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CONVIVIALITY AND CHARITY.

IT must be admitted that Charity is the great charm which recommends Freemasonry to the hearts of earnest, thoughtful men. Before the Charities were, Freemasonry was, unquestionably; but the principle involved in Freemasonry has ever been the same as that which has developed, in more recent times, into so deep an interest in the Institutions of which we are so justly proud. Charity admits of various significations. Our present Grand Master, at the time of his installation, gave us, as the brethren are aware, the formula of "Loyalty and Charity" which still remains the watchword of the Craft. As loyal men, we know it is our duty to support the ruling power under whom we live as citizens, and when we contrast Freemasonry in England with what it is in Continental States, it is a matter of intense satisfaction that English Freemasonry knows nothing of the principles of want of allegiance to the throne—that it is imbued with an ardent love of Charity, yearning to do all it can to mitigate human distress, to extend its brotherly love in every shape and way, and above all, to observe the binding principle of truth, which is the equivalent of honesty—necessarily making us fair and open in our dealings with each other. Charity, as every one knows, has two vital and distinct significations. On the one hand it is the synonym of love, begetting toleration of opinion, causing us to abstain from indulgence in undue censure or hostile criticism, and to give every one credit for as pure intentions as we ourselves claim to be actuated by. The natural outcome of such a spirit is practical Charity. We appeal to any one to say—charming as Freemasonry unquestionably is—would there be any real, ostensible object in view were it not for our Masonic Institutions? Do they not bind our efforts and enlist our sympathies from one end of the Order to the other? It is not merely that we value these Institutions for the benefits we are enabled to confer, through them, upon the deserving poor; but they afford us the best practical means of answering the various objections made to our system by the outer world. They twit us with being a convivial society. So we are. We go even farther, and say that, if shorn of this element of social amenity, Freemasonry would be divested of its popularity, and would sink into comparative insignificance. These social gatherings which mark our Order enable men to meet for the interchange of friendly opinions, and it is at such seasons that all "superfluous knobs and excrescences" are knocked off, whilst under the happiest circumstances old friendships are cemented and new ones formed. But does the charge of conviviality lie only against the Order of Freemasonry? We appeal to the members of the Church, or of any other section of society to answer—is there any good work, or any work at all, good, bad, or indifferent, carried out that is not accompanied by social enjoyment? At laying the foundation stone of a church or chapel, at meetings of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, or "sending out pattens to the heathen"—accompanying every work, whether secular, religious, or political—you will find either a *déjeuner*, a collation, a dinner, a tea, or a supper. It simply comes to this, that social enjoyment and conviviality is an English element; and you may just as well try to sever light from air as to dis sever conviviality from the assemblages of Freemasonry. But what is the practical result of every occasion on which we band ourselves together for enjoyment? We never forget

—nay, we will even go farther, and say it is on those very occasions that Freemasons most vividly remember the wants of those who are not so fortunately circumstanced as themselves. We have the authority of those who have the largest experience in these matters for saying that if you want to raise any sum, whether it be five or a thousand pounds, it is useless to appeal to any brother, or society of men, before they sit down to the social board; but, embrace the opportunity afterwards, when their hearts are warm and their notions stimulated, and at that very moment the purse-strings are relaxed, as men say, "How can I sit here and enjoy all the wonderful blessings that Providence has vouchsafed to me and not do something substantial for those who are not so fortunate as I am?" It is a very fine and eloquent trait in the Masonic character which prompts men to give readily and largely of their substance towards supporting those noble Institutions which have been set up for the benefit of the needy and the distressed. It, moreover, speaks volumes for the Order when we see that, in spite of the depression of trade, that has checked the inflow of subscriptions into the treasury of many similar societies—when some charities have been obliged to sell out their funded property, or to dispense with the services of valuable officers, in order to meet their annual expenditure—we repeat, it speaks volumes for the vital principles of Charity amongst Freemasons that, so far from their being any falling off in the amounts subscribed to our Institutions, the sums received at the Festivals have been more substantial than ever before. We are amongst those who have thought seriously that the vast strides Freemasonry has made, especially of late years, is not an unmixed good—that it leads to a competition that is not altogether healthy. Masters are not sufficiently guarded as to the admission of members; due regard is not exercised as to the qualifications of candidates; and as a result it may happen that by-and-bye our Institutions may be flooded with applicants. Time has not journeyed far enough to justify us in any such apprehensions; but we have it from the lips of Bro. Binckes,—than whom no man has had greater opportunities of forming an opinion on this subject, during the seventeen years he has been Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,—that at no period has there been anything like the number of applications for forms of admission to the Schools that are now being made. This seems to be only an indication of what we may expect. It is very well to boast that under the benign rule of our M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales Freemasonry has increased to so great an extent as is evidenced by the number and strength of its Lodges; but the time may come when there will be a reaction, and we may find a great number of those who have rushed into Freemasonry without thought or consideration of its responsibilities—having been admitted without due care or investigation as to their fitness—applying for the benefits of our Institutions. We only hope we may be a false prophet, but such a fear is not altogether groundless. At any rate, we have it on the authority of an Officer whose status is universally recognised, and whose ability and foresight is admitted, that never at any period of the history of the Craft has there been such heavy pressure upon the consideration of those who have the supervision and management of our Charitable Institutions. These are matters which call for the serious and dispassionate attention of every member of the Order, if we would prepare for contingencies which appear fraught with difficulty.

"SIGNIFICANCE OF MASONIC LIGHT."

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

UNDER the above heading, an editorial review of an address by the Rev. Bro. Charles Butler appeared in this paper, 12th April this year. Judging from a few quotations from the said address, Bro. Butler is evidently a disciple of the Oliver school; hence he gave us an abundance of rhetorical assumption, but little or no logic.

The lecturer started with "The undeniable fact that religion and Freemasonry were wedded from the first." But he failed to tell us what religion it was wedded to, and when its first was. If by "first" Bro. Butler meant the building of Solomon's Temple, then Masonry must have been wedded to the Jewish religion. If Bro. Butler's first meant the Masonry of the middle ages, then it must have been first wedded to Roman Catholicism. But as the religion of Masonry is neither the Jewish nor the Roman Catholic religion, Bro. Butler may probably mean the time of 1717, when speculative Masonry was first started; and if so, the religion then wedded to Masonry was neither Jewish nor Christian. For all that the 1721 Constitution required for eligibility to Masonry was, "That religion in which all men agree," which is thus defined,—to be a good and true man, to practise morality, and to believe in God. To be sure, these tenets form part of the Jewish as well as the Christian religion; but as no one can be regarded either as an orthodox Jew or orthodox Christian if his belief is confined entirely to those tenets, our modern Freemasonry cannot, therefore, be claimed to have been "from the first" wedded, either to Judaism or to Christianity. Had Bro. Butler undertaken to prove that according to the "old charges" in Anderson's Constitution of 1721, Masons had to believe in God, and had to be good and true men, no one could have disputed his statement.

I am, however, sorry to say that Bro. Butler had another scheme in his head, and the introduction of his fact, of religion having been wedded to Masonry, was merely intended by him as a *Christianising wedge*; for no sooner was the sharp end of his wedge inserted, than his mallet began to go rap, rap, rap, which drove the wedge down to Adam's fall, Jacob's ladder, Moses and the burning bush, &c. Now all these topics are interesting to Jews and Christians only; but even they