so recently to the admirable way in which the School is conducted, and the claims it has upon the support of the Fraternity, that it is needless here to do more than congratulate the brethren, both in London and the Provinces, upon the very general and hearty way in which they have come forward, and placed in the hands of the executive such an amount of money as will enable them to go forward with renewed confidence in the work of which they are so justly proud. Of the 119 Stewards who represented the Metropolitan Lodges, we observe that Bro. J. I. Cattle, of No. 1791, out-distanced all the other workers, and has won by far the most honourable mention, his list being set down at £238 1s. This for so young a Lodge—one of the very youngest on the Grand Lodge roll—must be regarded as highly satisfactory, and creditable alike to Bro. Cattle and his energetic following. Next in order come Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, and G. R. Shervill, of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, who each took up £175 7s; whilst Bro. James Cowan, of the Carnarvon, No. 1572, followed with £171 13s 6d. Bro. T. J. Maidwell, of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, brings forward a very comfortable £125, in addition to which it may be expected that his coadjutor, Bro. J. P. Poole, may be able to send in a decent list, if indeed he has not already done so. The New Concord Chapter, No. 813, of New Hoxton, supported its Steward, Bro. H. J. Gabb, to the extent of £141 15s; whilst Bro. T. W. C. Bush brought up a precisely similar amount, which must be considered admirable on the part of so young a Lodge as No. 1728. This year the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, represented by Bro. T. S. Taylor and George Levick, has done remarkably well, those brethren taking up £131 5s and £49 7s respectively, and making the total from Stratford £180 12s. Bro. C. J. Perceval, of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, follows with £115 10s, being closely attended by Bro. Alfred Withers, of the St. Michaels, No. 211, with £115 4s; Bro. E. H. Letchworth, who is a member of the House Committee, has worked energetically for £113 9s, in addition to the ten guineas brought in by his co-Steward Bro. J. A. Batley, also representing the Antiquity Lodge, No. 2. Next in order comes Bro. Charles Cheston, who places £112 2s opposite the numbers of the two Lodges he represented, the Shakspeare, 99, and

Marquis of Dalhousie, 1159. Bro. W. Hopekirk, on behalf of Lodges 179 and 1586—Manchester and Upper Norwood—stands for £111 6s; Bro. Edward Cox, of the Canonbury, No. 657, for £111; Bro. W. Smithett, of the Felicity, No. 58, for £101 17s; and Bro. C. Hammerton, of the Mark Lodge No. 144, for exactly £100. Therefore, out of the 119 London Stewards there are only 16 who raised their totals to a hundred pounds and upwards, although our old friend Bro. T. J. Barnes, of the Yarborough, No. 554, who did so well for the Benevolent Institution, in February, came within a very respectable distance, with £97 2s. It is not necessary to go *seriatim* through all the smaller amounts, though it is with satisfaction we note that London has acquitted itself well, contributing over £5,887 3s, or a trifle in advance of the united energies of the Provinces.

Glancing down the lists of Provincial contributions, and comparing them with those of last year, we find that twenty-eight out of the forty-four, including districts not possessing a Grand Lodge, are represented, and no less than sixteen have disregarded the call of charity, so far as our Girls' School is concerned. We have almost given up hope of sleepy Bedfordshire, which, though possessing five fairly prosperous Lodges, has never within our recollection put in an appearance on the list of either Institution. The same may be said of the Isle of Man and its three Lodges, whom we have looked for in vain at the fourteen Festivals we have been privileged to record since the existence of this journal. For the first time, also, Worcestershire has stepped forward, and although only one out of ten Lodges is registered, yet there is a fairly substantial sum attached, and which we hope may increase as years go on. Cambridgeshire certainly made a spurt last year—or, at least one five guinea subscriber did—to replace its once prominent name upon the list; but the faint spark of life then evidenced was speedily extinguished, and the academical county has once more lapsed into the obscurity which we regret to see has settled upon it, from our point of view, in recent years. Cumberland and Westmoreland, although boasting of nineteen Lodges, has never, to our recollection, figured in the lists at all, seeming to bestow all its attention upon the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School. Norfolk, after the one example made two years ago, when she added a little over a couple of hundred to the funds, appears to have lapsed into wonted apathy. Amongst the absentees again is Northamptonshire which, with Hunts, comprises nine Lodges, whose only contribution, so far as we can recollect, was a hundred guineas sent up in 1877. We know nothing of Northumberland, notwithstanding that the Province includes sixteen Lodges, of which ten flourish in the wealthy and busy town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It is difficult to understand the reason why no assistance is forthcoming from a centre of such vast commercial enterprise, and we can only attribute it to the want of that true Masonic *esprit de corps* which is found to blossom into the good fruit of Charity. We look in vain for Herefordshire in recent lists, if we exclude a ten guinea subscription last year, and which looks more like an individual donation than any outcome of the liberality of a Province; whilst Leicester and Rutland, which figured so respectably last year, has showed us that the effort then made was spasmodic, and could not stay. We regret to miss the good old county of Dorset, which, during the last two years, led by Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, contributed such handsome amounts. It is devoutly to be hoped that this highly-favoured county, in which we know there are some uncommonly stiff-backed Masons, will not relax their efforts on behalf

of "Our Girls" simply because their popular Deputy Prov. Grand Master has transferred his invigorating influence to his own aristocratic London Lodge. The neighbouring county of Wilts, also bristling with staunch adherents of the Craft, and from which we have been accustomed to look for a bulky instalment, is absent; as also is Essex, which has scarcely done anything since 1875. People shrug their shoulders when North and East Yorkshire is mentioned, for, in spite of their high falutin' at home, there is very little wool amongst the much cry. The Western Division of South Wales has also this year taken its place in the rank of non-contributing Provinces, whilst the Channel Islands, Jersey, and the Isle of Man are in their usual place, enjoying a serenity which is only broken by a hundred-guinea contribution from Jersey two years ago. Having dismissed the sixteen districts which, by their laxity, have missed the privilege of ministering to the happiness of our little maidens, it is pleasing to direct attention to those active Provinces that have helped to swell Bro. Hedges's list to so gratifying a degree this year. West Lancashire, the ever open-handed, opens the ball with the magnificent sum of £594 17s, of which Bro. Robert Wylie, who represented the Province, brought up a hundred guineas; Bro. W. C. Deeley, on behalf of the Sefton Lodge, No. 680, Liverpool, £126; and Bro. Thomas Salter, of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool, £115 10s. From the same city Bro. H. R. Robertson, of the St. George's Lodge, figures with the goodly total of £53; whilst the young Architects' Lodge, No. 1375, of Didsbury, is to be congratulated upon enabling their Bro. G. D. Pochin to come up with a substantial £48 6s. It may be urged that from the second seaport in the kingdom we have a right to look for large assistance, and in this assertion we agree; but comparing Liverpool with other flourishing ports, such as Hull, Bristol, and Newcastle, we cannot but admit that our West Lancashire brethren have acquitted themselves like men. West Yorkshire, which last year led the van, and swelled the lists by the splendid contribution of £900, has hardly come up to the average at this Festival, although we must not grumble at the "willing horse" that has done so much for our various Charities in times gone by. Scarcely ever is the name of West Yorkshire missed from the annual summary of any of the Institutions, and the stalwart aid they have rendered now for so many years past entitles the Province to the appellation of one of the mainsprings of Masonic benevolence. Taking the last five Festivals for the Girls' School, our brethren in that Province have subscribed no less than £3,161 8s, or an average of a little over £632 on each occasion. And whilst doing so they have by no means overlooked the other calls upon their attention and help. Looking over the lists of the four Festivals for the Boys' School, we see they have averaged over £611 at each, making an aggregate in the time mentioned of £2,445 5s 11d. At the Benevolent Festivals they, moreover, have contributed £2,425 15s, or an average of nearly £500 at each. Bro. Wordsworth, the Vice-Chairman of the County Committee, slightly differs from us in the figures which we again quote, but we take our amounts from the lists published officially after each successive Festival, and irrespective of any sums which may be sent up afterwards. It is quite possible, therefore, that Bro. Wordsworth, whose letter we published in March, may be correct, but in this analysis we deal, as we have said, alone on the merits of the lists published after the Festivals. At all events, the result is a grand one for West Yorkshire, which must once again be dubbed "good and faithful servant." Fifteen only out of the sixty-six Lodges were represented last week, but evidently the system which has been so admirably worked in past years will continue to be productive of good and enlarged results. Would that the spirit animating the West Yorkshire folk could be caught by the dwellers in the North and East Ridings. A comparison in this case would indeed be "odious," and if the brethren to whom we allude have not been made to blush ere this, for their mean support of the Charities, we fear nothing we can say will make them. We alluded some time back to a scheme which the Deputy Prov. Grand Master has under consideration for establishing some system of charity in his district, and we wish him all success. Past results, however, bid us fear that our worthy Bro. Dr. Bell will not have a too eager following, for the "sturdy beggars" in North and East Yorkshire may be counted on the fingers, and the result of their labours even more readily dismissed. Kent, with its forty-three Lodges,

comes third in order on the Girls' list this year, with a total of £408 3s 6d, as against £77 7s at the last Festival. Six Lodges were represented, Bro. James D. Terson, of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, at Dover, brings up the "cock score" of his Province, in the shape of a cheque for £180 7s 0d; Brother H. A. Lovett, of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, Bromley, follows with £73 10s; Bro. A. F. S. Bird, of the Wellington Lodge, No. 784, Deal, with £68 15s 6d; Bro. H. Tuff, of St. Michael's, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, with £68 5s; and Bro. E. J. Dodd, of the Amherst Lodge, No. 1223, Westerham, with £16 16s. There is yet one list to come in, from Bro. W. Etheridge, of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, Sidcup; so that, altogether, we may mentally shake hands with the men of Kent; and congratulate them upon the healthy spirit of charity by which they are actuated. Next in the order of merit is the aristocratic county of Warwickshire, which as a Province has for years manifested an unwavering interest in our Institutions. Eight out of the thirty Lodges were represented at last week's Festival, the total amount subscribed being £379 2s against £207 18s last year, when no less than sixteen Stewards appeared under the same banner—that of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham. Warwickshire has always been munificent in the support it has accorded to our Charities, and there is the additional recommendation about the work of the brethren there, namely, that it is constant and systematic. This year we also see a larger number of Lodges participating in the good work, the Shakespeare No. 284 Warwick, sending up Bro. J. G. Moore with £47 5s; the Guy's Lodge, No. 395, Leamington Priors, two Stewards (Bros. Nathaniel Merridew and Herbert Stanley) with twenty-five guineas; the Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham, £28 7s per Bro. C. F. Rowe; the Bedford Lodge, No. 925, two Stewards (Bros. E. Worrall and James Stevens), with £120 15s; Edwin Handley of the Grosvenor, No. 938, Birmingham, with £47 5s; the Forward, No. 1180, with two Stewards bearing twenty guineas each; and the younger Lodges, St. Alphege, No. 1431, Warwick, £36 15s by Bro. Benjamin Allsop, and the Charity Lodge, No. 1551, Birmingham, £31 10s per Bro. Thomas Hands. Cornwall, which was not "in the swim" at all last year, sends up £377, of which our Bro. W. J. Hughan, of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro,—a worker well known in the Craft in more senses than one,—collected no less than £367 10s. He appears to have been the only active Steward in the Province, as the £10 10s subscription by Bro. S. G. Bake, of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, of Bodmin, has the appearance of a personal gift. However, the land of pilchards and cream is apparently imbibing some of the right spirit, and no doubt if actively appealed to the rugged honest charity of "Cousin Jacky" may be still further aroused by future appeals in aid of a good cause. Staffordshire, an old friend of "the Gals," but last year conspicuous by its absence from the list, has revived its interest in the old love, and sends up this year the very respectable sum of £376 13s. When the men of pots and furnaces do work they are not half-hearted, as we see from the Sutherland Lodge, No. 451, Burslem, sending up Bro. H. Parker with £148 1s; and J. Lovell Hamshaw, of the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, and Chapter, Hanley, with £133 12s. Supplementing these amounts Bro. James Walker, of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 419, of Wolverhampton, steps in with £94 10s; and it just shows the brethren of the other seventeen unrepresented Lodges what it is possible to do if they only put the shoulder to the wheel, as we trust they may do next year. Coming nearer home, we see the Province of Middlesex has raised its list of £177 3s 6d last year to £347 0s 6d this; and still retains its character as a constant contributor to our Institutions. Eight Lodges out of the twenty-nine, and two out of its nine Chapters, are represented, and especially must be noted the plucky manner in which our enterprising young Fellow Craft, Bro. H. B. Marshall, of the Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Hounslow, has exerted himself in raising a total of 100 guineas for addition to the fund. It will be recollected that Bro. Marshall, as an E.A. accomplished a similar feat on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and it shows that evidently he has entered into the Craft with a thorough and proper determination to uphold the most cardinal of our principles, in a continuance of which work all the brethren will wish him good speed. Gloucestershire also shows an improvement upon last year's effort, the total sent up being £312 19s, as against £229 16s in 1878.

The Baron de Ferrieres, whose presence at many of our more prominent gatherings of late has shown his zeal for Masonry, has, by his own personal effort, brought up no less than £99 15s, whilst Colonel H. Basevi, representing the Province, was prepared with a list bearing a total of £64 1s. The Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester, enabled Bro. John Hyde to be the bearer of £53 11s; the Sympathy, No. 855, Wotton-under-Edge, proved its claim to the title by subscribing £43 1s to Bro. F. J. Blake's list; and the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Newnham-on-Severn, entrusted to Bro. R. J. Kerr the sum of £52 11s. East Lancashire, whose herculean effort for the Benevolent Institution last February filled us all with such pride and pleasure, has, in spite of the noble subscription of nearly four thousand pounds to the "Old People," nearly quadrupled its last year's quota to the Girls' School, the amount being set down at £285 1s. Of this Bro. C. F. Matier, on behalf of the Province, brought up £222 1s; and Captain H. A. Bennett, representing the Friendship No. 44, and Social, No. 62, Lodges of Manchester, brought up the total by a list of £63. Durham, whom we had not the pleasure of noticing last year, comes forward in the person of Bro. C. S. Lane, of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, of West Hartlepool, and although he alone appears out of the twenty-five Lodges in the Province, he is down for the very commendable figure of £277 17s. That Bro. Lane could have done so much, single-handed, should be an incentive to the remainder of the brethren to follow so excellent an example. The county of Somerset has been uniformly generous, as we lately took occasion to point out; and although the list is this year slightly below that of 1878, yet £247 16s is a very fair sum for a Province which has held its own so well in days gone by. The Lodges seem to have subscribed to one list only, and Bro. General H. E. Doherty, C.B., as Steward for the Province, was thus enabled to put in a very respectable appearance. The adjoining county of Devon—land of cider, clotted cream, and apple dumplings—comes next in order, with £242 1s, against a trifle less than £30 last year. This can hardly be regarded as a satisfactory return for the second largest county in England, containing such centres as the city of Exeter, and towns of Plymouth, Torquay, Newton Abbott, &c., comprising no less than 47 Lodges. However, we recollect good deeds in the past by our Devonian brethren, in aid of the various Institutions, and congratulate them upon the improvement they have evidenced this year in favour of the Girls' School. The same remarks apply to Sussex, whose list of less than £30 last year has been multiplied to £232 1s this. Though only three out of its twenty Lodges are represented, yet the amounts are good, Bro. Gerard Ford, of the Royal Clarence, No. 271, Brighton, bringing up £90 6s; Bro. S. Solomon, of the Panmure, No. 723, Aldershot, £65 2s; and Bro. Geo. de Paris, of the Yarborough, No. 811, Brighton, £76 13s. Cheshire seldom misses the opportunity of showing her due desire to help forward the work of charity; and this year sends nearly a hundred pounds more than last, the total of the list from this Province being £232 1s. No fewer than seven Stewards united to represent the St. John's Lodge, No. 104, of Stockport, and their combined efforts resulted in the collection of £126. The Mersey Lodge, No. 477, of Birkenhead, through its two Stewards (Bros. John Dutton and W. Bennett) subscribed £78 15s; whilst the Zetland Lodge, No. 537, Birkenhead, placed £75 12s in the hands of Bro. J. P. Platt. There is a list yet to come in from the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, Liscard, and which will augment the already satisfactory return from the county famed for its excellent cheeses. The Province of Berks and Bucks—if it is still fair to couple the two counties together, and award both credit for what one does—is always somewhere in the list, though this time for a small sum—not a fourth of what it was last year. The reason for this is not far to seek, for it is well known that our Berkshire brethren have always to fight the battle single-handed and without assistance from Bucks. There are seventeen Lodges in the two counties presided over by Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., but of these only three are represented, and their numbers are repeated on every occasion. We refer to the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, of Newbury, and the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, the former of which, through Bro. Stephen Knight, sends £21 10s 6d, and the latter, per Bro. W. V. Brown, has a list yet to come in, and the amount of which could not of course be stated at the Festival. In addition to these, the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, of Windsor, has this

year come forward, through Bro. R. Roberts, with £29 8s; we can only express a hope that more earnest and united effort, with a display of more brotherly feeling between the two sections of the Province, may result in a decidedly improved list in the future. Herts, represented by four out of its eleven Lodges, contributes £144 2s, just the amount within a shilling they sent to the Benevolent Institution last February. More than a moiety of this sum is brought up by Bro. F. Venables, of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, of Barnet, and we notice—under the "Miscellaneous" head—the list of another of its members, £63. Bro. Morgan only decided on acting as Steward three days before the Festival, and consequently had no time to consult his Lodge. Bro. J. Tydeman, of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, of Waltham New-town, has a list of £54 12s. The other two Lodges were the Halsey, of St. Albans, represented by Bro. Isaac N. Edwards—who by-the-bye has earned for himself on this, as on a previous occasion, the Irishman's compliment for bringing up the smallest list—and the King Henry VIII., Hemel Hempstead. We are glad to see the Province of Worcester figuring on the Girls' list—for the first time—at all events during the existence of this journal. The county seems to have persistently abstained from recognising the important duty of helping forward any of our Charities of late years; but as we ventured to hope, on the advent of a new and active Prov. Grand Master, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., a more hopeful state of things has set in. The first sign of renewed life was manifested at the Benevolent Festival, when it sent up the modest sum of forty guineas. This, however, has happily begotten further efforts, and Bro. Hedges will have been very thankful to receive the substantial sum of £141 15s, as an earnest of better things in store. The Welsh Provinces remain also *in statu quo*, so far as the amounts sent in go, though relatively there is a difference in the charitable barometer of each compared with last year. The Eastern division of South Wales has rather cooled in its interest in the Girls' School, the Province entrusting to the hands of Bro. Phillips a hundred guineas, as against the £117 12s brought up by Bro. Tennant in 1878, whilst the Western division, so lavish in its generosity last year, is not in the list at all. On the other hand, North Wales, with Salop, has advanced from a ten guineas subscription to a very comfortable £66 3s, which is brought up by Bro. Ephraim Wood from the Province, and which we may expect to find augmented when the list promised by Bro. Thomas Coxhead, of the Caradoc Lodge, No. 1674, Rhyl, comes in. Hants and the Isle of Wight seldom fail to make a show, and although their contribution to the Girls' School is a trifle below that of last year, yet we must not forget that the Province has lately sent a substantial help to Bro. Terry, and that on nearly all occasions it has been well to the fore. Four only out of the thirty Lodges are represented, and three of these make up a total of £99 15s 6d. Of this sum Bro. A. Barfield, of the Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, brought up £47 5s; Bro. J. R. Hayman, of the Phoenix, No. 257, Portsmouth, £10 10s 6d; and Bro. Richard Eve, of the Panmure, Aldershot, forty guineas, in addition to Bro. Solomon's Sussex contribution for the same Lodge of £65 2s. Besides these sums, there is a list still to come in, and we trust Bro. Edwin Izod, of the United Brothers, No. 1069, Southsea, may be as successful as he himself could wish to be. Five out of the nine Oxfordshire Lodges appear on the list with a total of £96 12s, being about £50 less than last year; whilst Derby and Monmouthshire each contribute £63, both manifesting a decided improvement upon former efforts. Suffolk has only been absent at one of the last fourteen Festivals, and although the amount sent up from this Province—£49 7s—is below the average, it nevertheless proves the constant interest in the welfare of the School which is taken by the brethren. The Abbey Lodge, No. 1592, of Bury St. Edmunds, champions the nineteen Lodges of the Province, in the person of Bro. W. J. Nunn, and we hope to see other Stewards appearing with like credit at no very remote future. Two Stewards were sent by Surrey, out of eighteen Lodges, and their total of £48 6s is a trifling advance on the effort of 1878. Bristol appears for the first time since 1875, and contributes, per Bro. Bowden, £37 16s—not a great amount certainly, seeing there are eight Lodges of reputed prosperity in that wealthy commercial city. Lincolnshire is represented by what appears to be a personal donation of twenty guineas from Bro. James Fowler, of Louth, the

well-known ecclesiastical architect; and Nottingham plays the same part as it did at the Benevolent Festival, viz., enters the name of one of its nine Lodges, the Royal Sussex, No. 402, of Nottingham, with Bro. Jacoby as the Steward, but with no amount named. We should not omit to mention, in closing our summary, that Major Marmaduke Ramsey, a zealous Mason, brings from India £51 5s, which swells the Provincial contributions to the grand total of £5,826.

THE LATE FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The following amounts have been received since our last issue:—

		£	s.	d.
Lodge No. 6	Prescott, Sir G. Bart.	21	0	0
" "	172 Watson, John	40	17	0
" "	402 Jacoby, C. T.	10	10	0
" "	771 Brown, W. V.	21	0	0
" "	8:9 Etheridge, William	10	10	0
Unattached	Mason, John	10	10	0
Lodge No. 444	Woodman, W. R., M.D.			
& Rose of Devon	Amount of List	127	1	0
Conclave, Exeter.	Announced in error	103	10	0
Various additions to Lists		23	11	0
		28	5	6
		£166	3	6

PORTLAND LODGE, No. 1037.

THE new quarters into which the brethren of Portland Lodge have just entered was opened on the 14th inst. by the Right Worshipful P.G.M. Bro. Montagu Gnest, assisted by the D.P.G.M. Bro. B. Gundry and his Officers. This Lodge was consecrated on the 11th January 1865, at a room belonging to the Breakwater Hotel, but within two years of its being opened an effort was made to remove it to a private building, which failed, as did also another attempt made two or three years later. After a further lapse of two or three years, the effort to remove the Lodge was again revived, but owing principally to want of energy and perseverance on the part of the mover and seconder, this attempt shared the same fate as the previous ones. In June of last year, however, a proposition was made by Bro. Vickery, the Secretary, seconded by the Senior Warden, Bro. Cook, that the Lodge should be removed to private rooms. The proposition met with determined opposition from a few members of the Lodge, but a large majority were in favour of removal, and this time fortune smiled on their endeavours, for just then a new building was being erected close to the railway station for Worshipful Brother Howard, who was the first Master of Portland Lodge. A Committee was formed, and duly deputed to wait upon Bro. Howard, when the state of affairs was laid before him, and it was urged that if the Lodge was not removed to private quarters there would be a division amongst its members, which disaster might be averted by his allowing the building, then in course of erection, to be converted into a Masonic Hall. Negotiations were carried on for some time, and these eventually closed by Bro. Howard granting consent that the building should be used for Masonic purposes. Since then the work in connection with it has been carried on with great energy by the builder, the result of this is that Portland has now a Lodge-room of which both its members and the Province may well be proud. The building consists of a fine room on the second storey, and beneath are an ante-room, banquetting-hall and requisite offices. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. of No. 1307 and his Officers, at 2.15, and after a little instruction the Lodge was called off at 2.30. At three it re-assembled, and at 3.15 the Grand Lodge was received in due form, the P.G.M. occupying the throne, and his Officers taking charge of the Lodge. The P.G.M. then called upon the W.M. of the Portland Lodge to produce his authority from Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge for the removal. The Prov. Grand Master having been satisfied that every requisite had been complied with, the room was duly declared open for the purposes of Freemasonry. The W.M. of 1037 thanked the P.G.M. for his kindness in opening the Lodge, after which he gave an account as to the causes which had led to its removal, saying the Removal Committee had been greatly assisted in their work by the P.G.M. himself, who, in his address at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Poole, strongly impressed upon the brethren the advisability of holding their meetings in private rooms. He there stated there were but three Lodges in his Province who had not made this provision, and hoped the day would soon come when he should be able to say every Lodge in his Province had a building of its own. He (the W.M.) as well as his Officers and brethren, and more especially our worthy Bro. and first Master, W. Bro. Howard, had endeavoured to do all they could to make the room worthy of Freemasonry, and he hoped it met with approval. The Prov. Grand Master expressed the pleasure which the opening of their beautiful Lodge-room had afforded him; observing when he delivered his address at Poole he little thought there were brethren present who would respond so quickly, in such a hearty manner, as those at Portland had done. It was a source of congratulation to himself, and must be so to the numerous brethren present, to find that some of them, at all events, had the welfare of Masonry so much at heart as to induce them to build such a fine room as that they were assembled in. He only hoped others would follow the good example. He was more than pleased with what he had seen that day; he had had an opportunity on two previous occasions during the past year of visiting this Lodge unawares, and seeing the

efficient way in which the W.M. carried on his duty. He congratulated the members on the masterly and business-like manner in which the duties of the Lodge were performed, and expressed a hope he should have an opportunity of paying them another visit shortly. He then requested the W.M. of 1037 to take possession of the chair, which was done. The W.M. of 1037 placed his officers in possession of the Lodge. The P.G. Chaplain then offered prayer, after which the hymn commencing—

“Supreme Grand Master, God of Power,”

was sung. The Lodge was afterwards addressed by the D.P.G.M., as also by G. S. Warden Bro. Gregory (Dorchester), C. J. T. Hambro S.D. and W.M. of Blandford Lodge, Bros. Windham P.G.S.W., Howard P.G.S., Best W.M. of Wareham Lodge, Harrison sen. P.M. of Poole, Bond, and others. The W.M. of 1037 proposed a vote of thanks to the Removal Committee, he should not close the Lodge without thanking them for their exertions. Especially he would mention the names of Bro. Ratcliffe P.M. and Treasurer, and Bro. Vickery Sec., who had spared neither time nor trouble in bringing this successful result about. Bro. Ratcliffe said it had given him great pleasure to work in behalf of the brethren of the Portland Lodge; this was further enhanced by seeing them in their own Lodge room that day. Bro. Vickery, as the mover of the proposition for the removal of the Lodge, had taken great interest in the matter since it was brought forward. Although he at first met with unpleasantness, he was well backed up by the brethren of the Lodge, and the work he had completed more than repaid him; he felt it might meet with what might be termed almost unanimous approval. He was very thankful to say they were now almost come to the end of their labours, being now landed in their new home. A great deal of the credit of this was due to the P.G.M., for had he not made the “happy speech” which he did at Poole, he (Bro. Vickery) would not have had weapons to fight with. The concluding hymn, beginning—

“Now the evening shadows closing”

was then sung, a prayer offered, and the Lodge was declared duly closed. Some idea of the size of the new Lodge room, may be gathered when we state that seventy-six brethren signed the attendance book and attended Lodge. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where Brother Hodson had provided a splendid banquet, to which sixty-seven sat down. The chair was occupied by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, as also the health of the W.M. of 1037 and those of other Lodges. The Charities were not forgotten, and five guineas was collected in the room so as to make the W.M. a Life Subscriber to one of the Institutions. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kindness, but said he would rather the money collected had been given to the benevolent fund of the Lodge in the usual way, as there were now two schemes started for getting subscriptions to Masonic Charities. He hoped by next month this Lodge would have placed no less a sum than sixty guineas to their credit for the various Masonic Charities, no mean sum, he thought, for a Lodge of under fifty members, and, comparatively speaking, not rich. By the end of the year he hoped the Lodge would have thirty-one votes for the Masonic Institutions. The P.G.M. started the subscription by giving ten guineas on his first visit to the Lodge this year. The toasts of visiting members from other Provinces, as also of Officers belonging to Portland Lodge were given, and a very enjoyable day was brought to a close, the party leaving by the nine o'clock train for Weymouth en route for home. In response to requests the Secretary made for the purpose of getting up a suitable service for the opening of the Lodge Bro. H. J. Atkins, of Northampton, kindly sent a beautiful opening and closing hymn, used in his Lodge, and which for the future will be adopted by the Portland Lodge. During the banquet the band of the Boscawen, by the kind permission of the officers, performed a selection of music, which was greatly admired. Great credit is due to Mr. F. J. Brooks, the bandmaster, for the able manner in which he has trained the lads composing the band.

We are pleased to observe that Bro. William G. Wingrove I.P.M. of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 299, has succeeded to the proprietorship of the well-known and old established Northumberland Arms Hotel, at Isleworth, where it is evident, by his experienced tact and judgment, he is most likely to succeed. We dropped in upon him on Wednesday last, and found the great house filled with revelry, on the occasion of the Duke of Northumberland's Court Leet, and when, under the extraordinary pressure of three public dinners in one afternoon, Bro. and Mrs. Wingrove, as may be expected, had their hands pretty full. However, we heard on all sides expressions of unbounded satisfaction with the manner in which the new proprietor had entered upon his duties; and if Bro. Wingrove only follows in the course which rendered his occupation of the Pier Hotel, at Greenhithe, so satisfactory to his patrons and profitable to himself, we may look for a lease of renewed success to this commodious and well-appointed hotel in Isleworth, which by active working cannot fail soon to secure its old prestige.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion.—How much thought has been bestowed, and what ponderous volumes have been written upon this plague of every household, which is with certainty and safety dispelled without fear of relapse, by a course of this purifying, soothing and tonic medicine! It acts directly on the stomach, liver, and bowels—more indirectly, though not less effectively on the brain, nerves, vessels, and glands, and commands such order throughout the entire system that harmony dwells between each organ and its functions. Dyspepsia can no longer be the bugbear of the public, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subdue the most chronic and distressing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength, and cheerfulness.

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"OLD AND NEW LONDON."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The above-named highly-interesting work, especially interesting to those who know something of the *ins and outs* of London, contains some references to Masons and Masonic subjects, some of which are entirely new to me, and as the author gives no information whence he derived his statements concerning these topics, I deem it my duty to call attention thereto, hoping that either yourself, or some other brother, will make enquiries of the author of "Old and New London" concerning the sources of his Masonic information. On page 272, Vol. I., I find the following paragraph:—

"During the building of St. Paul's, Wren was the zealous Master of St. Paul's Freemasons' Lodge, which assembled at the Goose and Gridiron; one of the most ancient Lodges in London. He presided regularly at its meetings for upwards of eighteen years, he presented the Lodge with three beautifully-carved mahogany candlesticks, and the trowel and mallet which he used in laying the first stone of the great Cathedral in 1675. In 1688 Wren was elected Grand Master of the Order, and he nominated his old fellow-workers at St. Paul's, Cibber the sculptor, and Strong the Master Mason, Grand Wardens. In Queen Anne's reign there were 129 Lodges—eighty-six in London, thirty-six in provincial cities, and seven abroad. Many of the oldest Lodges in London are in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's."

The above paragraph is mainly taken from Preston's work, except the part which I italicise, viz.:—"In Queen Anne's reign," &c. These 129 Lodges, and their division, are new to me; if you cannot throw light upon the subject, nor any of your correspondents, Mr. Walter Thornbury, the author of "Old and New London," should be questioned about it.

On page 28 of the same Vol. we have the narrative of Christopher Sayer, a very foolish lawyer, a Jacobite, who was hanged for treason 1722, and whose head was, in accordance with the then fashion, placed at the top of Temple Bar. In 1753 a storm threw down the rebel's skull; Mr. Pierce, another foolish Jacobite lawyer (though not quite as foolish as the original owner of the skull), picked it up and carried it home. Dr. Richard Rawlinson, who, I regret to say, was a more foolish Jacobite than lawyer Pierce, bought of Pierce the skull for a good sum, and requested in his will to have the said skull placed in his right hand when he was in his coffin, and that he should be so buried. The general belief was that poor Rawlinson was cheated by Pierce, that the skull buried with him was not Sayer's skull at all. But, be this as it may, our author adds:—"Rawlinson was bantered by Addison in one of the *Tatlers* for his pedantry, and was praised by Dr. Johnson for his learning."

Had the name of Dr. Richard Rawlinson been unknown to me, I might have passed it over without any notice; for it is not very uncommon to find learning and pedantry combined in the same individual; such instances may even be found among Masonic writers. But I happened to recollect that Dr. Rawlinson was a very zealous Mason, who was a member of several Lodges, who left a number of Masonic curiosities which are preserved in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, one of whose MSS. was published by Bro. Hughan in his "Old Charges." A List of the English Lodges, compiled by Bro. Rawlinson in 1733, furnished me additional and very important evidence, that the then No. 79 on the English Lodge List did not belong to a Lodge located at Philadelphia; and, however foolish I deemed Bro. Rawlinson to have been on account of Jacobitish proclivity, and however much I may indulge now and then to expose the follies of Masonic brethren, yet, somehow or other, I feel a kind of nettled when an outsider attacks a Mason. So I rushed to the *Tatler*, but I could not find the name of Rawlinson therein. I knew, however, that the writers in the *Tatler* used to disguise names, and therefore did not give up hope of ultimately finding out what I wished to do. But I found another obstacle to the statement in "Old and New London;" our Masonic Cyclopaedists date the birth of Rawlinson "1690." The *Tatler* was written in 1709; consequently, Rawlinson must have been then only nineteen years old. I could not, therefore, understand how the great Addison, in his prime, could stoop to insult in the *Tatler* a boy of nineteen. To be brief, I subsequently found in Chalmers' Biographical Dictionary, Vol. XXVI., Rawlinson's biography, as well as those of his father and of his elder brother, both of whom were named Thomas, and that in No. 158 in the *Tatler* Addison pitched unmercifully into "Tom Folio;" which I must say, with good reason, is supposed to refer to Thomas Rawlinson, the brother of our brother Richard Rawlinson. The author of "Old and New London" evidently made a mistake here.

About three years ago I found the following letter in the *Gentleman's Magazine* of the last century; I forget the precise year, but I think it was after 1780:—

"Mr. URBAN,—I beg the favour of some of your intelligent correspondents, to point out a descriptive account of that most ridiculous procession of the 'Scald Miserable Masons' in 1744 [ought to be 1742], an engraving of which I remember to have seen. The projector of that procession, which I have been told, was the late Paul Whitehead, who, to gratify some picture against the Freemasons, who till then used to have a grand annual Masonic procession, set it on foot, and so contrived it that the two processions met each other, I believe where

Somerset House then stood, and at which place the drawing represents them."

Bro. Walter Spencer in 1869 kindly presented me with a reprint of a picture corresponding with the above description, at the bottom of which the following is printed:—

"SOUTH FRONT OF OLD SOMERSET HOUSE IN 1742.
"Copied from the view of the grand procession of the Scald Miserable Masons."

The said mock procession was doubtless a source of disgust to the brethren in 1742; no Masonic procession has been seen in London since then, and even in the country Masonic processions are restricted. William Preston got into trouble for merely crossing the street from his Lodge-room to a church with his apron on; the author of "Old and New London," as I shall presently show, still cherishes an indignant feeling towards Whitehead, for his insult to the Grand Lodge of England. But, nevertheless, I venture to assert, that we ought to be thankful to Whitehead for what he did in 1742. Our Irish American fellow citizens, who like the Masons on St. John's days, used to turn out here on St. Patrick's Day in public procession, with bands of music, banners, &c. Some of them even imitated our so-called Knights Templar, by wearing cocked hats, collars, sashes, and brandishing swords, &c. But last year, the more sensible Irish citizens persuaded the others to discontinue that mediæval tomfoolery, and no St. Patrick's procession took place in Boston this year. Our Masons, however, who must stick to ancient landmarks, no matter how ridiculous they are, still continue to make fools of themselves on St. John's Day, and upon other occasions, by their public displays, to the disgust of our more enlightened brethren. In the last century the Masonic processions provoked a writer who ridiculed the Masons in two satirical poems: and several articles condemning those processions appeared within a few years in our magazines, but all to no purpose. Thanks, therefore, to Mr. Paul Whitehead for having cured the English Masons of the folly of public processions, and he richly deserves a monument to be placed in Freemasons' Hall for the good services he rendered to the Craft in 1742.

"Old and New London" gives another version of a mock Masonic procession. The author says:—

"It was this Whitehead, with Carey, the surgeon to the Prince of Wales, who got up the mock procession in ridicule of the Freemasons' annual cavalcade from Brook-street to Haberdashers' Hall. The ribald procession consisted of shoeblacks and chimney sweeps, in carts drawn by asses, followed by a mourning coach, with six horses, each of a different colour. The city authorities very properly refused to let them pass through Temple Bar, but they waited there, and saluted the Masons. Hogarth published a print of the "Scald miserables," which is dull, and even coarse. The Prince of Wales, with more good sense than usual, dismissed Carey for his buffoonery." (Vol. I. p 99).

The description above given corresponds with a plate I saw at Bro. Spencer's establishment, a copy of which may be seen in "Hone's Every Day Book," Vol. II. p 523. At the bottom of the picture is printed

"THE SOLEMN AND STATELY PROCESSION
"Of the Scald Miserable Masons,

"As it was martiall'd on Thursday, the 18 of this instant April."

It is evident that the two mock processions were got up by the same party, but as the one I last described does not mention the year, there is some doubt as to which of the two is the older. Mr. Hone thought that his picture and description of the procession took place before 1742. We have, however, one clue to discover the year, viz., the year when the 18th of April was on Thursday, and if my authority is right, the 18th April was on Thursday in 1745. Bro. S. D. Nickerson, in the "New England Freemason," Vol. I. p 529, states, upon the authority of Dr. Oliver, that the procession described by Hone took place some time after 1742. So far, Dr. Oliver may be right, but not so in the following quotation:—"Anderson," says Oliver (as quoted by Bro. Nickerson) "thus notices the circumstance":—

"Some unfaithful brethren, disappointed in their expectations of the high offices and honours of the Society, had joined a number of buffoons of the day in a scheme to exhibit a mockery of the public procession to the grand feast. This, as may well be supposed, furnished mirth to the gaping crowd, and disgust to the Fraternity, who, wisely recollecting themselves, determined in future to confine their operations within the limits of their own assembly."

Bro. Nickerson probably copied the above from Oliver's "Revelations of a Square," but as I could not find the above in Anderson's own writings, we may put it down to Oliver's invention; for if, as Oliver says, the procession, with mourning coach and carts drawn by asses, took place after 1742, Anderson could not have objected to either of the processions, because Anderson was dead and buried years before either of the said processions took place.

It is probable that Mr. Thornbury belongs to the Craft; but whether he does or not, he ought to be interviewed by some intelligent Mason. We ought to learn from whence he derived the statement about the 129 Lodges in Queen Anne's time; as well as his information about Whitehead, Carey, and the Prince of Wales. One so extensively read in antiquarian lore may be in possession of other sources of information that would be interesting to Masons. I hope, therefore, that some brother will feel interested enough to take my hint, and I shall only add that "Old and New London" is published by Messrs. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin, where I have no doubt Mr. Thornbury's address could be ascertained.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, 25th April 1879.

P.S.—Since the above was written, I ascertained that the 18th

of April 1745 was on *Thursday*; and the Grand Lodge marched in procession on that day, preceded by three "sets of musick," from Brand's Head Tavern to Drapers' Hall. *This was the last Masonic procession which took place in London.* At the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1747 (the Constitutions say), "A motion was then made to discontinue, for the future, the *Procession of March*, which was carried *nemine con.*" (See Constitutions. "Printed for G. Kearsly, in Ludgate-street, London," 1769.

It is evident, then, that the procession described by Hone took place on *Thursday*, 18th April 1745. J. N.

"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—“As the sound of the trumpet to the war horse” is the “Editorial” under the above heading in your last week's impression to me, and I can do no less than respond to the call to further battle on behalf of the good cause of purifying Masonic ritual and observance.

The correspondence to which you refer will be found in the pages of your journal between the dates of 11th September and 16th December of the year 1876, since when all reference thereto has ceased until now. I find, on careful re-perusal, that a considerable number of interesting subjects were then submitted for the consideration and determination of “workers” in Craft Masonry, and I have reason to think that in very many quarters the correspondence has borne good fruit. But on the other hand, the prejudices of many members of the Masonic Order have been permitted to stand in the way of a general acceptance of the commonsense interpretation of several portions of the ritual therein referred to, and the endeavour to substitute the light of reason for the darkness of error has been met with the awful word “Innovation!”

Nevertheless, if your “Editorial” and this letter should meet with any such response from your readers as would testify to a desire on the part of even a limited number of earnest Masons that the subject should be again discussed in your pages, it will afford me much pleasure to resume my labours to that end.

In order that the whole question may be thoroughly understood, and brethren made acquainted with the practical result sought to be attained, I will briefly recapitulate a few past events which bear upon the subject. On the 27th March 1869, I inserted in the pages of your contemporary, the *Freemason*, a letter under the heading “Uniformity of Working,” in which I directed attention to the great and important differences existing in the ceremonials as conducted in various Lodges, both Metropolitan and Provincial. This letter produced an amount of personal correspondence which, although it startled me by its extent, and involved more labour than I had contemplated, proved how very deeply Freemasons of every rank felt the importance of the proposals submitted. Consequently, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in December 1869, which was more largely attended than any previous meeting, our present Royal Grand Master being then installed as Past Grand Master, I proposed, “That with a view to securing greater uniformity of working and observance of the same usages and customs throughout the several Lodges held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, a Committee of Past Masters be appointed to inquire into the merits of the respective systems of working now in practice, and to report to Grand Lodge thereon, with such recommendations as they may think necessary to prevent deviation from the established mode, such deviations being, according to the Constitutions of Freemasonry, improper, and not to be justified or countenanced.” This proposition was carried without a single dissident, and I had reason to think success would assuredly crown my efforts. But, alas! for the mutability of all mundane aspirations; after further labour, and kind and hearty assistance from staunch Masonic friends, a cold wind arose in the East, and presently dried up the fertile ground and withered the branches of the young and promise-bearing tree. The appointment of the proposed committee was adjourned *sine die*, for what reason I never could account, and the proposition yet stands on the minutes of Grand Lodge awaiting a “raising,” which I still hope will one day be accorded to it. Between 1870 and 1876 only casual reference was made to this matter in our Masonic publications, and then you kindly gave insertion to my first letter under the heading “Which is correct?” To the correspondence which resulted I now refer your readers, and if they will only show sufficient interest it may probably induce me to publish the same in pamphlet form for distribution amongst our Lodges and Lodges of Instruction.

In a report (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE 3rd May) of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction at Deptford, I read that the W.M. on that occasion, Bro. Bumstead P.M. and P.Z., expressed 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.*” (The italics are mine). Exactly so! but what is the “ancient and recognised ritual?” Bro. So-and-so says he works it, but Brother Knowbetter says So-and-so is wrong. And again Bro. Leader says both are in error. Who is to decide when Preceptors disagree? Surely not Bro. Novice, twelve months a Master Mason, who not infrequently assumes superior knowledge to the practised veteran of twice twelve years Past Mastership!

And this again reminds me of the fact that there is something connected with the growth of our Order which is certainly not correct. I mean the facility with which junior members of Lodges, hardly fledged, as it were, can leave their parent Lodges, and obtaining warrants for new Lodges, become Wardens and Masters without having undergone the necessary preliminary discipline, or having the requisite instruction to fit them for such exalted positions. But that it would appear to be an impertinent interference with the

prerogative of the M.W.G.M. (of which, nevertheless, I have my doubts), I should have no hesitation in proposing to Grand Lodge that no petition should be considered unless all the petitioners had been at the date of petition Master Masons for at least three years, and that of their number three of them should have served the office of Warden. I could adduce instances of Lodges established without such foundation which have not prospered, and I know of a Warrant, said to be lately granted, the W.M. designate of which cannot work the opening and closing of a Lodge. True, it is to be very select, and highly respectable, but for all that the chances are against its being a credit to the Order as an exponent of the working of Freemasonry.

I must not take up more of your space by further comment now, but hope to address you again on these and cognate subjects. To all those brethren who think with me that the end in view is not altogether unattainable, I appeal for support and advice in the search for information “which is correct,” and I shall be very pleased indeed if any should deem my remarks important enough to be criticised. I take no offence at well meant criticism, if only my critics “fight fair,” and are as single minded as I desire to be.

Meanwhile, to resume the old style in which my letters of 1876 terminated; in illustrating the ornaments of a Lodge Preceptor No. 1 says, the *Mosaic pavement* is the beautiful flooring, &c. Preceptor No. 2 says, the *Masonic pavement*, &c., &c. This example of divergence may not be so important as those formerly set out, but it is worth while knowing—Which is correct?

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 19th May 1879.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In common with many others, greatly regretted the abrupt termination of the interesting correspondence which appeared in your columns some two years since under the above heading. There can be no doubt that Bro. Stevens did good Masonic service at that time by calling attention to the many discrepancies in ceremonial ritual, and endeavouring to elicit the opinions of the Craft generally with a view to correct errors.

If our brother is still as earnest in the cause of Freemasonry as, from the frequent notices of his continued labours in the several degrees, I have reason to believe he is, it is to be hoped your reference to his former work may induce him to resume the subject. Should he do so, I feel assured he will not want support, and he may certainly rely on the consideration and thanks of many of his brethren.

Yours fraternally,

A MASTER MASON.

20th May 1879.

CONSECRATION OF ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THIS ceremony was performed on the 12th May 1879, at the Hulme Town Hall, Manchester, by Bro. G. W. Mellor D.P.G.M. East Lancashire, Rev. E. H. Aldridge P.G. Chaplain, Bro. W. Kenyon P.G.S.W., J. J. Lancashire P.G.J.W., John Salmon P.G.D.C., J. H. Sillitoe P.P.G.D.C., Edward Hardon P.G.S.D., Bro. Newton Acting P.G. Secretary East Lancashire, Thomas Mitchell P.G. Tyler; many Past Provincial Grand Officers from neighbouring Provinces, Past Masters from neighbouring Lodges, and about seventy brethren. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Dumville P.M. and other brethren. A Craft Lodge was opened at 2:30 p.m. Lodge having been raised to third degree, Provincial Grand Lodge was announced. The brethren saluted the D.P.G.M. and Officers, according to ancient custom. Warrants having been presented, Bro. Sillitoe P.P.G.D.C. then delivered an interesting and eloquent oration on the Origin and Objects of Freemasonry. The ceremony of consecration was then performed by Bro. Mellor D.P.G.M., assisted by the P.G. Chaplain, in a most excellent and interesting manner. The chair of K.S. was then taken by Bro. M. Hart P.M. 1502, the Installing Master, when Bro. E. Nathan P.M. (W.M. designate) was presented, and received the salutations of the brethren. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. Aronsberg P.M. I.P.M., Rev. H. D. Marks S.W., D. A. Davis J.W., M. Newman Treasurer, S. Mamelock Secretary, A. M. Hart S.D., D. A. Davis J.D., S. J. Jourdain I.G., E. Wise Steward, J. Sly Tyler. Several propositions for joining and initiation were handed in. The W.M. then rose to propose a vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. for performing the consecration ceremony, and also to P. G. Officers for able assistance, which was received with acclamation. Bro. G. W. Mellor D.P.G.M. responded. It gave him great pleasure to be present that day, which would be a red-letter day in his Masonic career, this being the first Jewish Lodge consecrated in the Province; he wished the Lodge every prosperity. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Blair Lodge for able assistance. Hearty good wishes were then expressed, every brother testifying to the great pleasure he had experienced in witnessing the ceremony. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most choice menu was provided by Bro. M. Bianco in excellent style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with some excellent songs, glees, &c., and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. It is with great pleasure we bear testimony to the excellent and efficient manner in which Bro. M. Hart P.M. performed the installation ceremony—it was simply perfection; we hope again to have the pleasure of listening to his excellent addresses. There is every prospect of this Lodge becoming very successful, as the members who have promoted it are well known in the Craft, and many influential brethren have intimated their intention of joining. We therefore wish them every success, and a prosperous career.

CAPPER LODGE, No. 1076.

THE brethren of this well-established Lodge met at their new quarters, the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on the 8th inst. This was the last meeting of the season, and the confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting evoked considerable interest, and attracted a large attendance. Although there was no ceremonial working, the proceedings may be regarded as a red letter day in the annals of the Capper Lodge. For some years past this Lodge has been amongst the foremost in supporting the Charities, and during the last year, under Bro. J. White's Mastership, an appeal was made, and that successfully, to the brethren to subscribe individually a small amount to each of the three Institutions. Encouraged by success, our esteemed Bro. White I.P.M. had placed a notice of motion upon the agenda paper for the annual subscription to be increased by half a guinea, such increased amount to be devoted solely to provide a fund to secure to the Lodge Vice Presidencies of the Institutions. This notice, together with one by Bro. H. Taplay J.W., to diminish the number of meetings in the year by two, had previously been discussed, and prior to confirmation raised a long and interesting discussion. It was evident each speaker had the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason—Charity—well at heart, and the discussion came to a creditable and satisfactory termination under W. Bro. F. Brien's genial presidency. The motion to limit the number of meetings was not sustained, but the proposal of Bro. I.P.M. White was carried amid many marks of approval. Lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to discuss an excellent supper, to which, owing to the interest shewn in the evening's proceedings, a very numerous body sat down. After doing ample justice, and the table being cleared,—which latter process occupied much more time than it need have done,—the W.M., in appropriate terms, gave the usual Loyal and Craft toasts. These having been duly honoured, Bro. I.P.M. White proposed the health of the W.M. who, he said, had reached a most interesting portion of his year of office, viz., the summer vacation. He trusted they would all meet him well after the holidays. This was received with great enthusiasm, and after Bro. M. W. Sherwin (Organist) had sung "The Friar of Orders Gray," the W.M. thanked the brethren sincerely for their kind reception of his name. This being the last meeting of the season, he would express his appreciation of the support he had received. Certain important questions had cropped up in the Lodge, and although in treating them we were not unanimous, yet he was sure all had acted conscientiously, and had at all times supported him in conducting the business of the Lodge. He trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would enable them to meet again in September. Bro. Gerrard King here favoured the brethren with a humorous account of a very tough "tail" indeed. The W.M. having given the "P.M.'s," which was cordially received, Bro. White as the I.P.M. said he wished the brethren all much enjoyment and hearty good wishes until they met again. Bros. West and Gaskell also replied for the P.M.'s, and the toast of the Visitors followed. The W.M. said the Capper Lodge had always a hearty welcome for Visitors, and he was glad to see them there. Bros. Relph, Benjamin and Ives having returned thanks, Bro. G. King said he had thoroughly enjoyed himself, and yet, "beggar that I am, I am even poor in thanks." The W.M. next claimed attention for a very important toast, "the Masonic Press," he felt the Craft owed much to the Press for its able championship of the Masonic Charities, and for placing the current Masonic news clearly before them. He had perused, with pleasure, an excellent article in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE that week, ably advocating the claims of the Charities. He would connect the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens with the toast. A hearty response to this was followed by a recitation, the three Warnings, by Bro. Foster. Bro. Stephens thanked the W.M. and brethren for proposing and giving so hearty a reception to the toast coupled with his name; he was sure, whilst its efforts secured the support of the Craft, as on that occasion, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE would not be found wanting in an efficient discharge of its duties. "The Officers" followed, and was well received. Bro. W. McCarthy S.W. returned thanks. He alluded to the good work done in the Lodge, of which he felt proud. He likened the labours of the brethren in the direction of charity to the fitting out of a Life-boat, and trusted that he would find the Lodge always engaged in charity. Bro. H. Tapley J.W. endorsed the S.W.'s sentiments, and Bro. J. Mitchell Sec. was glad his efforts for the good of the Lodge were appreciated. Bro. Job S.D. also thanked the brethren for so cordially toasting the Officers. He regarded that day as a most memorable one in the Capper Lodge. He trusted no brother would require the assistance they had that day decided to afford when it was necessary; and whilst they were working for so good a cause they might remember that—

There is a land where all are equal,
To which we are hurrying fast,
We shall meet upon the level,
When the gates of death are passed.
We shall stand before the Orient,
And the Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer
With His own unerring Square.

Let us meet upon the level, then,
While travelling patient here;
Let us meet and let us labour,
Though the labour be severe;
See! yonder in the western sky,
The sign it doth appear,
To gather up our Working Tools,
And part upon the Square.

Present—Bros. F. Brien W.M., W. McCarthy S.W., H. Taplay J.W., J. White I.P.M.; P.M.'s] E. West, J. Gaskell, H. G. Holliday,

J. Dorton; B. Brayshaw Treas.; and Bros. J. Mitchell Sec., J. T. K. Job S.D., W. Dorton J.D., W. Nevins I.G., A. R. Mason D.C., M. W. Sherwin Org., B. Norman Tylor, and numerous brethren. The Visitors were Bros. Balls 77, C. Relph P.M. 77 P.P.S.G.D. Kent, Lacey 700, Benjamin S.D. St. Leonards, Manning P.M. 1172, Ives 1472, Enever 290, Foster 51, G. King 1259, &c.

THE LATE ELECTION FOR THE R.M.B.I.

We return our sincere thanks to these brethren who so kindly placed their proxy papers at our disposal. It gratifies us to know that each of the candidates we were interested in was successful on Friday last.

We omitted to mention in our last, that the number of candidates was raised to 22 in the case of the males, and 18 of the females, in consequence of deaths which had taken place since the voting papers were issued. The names of those who were elected to fill the death vacancies were—John Everist, W. R. Colville, J. H. Wilkinson, James Elson and Samuel Lazarus; Julia M. Lyon, Catherine E. Partridge, Ann Walters and Harriet Henderson.

It is most satisfactory to notice the energetic manner in which the brethren of the Western Division of South Wales have come forward recently in support of our Institutions. As we mentioned after the last Festival, in February Bro. Robert Margrave, the P.S.G.W. of the Province, came forward with a list which was afterwards augmented to £278, and it was mainly through his instrumentality that Bro. Ben Lyon was elected to the benefits of the fund. This was the first time the Province had sent a Steward to the Benevolent Institution, and the fact of so large an amount being raised reflects the highest credit on Bro. Margrave, and justly entitles the Province to the success which they scored so triumphantly at last week's election.

Bro. S. Lazarus requests us to thank Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M. The Great City Lodge, for the substantial help he gave him; by this assistance Bro. Lazarus was enabled to take position amongst the successful candidates.

At the request of a correspondent we have pleasure in quoting the following from the *Sussex Daily News* :—

"At the election of annuitants to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Friday, the Sussex Freemasons were successful with one female candidate, Mrs. Amelia King, of Brighton, who polled 1513 votes, and was at the head of the list." "BRAVO SUSSEX."

A waggish friend—whose credibility we can rely on—tells us the brethren of Sussex did well in this case—very well; in fact they got all the 1513 votes polled for the candidate, with the exception of over fifteen hundred obtained by the brethren in London who so zealously conducted the case. "BRAVO LONDON."

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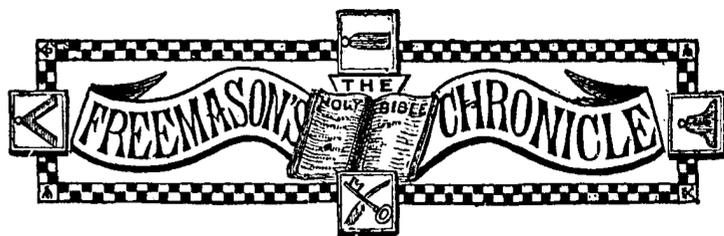
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MARK MASONRY IN NORTH AFRICA.

THE Kingston Lodge, No. 222, at Tunis, has arrived at a high state of prosperity during the twelve months which have elapsed since its consecration. An emergent meeting was held on the 1st instant. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley (D.D.G.M. Craft) W.M.M., G. Pentecost S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., Professor Souiller Sec., Dr. N. Cassanello M.O., P. M. Paleologo S.O., J. H. Stevens (British Consul General) as J.O., M. de Gallais S.D., J. Barsotti as J.D., Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., Enriquez I.G., J. Eymon Tyler, and several members. A ballot was taken for three candidates, viz., Bros. J. E. Jessel and Madonia of 1717 E.C., and Henry Wilson of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, at Hull, and proved unanimous in each case. These brethren being in attendance, were duly advanced, together with Bro. Ibrahim Ben Zaireb of 1717, who had been accepted at a previous meeting, each part of the ceremony being repeated in the English, French, Italian, and Arabic languages, as it happened that the four candidates were of different nationality, and understood no common language. A petition to the M.W.M.M.M., which had been adopted and signed unanimously by the members of the Keystone Lodge at Malta, No. 107, asking for the erection of a P.G. Mark Lodge for Tunis and Malta, was read, and a resolution in favour of its prayer passed by the assembled Mark Masters, who severally affixed their signatures to the document, which the Secretary was directed to transmit to the G. Secretary. The W.M.M. explained at length the Mark Education Scheme, and invited the brethren to contribute to its support. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned till the 10th instant, when the regular meeting was held. The Lodge was then opened by the W.M.M., Bro. Broadley. Present—Bros. G. Pentecost S.W., Dr. Perini J.W., E. J. Jessel as Sec., Dr. Cassanello M.O., L. Carletto as S.O., E. Gardelle as J.O., M. Le Gallais S.D., A. Bokobsa as J.D., Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., J. Eymon Tyler, and several members. Visitor—W. Bro. Henry Ecroyd, of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, at Sheffield. The minutes of the last meetings were read and confirmed. A ballot taken for the candidature of Bros. Delsol and J. Lumbroso, of 1717, proved favourable. The W.M.M. then called on the brethren to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, explaining his inability to continue to occupy the post, but promising to persevere in his exertions for the prosperity of the Lodge. He then explained the qualifications for the chair according to the Mark Constitutions, and read the M.W. G.M.M.'s dispensation in favour of the S.W., Bro. Pentecost, which had been applied for and accorded. The W.M.M. highly praised the Masonic zeal and assiduity of the S.W., and his remarks elicited a similar eulogium from the J.W., who said that he himself entirely declined candidature for the chair. A ballot was then taken, which resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Pentecost. The S.W. returned thanks for the honour done him by the brethren. W. Bro. Broadley alluded to the pleasure he felt at the presence amongst them of so distinguished a Mason as W. Bro. Henry Ecroyd, and begged him to convey the hearty good wishes of the Kingston Lodge to the Britannia Lodge at Sheffield. W. Bro. Ecroyd responded in suitable terms, and expressed to the assembled brethren the satisfaction he experienced at the progress of No. 222 under the rule of their deservedly popular W.M.M. He hoped soon to see on the site of Ancient Carthage one of the largest Mark Lodges in the muster roll of Grand Lodge. Bro. Ecroyd added he was glad to hear that the brethren had petitioned for a P.G. Mark Lodge for Malta and Tunis, and said he highly approved the recommendation they had made for their first P.G.M. He felt sure the P.G.L. would be as great a success as the other English Masonic bodies in Tunis had been. The charitable collection being made, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the installation of Bro. Pentecost fixed for the 31st May.

Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349 E.C.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on 5th May, at the Masonic Hall, Valletta. Present—The W.M. Bro. Coffey; also R.W. D.G.M. Bro. Kingston, Bro. C. W. Spencer Stanhope 10, 357, 428, &c., Grand Chaplain, and a large number of brethren and visitors. In the absence of the S. and J. Wardens, Bros. Jones and Littledale, these chairs were filled by Bro. Capt. F. W. Beechey, R.M.L.I., P.D.(J.W. as S.W., and by Bro. Capt. F. C. Blake, R.A., as J.W. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, and the minutes confirmed, Capt. Arthur Thomas Chapman, 35th Regiment, Capt. Augustus Finch Noyes, Army Pay Department, and Staff Surgeon Matthew Trevan, I.M.S. Condor, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Surgeon Nicholas Leader, A.M.D., and Bro. Lieutenant G. H. McLaughlin, R.A., were then called to the pedestal, and having passed a creditable examination in the first degree, were entrusted and retired to be prepared for the second. The Lodge was advanced to the Fellow Craft degree, Bros. Leader and McLaughlin were readmitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge having been reduced to the first degree, and some routine business transacted, was closed in due and ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual loyal and other customary Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

Royal Keystone Lodge, No. 240.—An ordinary meeting was held on the 17th March, at the Friendly Rooms. Present:—Bros. R. Langley W.M., M. Dias S.W. pro tem, E. X. Leon J.W. pro tem, W. J. Rutherford S.D. pro tem, and several other Officers. Fourteen candidates and two joining members were elected, but only eight candidates were advanced. The Prov. G.M. of Mark Masons of Jamaica was reported in attendance, and was received with honours. He then handed over to the W.M. the charter of the Lodge that he had received from the Grand Lodge of England, and made some very appropriate remarks. He also assisted in the advancement of the candidates. The W. G. J. Cordova of the Phoenix Mark Lodge, Port Royal, and the Wor. Brother M. Dias of the Glenlyon Lodge, were elected honorary members. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren spent a few hours in social enjoyment. After refreshment, the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were proposed, and heartily received.

A correspondent writes in cheering terms of the revival of Masonry in the island, and says:—The "Union et Concordia," once an old and flourishing Lodge of this island, has revived from its ashes. All the old members have met again, and through the permission of the District Grand Master for East Jamaica, arrangements have been made when they will shortly proceed to elect a Master, and recommence working.

The District Grand Master for East Jamaica and some of his Officers paid an official visit to the Friendly Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica, on 10th March, at their ordinary meeting, which was presided over by Bro. Moses Delgado.

Friendly Royal Arch Chapter.—A Quarterly Convocation was held at their rooms on 27th March. Present:—M. E. J. L. Ashmieu Z., G. C. H. Lewis H., E. Brandon J., and other Officers. The following Officers were installed for the present year:—Comps. B. Stines jun. Z., E. Brandon H., M. E. Ross J., E. De Pas S.E., M. Alexander S.H., L. Mordecai Treasurer, E. Dazerado P.S., A. Finzi First Assistant, E. Tozi Second Assistant. Among those present were the following Principals:—J. J. G. Lewis P.Z. Friendly, C. Davis P.Z. Royal, R. Langley P.Z. Royal, R. Garsia P.Z. Royal, M. B. Dias P.Z. Glenlyon, and several Companions of other Chapters. The Most Excellent A. De Cordova P.Z. and Superintendent of the Grand Chapter for Jamaica was elected a life member. This worthy Companion occupied the chair of Z. for three years, and some time ago was presented with a jewel.

The Most Excellent Altamont De Cordova is appointed Deputy Grand Superintendent, and H. Lewis Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter for Jamaica. The other Officers will shortly be appointed.

Phoenix Mark Lodge, No. 242.—At an ordinary meeting, held on 13th March, at the Phoenix Hall, there were present:—Bros. J. De Cordova W.M., W. D. Smedmore S.W., E. De Pass J.W., W. J. L. Rutherford Sec., and other Officers. The Provincial Grand Master for Mark Masons in Jamaica was announced and received with honour, when he was pleased to hand over to the W.M. the charter received from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and made some very appropriate remarks, wishing the Lodge every success. Three candidates were elected, but only two were advanced, the Provincial Grand Master giving his able assistance. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to supper.

A meeting was held on the 26th March, at the Friendly Rooms, presided over by the Rt. Wor. Hon. Dr. Hamilton Prov. G.M. of Mark Masons for Jamaica, when he appointed the following Officers for the year:—Bros. J. W. Whiteborne Sussex as D.P.G.M., J. J. G. Lewis Clifton Mount as P.G.S.W., R. Langley Royal Keystone P.G.J.W., G. J. De Cordova Phoenix P.G.M.O., A. De Cordova Clifton Mount P.G.S.O., G. J. Sargeant Royal Keystone P.G.J.O., B. Stines jun. Royal Keystone P.G. Treas., E. X. Leon Royal Keystone P.G. Sec., O. Delgado sen. Phoenix P.G. Regis., S. E. Pinto Sussex P.G.S.D., J. L. Ashmieu Clifton Mount P.G.J.D., O. Delgado jun. Phoenix Sup. W., G. J. Peynado Sussex D.C., G. A. Campbell Royal Keystone Sd. B., D. Barned Phoenix Std. B., A. H. Jones Sussex Org., G. R. Taylor Sussex I.G., Dr. T. Allen Sussex, Capt. Dadson Sussex, and L. C. Hollar Phoenix Stewards.

NEW ZEALAND.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338.—On 7th March, a most interesting meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand, the business being the presentation of Past Master's jewels to Brothers Past Masters Moritz S. Leers, G. N. Brassey, W. H. Skinner, and Rev. C. M. Nelson. Bro. Dr. Dawson W.M. presided, and amongst the visitors were Bros. Dr. Goldsboro Dist. G. Treasurer; W. P. Moat Dist. G.S.D., and other brethren, including the W.M., Wardens and Officers of Lodge Waitemata, and brethren from the Lodges under the Scotch and Irish Constitutions in the city. Bros. Skinner and Brassey were unable to be present, but the presentations were made to Bros. Leers and Nelson, by the W. Master in a few complimentary sentences. To Bro. Leers, the Prince of Wales Lodge owes a deep debt of gratitude, as one of the founders of the Lodge, and most earnest Masons in the district; he is no less thoroughly well versed in the ceremonies than in the regulations and laws of the Institution. It is largely to his continuous and successful exertions ever since the founding of the Lodge that its present proud position in New Zealand is now owing, and as President of the Board of General Purposes of the District Grand

Lodge of Auckland he enjoys the universal esteem and respect of the brethren. After the meeting dinner was provided by Brother Hood, with his usual excellent taste. About twenty-five brethren sat down, and enjoyed the good things provided. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, several songs were sung, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Lodge of Light (I.C.)—This Lodge, established at the Thames Goldfields, has lately suffered a loss in the death of Bro. Jas. Hopcraft P.M., who died on the 10th March, from congestion of the brain. Bro. Hopcraft held a commission in the 3rd Regiment of Waikato Militia during the Maori war, and saw a good deal of service, and subsequently joined the staff of the Thames Times, eventually founding the Thames Evening Star, of which he was editor at the time of his death. He was one of the Principals of the Abbotsford Royal Arch Chapter.

REVIEWS.

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The Four Old Lodges: Founders of Modern Freemasonry and their Descendants. A Record of the Progress of the Craft in England, and of the Career of every Regular Lodge down to the Union of 1813. With an authentic compilation of Descriptive Lists for Historic Reference. By ROBERT FREKE GOULD, late 31st Regiment, Barrister-at-Law. London: Spencer's Masonic Depot, opposite Freemasons' Hall. 1879.

If, to use the language of the Latin poet, he who first committed his frail bark to the stormy ocean had his heart protected by a shield of triple brass—which, being interpreted in the vulgar tongue, means that he was incapable of experiencing the slightest sense of fear—it is certain that he who attempts to deal exhaustively with the history of our oldest Lodges must possess, at least, an equal degree of courage. Masonic history is, and we fear will remain for years to come, in a vague and unsatisfactory state. As a mysterious confraternity the body of Freemasons has jealously guarded what archives of importance may have been preserved from the prying eyes of its more curious members. The majority of those who have aspired to take rank as historians of the Craft have done more harm than good by their well-meant but silly attempts to create for it a history out of elements which either never existed, except in their own imagination, or which, if they did exist, it was impossible seriously to attempt connecting together in the form of a continuous and acceptable form. The amount of ridicule which, not unjustly, has been brought upon Freemasonry by the enthusiastic inventors of impossible histories who have fancied they could trace a Masonic mystery in every circumstance or even the most out-of-the-way occurrence is incalculable, and it will be a long time before the more practical, the more matter-of-fact, yet by no means less earnest, brethren of the day who devote their time to Masonic studies will be in a position to boast that by their labours they have in some measure retrieved the fair fame of our Society from the charge of having palmed-off a series of astounding fables as solemn historic truths. What is needed is a veritable history of Freemasonry as it has been and is, not as it has been pictured by the visionary and the all too credulous enthusiast. It may amuse, but cannot be edifying to those who hear it, to claim that Freemasonry has numbered among its chief rulers, or Grand Masters as they are called, Noah and Abraham, Solomon and Zerubbabel, Pythagoras and Euclid, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, St. Alban the Protomartyr of Britain, and a long roll of other worthies whom it would occupy too much valuable space to enumerate. By seriously associating these and others with our Craft, and making them to have been among its rulers, a number of well-intentioned writers have brought into bad odour with the serious public an Institution which is not only respectable, but can likewise boast of a truly remote antiquity. However, into this question of the antiquity of Freemasonry we are not prepared to enter now, nor is it desirable we should do so, seeing that it is outside the scope of the work before us. Let us, therefore, betake ourselves to our duties as critics, and note carefully the character and contents of Bro. Gould's sketch of the Four Old Lodges and their descendants.

Readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE have already had an opportunity of judging to a certain extent of his work from the series of papers which appeared on this subject in these columns last year. But let them not imagine it is a mere reprint of those papers in a connected form, with an Appendix containing the most important Lodge Lists, printed by authority of Grand Lodge, and showing the numerical changes which occurred between the establishment of Grand Lodge and the Union. This is very far from being the case. True, what was published last year reappears in this work, but the additions are considerable, and the emendations numerous, to the extent, indeed, of making it almost a new work. These of course have entailed on the author an immense amount of labour: in fact, we think it necessary to state, at the outset, that only an enthusiast could have undertaken so difficult a task as this. Examining lists is dry and uninteresting work, and requires an amount of labour of which few people can form any adequate conception. Then the compilers of the earlier among these lists had not always been careful to keep in view the necessity of being strictly accurate in the matter of dates. Consequently Bro. Gould's already difficult task proved much harder of accomplishment than probably even he could have anticipated. Had Pine and other publishers of Lodge Lists made a point of following up dates correctly, and confined any alterations they thought proper to make to cases of proved error, not only would Bro. Gould

have been spared much trouble, but what he will be the first to unite with us in acknowledging as of far greater consequence, many still existing Lodges would still have retained the positions on Grand Lodge roll to which they are justly entitled. A notable instance of the result of publisher's errors will be found in Lodges Royal Alpha (now No. 16), Tuscan [No. 14], and Fortitude and O.C. [No. 12], and also with present Medina No. 35 Isle of Wight, and Strong Man No. 45, whose positions are not what the dates fixed in the early Lists would appear to warrant. The tracing our present Lodges to their true origin through all these errors has, as we have said already, much increased the labours of Bro. Gould. For this reason, therefore, if for no other, is he entitled to the thanks of the Craft generally. But no words of ours will serve to convey an idea of the value of these labours, and when, in the fulness of time, the Macaulay of Freemasonry shall arise and present to the world something like a genuine history of our Fraternity, there is no one to whom he will be more deeply indebted than to the author of "The Four Old Lodges," no one whom he will thank more cordially for having prepared an accurately-ordered substratum of facts as the basis of his work. Bro. Gould's work may not be exactly what the lover of light literature would desire to take up for the purpose of whiling away a leisure hour or two. Fourth degree Masons will not find themselves attracted by its contents; but the Masonic students who are continually lamenting the want of proper materials for the study of our history, will not fail to appreciate his work, and the more so that it is they chiefly who know at what cost it has been produced.

Bro. Gould states the design of his work in a few words at the very outset. "It is the design of the following remarks primarily to elucidate the history and status of the Four Old Lodges, who, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist A.D. 1717, met and instituted the Premier Grand Lodge of the World; and, incidentally, to trace back to the earliest periods and places of assembly in the last century, various Lodges now existing, which were called into being during the half century immediately following such Masonic revival." This design has been followed, in spite of temptation—very natural under the circumstances—to quit the straight paths of inquiry occasionally, and indulge in speculations on obscure points, or points of interest, such as must have frequently presented themselves to the author's mind. As the materials on which these remarks are based are perfectly authentic, there can be no question as to the accuracy of most of his conclusions, and close examination of the remainder has induced in us the belief that his views are in all respects worthy of being accepted. Some, perhaps, will consider it comparatively of no importance whether the existing Time Immemorial Lodges do or do not—or, say we rather, should or should not—retain their original privileges. This being a matter of opinion only, Bro. Gould must expect to find some differing from, as he is certain to have others agreeing with, him. In matters of fact, however, Bro. Gould may safely challenge the strictest and most inquisitorial examination of his work. Having thus indicated his purpose, Bro. Gould sets out at once to trace the Four Old Lodges from 1717 till now, as far as such a task is possible. Three of these, as he shows unquestionably, are still in existence, though Grand Lodge Calendar exhibits only two, Nos. 2 (Antiquity), and 4 (R. Somerset H. and Inverness). The other now existing Lodge which Bro. Gould has succeeded in connecting with original No. 3 is Fortitude and Old Cumberland No. 12, which under any circumstances would be justly included among our most important Lodges, but which will now have a still greater importance. The Original No. 2, which met at the Crown Ale House in Parker's-lane, near Drury-lane, is the only defunct one of the four which assembled at the memorable gathering of brethren at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles-street, Covent Garden, and constituting themselves a Grand Lodge, *pro tempore*, resolved on holding the annual Assembly and Feast, and choosing a Grand Master for themselves until they should have the honour of a noble brother at their head. The assembly and feast were held, and Bro. Anthony Sayer was chosen and installed Grand Master of what Bro. Gould describes, with the natural pride of an English Craftsman, "The Premier Grand Lodge of the World."

It would very naturally have been a source of satisfaction to all true Masons if it could have been shown that all the Four Old Lodges were still in existence. Unfortunately, Original No. 2 ceased to be a few years after the establishment of Grand Lodge. Original Nos. 1 and 4 [now Nos. 2 and 4] are still flourishing; the former as constituted from Time Immemorial, and the latter similarly described, but adjoined with the Somerset House Lodge and Royal Inverness. Original No. 3, though there is nothing to show this in the roll of our Lodges, still exists, as Bro. Gould shows clearly enough in this volume. But it no longer ranks as a Time Immemorial Lodge. This diminution of its former splendour is due to the fact that in the early days of modern Freemasonry some differences unfortunately arose among its members, some of whom obtained a Warrant of Constitution from Grand Lodge, though there was no need for them to have done so. As a matter of fact present No. 12 is the direct descendant of No. 3, just as present Nos. 2 and 4 are original Nos. 1 and 4; but the latter retain their descent unbroken, while, in the case of No. 12, there is unhappily a break caused by the unfortunate differences already alluded to. However, there is no doubt whatever on this point, namely, that certain members of original No. 3 obtained a Warrant of Constitution for a Lodge held at the Queen's Head, Knave's Acre. They need not have done this, and consequently present No. 12, though as truly representing original No. 3 as Nos. 2 and 4 do original Nos. 1 and 4, is regarded as an early, but yet a modern, Lodge, constituted by Grand Lodge instead of as one of the Time Immemorial Lodges to which Grand Lodge owes its existence. If we can picture to ourselves a woman transmuting herself into her own grand-daughter, we shall be in a position to understand the difference between original No. 3's position now and what it would have been had the members been sufficiently mindful of their dignity, and continued themselves as a Lodge, instead of seeking an unneeded constitution for establishing themselves as a

new one. The credit of this discovery belongs to Bro. Gould, though we may claim to have pointed out in our review of Hughan's Reprint of Pine's List 1734 that, in the supposition the connection he had established between certain present and former Lodges was right, that particular Lodge was undoubtedly descended from original No. 3. Bro. Hughan's surmise turned out to be an erroneous one, and our point failed as a necessary consequence. Bro. Gould has now shown that present No. 12 is the direct representative of original No. 3, so that though we were wrong as to the Lodge which represented original No. 3, we were right as to its having a representative still in existence. Having said thus much as to the Four Old Lodges and what remain of them, we come next to a consideration of their privileges and favour, which they still retain. As this, however, will occupy some space, we shall reserve this portion of our task for another week.

On Regressive Paralysis (Infantile Paralysis. Special Paralysis of Adults). By WILLIAM H. BARLOW, M.D., Consulting Physician to the Dispensary for Sick Children. Manchester: 1878.

THIS little work, written by our brother Dr. Barlow, P.M. of the Humphry Chetham Lodge, 645, has received the approval of nearly all the medical reviews and journals. A careful analysis of sixty-three cases imparts a solid value to a book which shows a large amount of patient and conscientious work. The proof of the identity of Infantile Paralysis and Adult Special Paralysis is perhaps the most important of the labours of the celebrated Dr. Charcot; and our Brother Dr. Barlow, from his own experience, draws many life-like clinical pictures of both afflictions, which he afterwards most ably compares. We must express our pleasure in congratulating Bro. Dr. Barlow on presenting the medical world with the results of his experience in these matters, and we are sure his pamphlet will be read by our professional brethren with unmixed satisfaction.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE usual meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence took place on Wednesday, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John M. Clabon, President, occupied the chair early in the evening, and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, held it during the latter part. The Senior and Junior Vice-President's chairs were occupied by Bros. Brett, J. M. P. Montagu, W. Wilson, and James Kench. About a hundred brethren were present, including:—Bros. John Hervey Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary, S. Rawson Past District Grand Master China, Thomas Fenn P.G.D., E. P. Albert P.G.P., John Wright P.G.P., John Constable, A. A. Pendlebury, W. H. Perryman, H. Garrod, C. F. Hogard, A. Middlemass, W. J. Murlis, W. Stephens, Charles Atkins, Samuel Poynter, Charles Dairy, and G. P. Britten. Grants to the amount of £410 made at the April meeting were confirmed, and grants to the amount of £530 were made to new cases, of which there were twenty-three on the list. Three out of these cases were deferred till next meeting.

CRYPTIC DEGREES.

A MEETING of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, was held at the Masonic Rooms, 2 Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Present:—Bros. T. C. Walls R. Ill. D.M., Thos. Poore as P.C. of W., D. M. Dewar Recorder as C. of G., S. Rosenthal G.C. of G., Dr. F. W. Ramsay, Dr. C. T. Pearce, Alfred Williams, Geo. Kenning, E. B. Florence, F. Hedges, Thomas Cubitt, Robert Roy. Bros. Rev. C. A. Solbó and R. P. Spice were admitted as Most Excellent, Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Masters, the ceremonies being most impressively worked by the Depute Master, Bro. Walls, assisted by Bros. Poore and Dewar. The brethren afterwards held their first annual Festival at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the Dep. Master, and passed a pleasant evening.

Major Charles Harding 31°, P.M., P.M.W.S., G.J.W. of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge Middlesex and Surrey, K.M., K.R.O.S., was installed, on Monday last, Eminent Preceptor, by the Grand Sub Prior Col. Shadwell Clerke 33°, in the Bard of Avon Preceptory, Golden-square.

An addition to the roll of Lodges under the rule of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales will take place on Tuesday next, on which occasion the Simon de Liz Lodge, bearing the number 245, will be consecrated at Northampton. The ceremony will be performed at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, by Bro. W. Kelly P.G.M.M.M. Leicestershire, assisted by Bro. Frederick Binckes Grand Secretary and Bro. Rev. F. H. Richardson M.A., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire, who will deliver an oration. Lodge will be opened at 12.30 p.m. The banquet will take place at the Peacock Hotel, at 2.30, tickets for which are to be obtained from Bro. Henry Hill, the Secretary, at 5s each. The following are the Officers designate—Bro. J. H. Hale W.M., N. T. Hewens S.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., LL.M., &c., J.W. We wish our Northampton brethren every success in this their latest effort in the cause of Freemasonry.

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, 24th MAY.

- 109—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
151—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
162—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
146—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
153—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 26th MAY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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—Wellington, 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. (In.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

- 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M. M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 27th MAY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
53—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.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1319—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.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
244—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 163—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 245—Simon de Liz, Masonic Hall, Northampton, at 12.30. (Consecration.)

WEDNESDAY, 28th MAY.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
539—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.)
862—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, Glass Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

- 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire.
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley.
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. A. B. U. S.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Henesca, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton.
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes.
R. C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 29th MAY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston.
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.)

- 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colno.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Formor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
M. M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

FRIDAY, 30th MAY.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preson, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
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.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY, 31st MAY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

Life Subscriptions and Life Governorships to the Masonic Institutions,

BY WEEKLY PAYMENTS OF ONE SHILLING.

BRETHREN joining the Charity Association in connection with the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, before the 27th instant, will be entitled to participate in the first ballot. Country Subscriptions can be remitted in stamps.

Address—W. W. MORGAN JUN., Secretary, 67 Barbican, London, E.C.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge hold its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, 2nd inst. Present:—Bros. Bedell W.M., Norden S.W., Da Silva J.W., Moss S.D., Maidwell J.D., Myers I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown 174 acting as candidate. The second and fifth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted in the former by Bro. Da Silva, and in the latter by the brethren. The seventh section was worked by Bro. Moss, Brother Webb answering the questions. A vote of thanks was unanimously recorded on the minutes to Bro. Bedell, it being the first time he occupied the chair in this or any other Lodge of Instruction. After other business, the Lodge was closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday last. Present—Bros. W. Rowley W.M., Ives S.W., Hallam J.W., Stock acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Gibbs S.D., Hirst J.D., Lardner I.G.; also Bros. Ross, Pelikan, and Willisson. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced a degree, when Bro. Pelikan proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened up, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very creditable manner, this being the first time Bro. Rowley had attempted it. Bro. Hallam worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Lardner, of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, was elected a member. Bro. Ives was appointed to reside at the next meeting.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, City. Present:—Bros. G. T. H. Seddon W.M., C. H. Webb S.W., C. Jones J.W., John Newton P.M. Sec., S. H. Rawley P.M. Treas., F. Brown S.D., J. Fraser J.D., Thomas F. Harvey D.C., Miller Steward, Verry Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Appleby, E. J. Moore, C. Lacey, &c.; Visitors—Bros. C. G. Hale 1366, C. J. Perceval jun. 1607, W. B. Burnand St. Leonards, G. R. Corner 1139, W. Dunn 1567, F. Carr I.G. 1607, G. Brookes P.M. 902, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, W. March 554, W. Cross 554, Waterer 1570, Giller 1607, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and others. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings comprised the passing of Bros. Walker and Green, and the raising of Bro. Mumford. The W.M. fully sustained the sanguine expectations of the brethren, he performing all his duties in a faultless manner. This was the last meeting previous to the summer vacation of the Lodge, and as a consequence, there was a large attendance of members. After discussing several matters of home interest, Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a capital banquet, served by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts were fully honoured, and a couple of hours were spent in a most enjoyable fashion.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 17th. Present—Bro. J. A. Powell W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Brasted J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Gibbs S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Williams I.G.; also Bros. T. Goode, Hallam, Brand, Phillips, J. Millington, J. Garrod, Ross, Parkes, Pelikan, Mackie, Davies, Ferrar. Ceremonial requirements being duly observed, Bro. Garrod proved himself an efficient F.C., was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. Powell, who was ably assisted by his Officers. The traditional history being well given. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bro. J. Davies, of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, 1278, was elected a member. Bro. C. Lorkin was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on the 31st instant, when the attendance of members of this Lodge of Instruction is earnestly solicited.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—On Thursday, at the George Tavern, Australian-avenue, Barbican, E.C. Present:—Bros. Young W.M., Morgan jun. S.W., Withers J.W., Morgan Sec., Radcliffe Treas. I.G., Back S.D., Greenwood jun. J.D., King Preceptor, Hentsch, Pearce, Morris, Walters. The first and second ceremonies were rehearsed. Bro. Radcliffe presented to the Lodge a set of jewels for the Officers' collars, together with a square for the Pedestal, and the thanks of the Lodge were tendered to him for his great kindness. Bro. Greenwood was elected a member; Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. was appointed to fill the chair next Thursday evening. The names of new members for the Pallot Society in connection with the Lodge were handed in, and Lodge was closed.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—On Thursday, 15th May, at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Present—Bros. Peach W.M., Everdell S.W., Burford J.W., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec., G. Tegg S.D., Tavernor J.D., J. Tavernor I.G.; also Bros. Mattocks, Bryant, and others. The Lodge was opened in ancient form; the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were ably rehearsed, Bro. Bryant being candidate. It was resolved that the ceremony of installation be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Thursday, 29th May. Bro. J. H. Thompson P.M. will preside. Bro. Everdell was elected W.M. for following meeting, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 9th May, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Gomm W.M., H. E. Tucker (Treas) S.W., Botley J.W., Skinner S.D., Blasby J.D., Acworth I.G., Gunner H.S., Roe P.M. and Preceptor, Hogg P.M. 1349, Gow, Kyezor, Talbot, Costelow, &c. After formally opening, the minutes of the three previous meetings were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the initiation ceremony with Bro. Costelow as candidate. Bros. P.M.'s Hogg and Roe, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the first lecture; and the brethren were then called to refreshment. After a brief interval, labour was resumed, and it was announced that on the second Friday in June (13th), at 6 p.m. the Fifteen Sections would be worked by Bro. Barnes, assisted by well known brethren; it was also announced that it was through the instrumentality of Bro. Hogg that the kind offices of Bro. Barnes had been secured. A circular will be sent to the members of the L. of I.; and we are requested to state that the brethren will be glad to greet, right heartily, any visitors who may see fit to honour them with their presence on that evening. There are frequent trains on the North London and South Western Railways to Kew Bridge, and the Star and Garter is within two minutes' walk of the joint stations. From our own experience of Royal Alfred meetings, we can promise a most delightful evening. Bro. Tucker was elected W.M. for 30th May.

On Friday, 16th May, the Officers of the Mother Lodge took their respective positions. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Botley as candidate. After a short pause the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Lodge having been resumed to first degree, the W.M. said that on the 23rd inst. he intended to

present the Mother Lodge with a set of Tracing Boards, which he now exhibited to the brethren; in the event of their being accepted, he would give the Lodge of Instruction permission to use them during his term of office. For this kindness Bro. C. May was cordially thanked.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 21st May, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, E. Present:—Bros. Ould W.M., Pringle S.W., Westcott J.W., Breden P.M. Secretary, Ellingford S.D., Warner J.D., Robinson I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Turquand and Gavin; Bros. Rawe, Scherboom, Day, Clegg, Gregory, &c. Business:—Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rawe, a candidate for the second degree, was asked the questions and entrusted. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The S.W. then took the chair and worked the ceremony, Bro. Breden candidate. The J.W. now took the chair, and the same ceremony was worked by him, Bro. Day as candidate. Bro. Westcott was followed by Bro. Ellingford, Bro. Day again acting as candidate. The W.M. now resumed the chair, and closed the Lodge. Bro. Pringle will preside at next meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bros. Brasted W.M., Carr S.W., Polak J.W., Clark S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Smyth I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bros. Moss, Giller, Allen, Wardell, Webb, C. Lorkin, &c. After confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Bro. Wardell answered the questions leading to the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was called off. On resuming, Bro. Webb worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed to the 2nd deg. Bro. Webb worked the 5th section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. As the 15 sections are to be worked here on next Tuesday evening, Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 3rd June.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held at St. George's Hall, Deal, on Friday, the 16th inst. Present:—Bros. J. Laggett W.M., E. Kirby I.P.M. and Treas., T. Ayling P.M. P.G.D.C., H. Botting S.W., J. Carpenter J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., W. Ryder as I.G., G. Chandler D.C., G. Rivers, S. E. Rea, S. Willey, A. C. Green, D. Fraser, S. Hinds, S. Holgate Tyler; Visitors—Bro. J. Crutchley Domatic 177. Lodge opened punctually at 8 p.m., and minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. George Bond, and found to be in his favour; he was then duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., in a most correct and impressive manner. The Officers did their work particularly well, the S.W. giving the E.A. charge in finished style. It was announced by Bro. Ayling P.M. that the Lord Warden Hotel, Walmer, had changed hands, and a committee was formed to take steps to remove the Lodge to its old quarters. Lodge closed in ancient form. The brethren spent a most pleasant hour together, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being given and responded to. Bros. Botting, Fraser, Carpenter and Bond kindly entertained the brethren.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 14th of May, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M., J. Early Danks S.W., William Ferguson J.W., William P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. H. Hawkes acting S.D., Richard Dowsett J.D., C. R. Honey I.G. W. Hemmings Tyler, Past Masters Bros. Welch I.P.M., Harley Margrett. Members—Bros. Pully, Prickett, Bailey, Cordrey, Hunt Ravenscroft. Visitor—Bro. A. V. Beeton, Caledonian 204, Past Sec. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. read the notice of motion, "That the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be voted to a late member, who had fallen into deep distress." Bro. Margrett P.M. seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried; two or three individual members added their contributions, which made, with what was already collected, the handsome sum of sixty pounds, which would be forwarded to our distressed brother by the Treasurer at once. The subject of rent was considered, as to the time it should commence; the Secretary read the draft of lease or agreement, which contained several clauses not in the former document, and which produced an animated discussion, but with a technical alteration or two it was decided to accept the terms proposed. The W.M. presented each member with a copy of "A Short Account of the Masonic Charities," compiled by Bro. Charles Oades W.M. of 414. After proposing a joining member and a gentleman for initiation, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 7th May, at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway. Present—Bros. Alfred Goode W.M., T. Press S.W., E. Goodall J.W., H. B. D. Dann Secretary, L. R. Rogers P.M. S.D., T. Tremere J.D., W. Payne I.G., P. Dickinson P.M. Preceptor. P.M.'s Bros. Dickinson, Rogers, J. W. Wright. Visitors—Bros. Press, Payne, Goodall, Alderson, Tremere, A. Goode, Dunn, Holesworth, E. Harris, W. Weil and Oldis. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Alderson candidate. Bro. P.M. Dickinson worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Press was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Harris and Weil were elected members.

On the 21st May, Bros. L. R. Rogers P.M. W.M., J. Porrell S.W., Alderson J.W., Payne S.D., Fennor J.D., and Edmunds I.G. All

formalities were complied with, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Press candidate. Bro. P.M. Rogers worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. P.M. Rogers worked the first section of the first lecture. Bro. P.M. Dickinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion he will work the ceremony of installation.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 16th May, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury, N. Present:—Bros. Ager W.M., Boaz S.W., Hunter J.W., Cull Preceptor, Lardner S.D., Chant J.D., Williams I.G.; Bros. Byng, Rowley, Yeomans, Rowe, Strugnell, Collins, Mendensolen, Field, Young, Percy, Wright, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Cull worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mendensolen, Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, was admitted a member. Bro. Boaz the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on 20th May. Bro. W.J. Smith W.M., Andrews S.W., Barker J.W., Pavitt S.D., Lloyd J.D., Johnson I.G.; Bro. Shepherd W.M., 1349 acting Preceptor; Bros. Roberts, Spencer, Sadler, Johnson, Watkins, Holloway, and Brown, Thistle of Scotland 87, Worsley acting Secretary. After preliminaries, Bro. Holloway answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Andrews worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree, and the following brethren gave in their names to work sections on Tuesday next, under the presidency of P.M. Cundick and P.M. Musto. **FIRST LECTURE:** Bros. Roberts, Watkins, Barker, Shepherd, Musto, Andrews, Cundick P.M. **SECOND LECTURE:** Bros. Lloyd, Pavitt, Smith, Worsley, Musto. Should time permit, the third lecture will be worked by Bros. Johnson, Smith, and Cundick. Bro. Brown, Thistle of Scotland 87, was elected a member. Bro. Andrews was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further being offered, the Lodge was closed in due form with prayer. On Tuesday next the business will commence at 7.30 precisely. The brethren who will assist Bro. Cundick in working the sections are well known. The working will be strictly "East End," and it is confidently anticipated there will be a good attendance.

The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th May, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Present:—Bros. Percy W.M. and Preceptor, Hirst S.W., Corke J.W., Weston Treasurer, Osborn Secretary, W. Rowley S.D., Pelikan J.D., Green I.G.; Bros. Sim, A. F. Rowley, Coombs, Greenfield, Ross, Cook, Crosbie, Gwyn, Wood, and Upton. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gwyn candidate. The W.M. worked first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cyril Gwyn of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge No. 1602, and Bro. Alrick Upton of the Crusaders Lodge No. 1677, were elected joining members. Bro. Hirst will be W.M. at the meeting on 3rd of June. The meeting on the 27th inst., being the last before the installation meeting of the mother Lodge, was appointed an Officers' night, when Bro. P.M. Sim will rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. A. F. Rowley, the W.M. elect, will invest Officers, &c. It is expected there will be a good attendance on the occasion.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 15th May, at the Chequers, Ealing. Bros. Alexander Jones W.M., W. Seward jun. S.W., Rickwood J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells S.D., Pooley J.D., G. S. Wright I.G.; Bros. W. Brown, Porter, J. Green, Gasson, Stephens, Owen, Clarke, F. Green, V. Green, &c. **Business:**—The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother F. Green candidate. Brother Tucker delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board of the second degree. Lodge was opened in the third, and the Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Tucker, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Valentine Green candidate. The W.M. reoccupied the chair, and the Lodge was closed in the third, and resumed to the first. Bro. Valentine Green, of Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Tucker intimated that Bro. A. C. Alais P.M. and Hon. Sec. of Lodge No. 834, had kindly consented to rehearse the ceremony of installation on Thursday the 22nd, and Bro. J. Terry, Prov. G.J.W. Herts, the ceremony of consecration on the 29th inst., Bro. Seward was elected W.M. for Thursday, 5th June.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. G. S. Elliott W.M. opened the Lodge. He, in his painstaking and correct manner did the raisings, and initiated a candidate into Freemasonry. After some minor business was disposed of, the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Frederick Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. and Treasurer with a beautifully illuminated vote of thanks, executed on vellum, and mounted in a handsome gilt frame, which had been voted him for his services as first Secretary, and a founder of the Lodge. Bro. F. Walters suitably acknowledged the gift. **Business ended,** the Lodge was closed, but not before a letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Johnson J.W., whose death had occurred since the last meeting. There was no banquet. There were present Bros. J. Howes P.M. S.W., W. Pennefather P.M. S.D., E. Mallett P.M. Sec., T. Butt, G. S. Wintle P.M., W. Butt, H. J. Lardner, Stephens, and many others. Visitor—T. Horton 871, &c.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—The annual festival of this Lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, King Street, Snow Hill, E.C., on the 28th ult. The Lodge was formally opened, and minutes confirmed. Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to one of the banqueting rooms of this establishment. Bro. G. S. Elliott W.M. 1623 presided; Bros. H. J. Lardner D.C. 1623 J.W., and G. H. Stephens W.S. J.W. The banquet was bountifully provided, and heartily enjoyed. After the cloth was removed, the W.M. gave the ordinary Loyal and Craft toasts in eloquent manner, and the brethren heartily received them. Bro. J. Stevens P.M. (in the regrettable absence of Bro. W. Pennefather P.M. the Preceptor, owing to a call to the country) ably proposed the health of the W.M. In doing so he congratulated him upon his conduct in presiding over the banquet, and for his kindness in furnishing the wines for dinner. The toast was heartily received. Bro. Stevens P.M. next proposed the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction. Alluding to the good work done by Instruction Lodges, he said it was a matter for regret that there should be such differences in working as were to be found. This seriously interfered with the good which might otherwise be done. He had raised the question of the desirableness of laying down a standard working in Grand Lodge, and hoped, some day, to see this important point dealt with. He also drew attention to the Charterhouse Club of Instruction, and suggested that as the New Market Hotel was already the home of several Masonic bodies, it would be well, now Bro. Butt had provided such excellent accommodation, to form a club for the brethren to meet in at all times, where they could pass an evening in the various Lodges, or in social enjoyment. Bro. Lardner having responded for the Lodge of Instruction, as Treasurer, the W.M. gave the Visitors, calling upon Bros. P.M.'s Stevens and Tredwell to respond. The evening was enlivened with some capital songs by Bros. D. Moss and G. H. Stephens. In connection with this house, it may be interesting to state that Bro. T. Butt, on the 5th inst., inaugurated the opening of his new banqueting room, when he was supported on the occasion by many brethren and City gentlemen. Bro. James Stevens occupied the chair, and Messrs. Meekham and Anstey the vice-chairs. The toast list included "The Queen, Prince of Wales, and rest of the Royal Family," "Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," "The Host" (Bro. Butt), "The Corporation of the City of London," "The Churchwardens," "The Press," &c. The entertainment was of the highest order of excellence, and we trust Bro. Butt will secure the success his spirited enterprise deserves.

On Tuesday evening last, the members of the Charterhouse Club of Instruction spent a most pleasant and instructive evening at the above Hotel. The chair was taken by Bro. Stead I.P.M., of the New Concord Lodge, who was ably supported, while Bro. Jas. Stevens acted on this occasion in the capacity of Preceptor. The appointments of the Lodge Room are most perfect, and we can ensure for those of our readers who may be induced to pay the Club a visit an eminently Masonic reception.

New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge, which is now fairly at home in its new quarters, was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, where, by a special arrangement, the production of the Lodge summons produced admission for those who took part in the day's proceedings. There was a very good attendance of the brethren and visitors. The W.M. Bro. W. T. Parkiss was unavoidably absent. Bro. Press occupied the chair of S.W., Dunn J.W., Davis P.M. Treas., A. J. Berry Sec., Eldridge P.M. D.C. as S.D., Thompson J.D., Bastable I.G., Verry Tyler. P.M.'s Davis, Rowe, and Hollis; Bros. F. Bouts, Bastable, Reid, Richmond, Speller, Austin, Ayden, G. Chutter, Hawkins, Atkinson, &c. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Hollis P.G.S. Hertfordshire. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. J. Swinyard 1178, A. Speller, 217 and F. H. Tibbitts 59, as joining members, and the result was unanimous in their favour. Messrs. F. Richmond, F. Madgin and J. W. Clayton were balloted for. Mr. Clayton having met with an accident was unable to be present, but Mr. Madgin, who was present, was duly initiated into the Order by Bro. Hollis, who conducted the ceremony very perfectly. Bros. F. W. Richmond, F. F. Antiss and W. Earl were passed to the second degree by Bro. Davis P.M., who was very impressive in his conduct of this ceremony. All the Officers were proficient in their duties. In pursuance with a notice of motion, Bro. Berry proposed, and Bro. Bastable seconded, that in future the meetings of this Lodge be held on the third Thursday in the months of October, February, April, June and August, and that the By-laws be altered accordingly. This was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed to the third Tuesday in June, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. The wines and viands were of first rate quality. Grace having been said, the W.M. Bro. Parkiss, who was prevented from being in attendance at the working, very genially presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In giving the toast of the initiates, the W.M. remarked that Bro. Madgin had expressed to him the pleasure he had experienced in being made a Mason. He had known Bro. Madgin for many years, and he felt he would be an ornament to the Craft; he was respected by all who knew him. The W.M. then urged on Bro. Madgin the necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction, impressing upon him that, in after years should he aspire to obtain office, the principles of Freemasonry would there be fully developed to him. Bro. Madgin, in the course of a brief and appropriate speech, said he was proud to have the honour of being initiated in this Lodge. He had to thank Bro. Hollis for introducing him; he hoped one day to be high in office. Bro. Davis P.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Parkiss was one whom they all respected; he was an ardent Mason, and one who does not forget the Charities. He was Worshipful Master for two years, and to him is to be ascribed

the success of this Lodge. The hearty thanks of the Lodge were due to him, and its prosperity in every shape was attributable to his care. All regretted his absence from the Lodge, but he fully compensated for that by his genial presidency; he hoped they would drink a bumper to his long life and prosperity. The W.M. thanked Bro. Davis for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast; he felt proud to be among them. The brethren had most kindly co-operated with him. It was most gratifying to know they had good furniture, and a very fair balance in hand; he felt a pride in saying, that on behalf of his new Lodge, he had served as Steward three times; he felt that an honour. They had given the sum of £100 to the Charities. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which each severally responded, all paying a just compliment to the two Past Masters who had so well undertaken the working of the ceremonies, and thanking the members for the kind and hospitable manner in which they had been entertained. The health of the P.M.'s was next offered; great credit was due to them for the manner in which they had assisted the W.M. They had always been able and willing to do any duty. Those who had witnessed their working that day could but agree in this. He would call on Bro. Hollis to respond. Bro. Hollis said he was not a P.M. of this Lodge, but he hoped at a future time they would have a goodly army of P.M.'s of their own; he thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and assured him his services would always be at the command of the Lodge. The W.M. said the next toast was always proposed and received with good feeling and kindness, it was the health of the Treasurer, Bro. Davis, and the worthy Secretary, Bro. Berry. These brethren were patterns to the Order, for the admirable manner their duties were carried out. The members all felt that their funds were carefully looked after; for the Treasurer's assistance the thanks of the brethren were due. In reference to Bro. Secretary, he is one to whom special praise may be offered; he knows his duties thoroughly, and is always punctual in attendance. Bros. Davis and Berry severally responded to the toast. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Officers. For so young a Lodge all were efficient; this was due to attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, where they had perfected themselves. The toast was responded to by the Senior Warden, and then Bro. Dunn J.W. stated that the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction was now held at the Earl Russell, Isledon Road, Seven Sisters' Road, every Wednesday, at eight p.m.; Bro. P. Dickinson P.M. 1293 is the Preceptor. Bro. Eldridge also responded. The Tyler's toast was given, and every Brother, before leaving, expressed to the W.M. thanks for having spent so delightful a day. The W.M., Bros. Davis, Tibbetts, Richmond, Wright, W. Earl, and Bastable contributed some excellent and humorous songs; Bro. Groat accompanied on the pianoforte. Among the Visitors were:—Bros. J. T. Rowe P.M. 167, R. Perkins P.M. 34, H. Follett P.M. 45, R. W. Wright P.M. 1298, J. Wood 1288, W. Stannard 813, Wilkinson 167, W. C. Maddever W.M. 504, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.).—This Lodge held its regular meeting at York, on Monday evening. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, from England, Bro. T. B. Whythead I.P.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. G. Balmford P.M., Rev. W. Valentine S.W., J. Hollins J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, W. Paley Registrar, J. S. Cumberland M.O., C. G. Padel S.O., W. P. Husband as J.O., M. Millington S.D., A. T. B. Turner, T. S. Camidge as Organist, T. Humphries I.G., Paul Pearson Tyler, and several other brethren. Bro. J. M. Meek W.M. of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, Darlington, was advanced to the degree of a M.M.M. Some other business was disposed of, and the Lodge was closed, the brethren subsequently meeting at supper, which had been elaborately provided under the superintendence of Bro. T. Humphries Steward.

Union Chapter, No. 414.—This Chapter held its Convocation on Friday, 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Comp. R. Bradley M.E.Z., A. Portsmouth H., W. Parsons J., J. Weightman E., Lamb N., R. Ravenor P.S.; P.Z.'s Biggs and Dew; Comps. Bance, Honey, Butler, Bailey, Long; Hemming Jan. Minutes of last Convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates, one of whom was exalted, as serving Comp., by dispensation from Grand Superintendent. A sum was unanimously voted for relief of a Comp. in distress. The election of Officers for the ensuing year took place, and resulted as follows:—First chair, Comp. Portsmouth; second, Comp. Parsons; third, Comp. Lamb; Witherington S.E., Ravenor N., Brown P.S., Weightman Treasurer; after which the Chapter was closed.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—A meeting was held on 22nd inst., at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. W. Watterton W.M., Brown S.W., Skewing J.W., Isaac Treas., J. G. Bond Hon. Sec., De Solla S.D., Taylor J.D., Watson Tyler; Bros. Stuart, Chalkley, Davis, Ball. The Lodge was opened in due form. Ceremony of initiation worked, Bro. Chalkley candidate. First and second sections worked. It was proposed, seconded and carried, that the S.W. be W.M. next Thursday evening.

MR. AND MRS. GERMAN REED'S ENTERTAINMENT.—"Grimstone Grange" is announced to be withdrawn after Monday next, to give place to a new first part, on Tuesday, 27th May, entitled, "£100 Reward," written by Arthur Law, the music by Corney Grain. "Our Calico Ball," Mr. Corney Grain's Musical Sketch, will for a short time retain its place in the programme, and the favourite Musical Proverb, "Charity begins at home," will conclude the Entertainment.

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WE have often had occasion to allude to the many and great claims which this invaluable Institution has upon the sympathies and consideration of the benevolent; the economy and excellence of the management have frequently brought the Institution into favourable comparison with many other equally deserving Charities. It is with profound regret, therefore, we hear that, in spite of the rigid care which has been exercised in the supervision of the interior economy of the Asylum, the promoters feel themselves compelled to make such changes in their London office as will necessitate the retirement of Bro. William Worrell, who has discharged the duties of the Secretaryship with such zeal and fidelity as to earn for him the highest expressions of approbation from all connected with the establishment. It is not, of course, our province to dictate to the executive, or to ask them the old question, "Why not let well alone?" But it occurs to us that if financial pressure has overtaken the Institution, there is all the more need for retaining such workers as everybody knows Bro. Worrell to be. He has proved himself a most energetic, persevering man, and we have always been given to understand that it was greatly to his discreet and excellent working the success of the Asylum is due. We trust that in making these proposed changes the executive are not committing an error which they may hereafter regret; at the same time we rejoice to see that in adopting these measures the Committee are profuse in their expressions of appreciation and good wishes towards a gentleman who has laboured so wisely and well for them during the past five years, and we join with them in their desire that he may speedily obtain another sphere of usefulness, for which his ability and experience fit him in no ordinary degree.

The late lamented Bro. William Watson, formerly of the Freemasons' Tavern, who died on the 20th inst., will be buried at three o'clock on Monday next, at Great Cornard Church, Sudbury, Norfolk.

The Earl of Rosslyn, H.M.'s Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, reached Edinburgh from London on Tuesday, and proceeded to Holyrood Palace. He was accompanied by the Countess of Rosslyn, Lord and Lady Ribblesdale, the Hon. Miss Maynard, and Mrs. Farquhar. In the evening his Lordship presided at a dinner held in the Freemasons' Hall by the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree of Freemasonry.

THE THEATRES, &c.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.—This Evening, and Thursday, LES AMANTS DE VERONE. On Monday, FRA DIAVOLO. On Tuesday, UN BALLO IN MASCHERA. On Wednesday, LA TRAVIATA. On Friday, LE PROPHETE. At 8.30 each evening.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.—This Evening, ROBERT LE DIABLE. On Monday, LA SONNAMBULA. On Tuesday, FAUST. At 8.30 each evening.

GLOBE.—At 7.15, DON QUIXOTE JUNIOR. At 8.5, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, THE CRISIS. At 10.10 NILSSON OR NOTHING.

STRAND.—At 7.15, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.0, MADAME FAVART.

GAIETY.—At 7.10, A PAIR OF THEM. At 7.30, BOULOGNE. At 9.30, PRETTY ESERALDA.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ONCE AGAIN. At 8.0, THE GIRLS, and A HIGHLAND FLING.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, CASTE.

ADELPHI.—At 7.0, A KISS IN THE DARK. At 7.30, WHO SPEAKS FIRST. At 8.0, SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL or THE HUNCHBACK.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, FAMILY JARS. At 7.45, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MEND. Last Night.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.45, A CUP OF TEA. At 8.30, MARRIED, NOT MATED.

LYCEUM.—At 7.30, BOOK III. CHAP. I. At 8.15, LADY OF LYONS.

COURT.—At 7.45, COUSIN DICK. At 8.15, THE LADIES' BATTLE, &c.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, CUPS AND SAUCERS. At 8.30 H.M.S. PINAFORE, &c.

FOLLY.—The LOVE CHASE, &c.

ROYALTY.—At 7.20, FARCE. At 8.0, A WILL WITH A VENGEANCE, At 9.0, CRUTCH AND TOOTHPICK.

CRITERION.—At 7.30, MEG'S DIVERSION. At 9.0, TRUTH.

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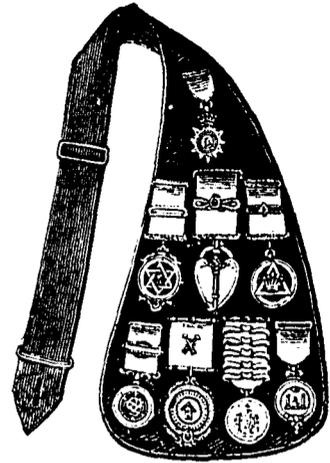


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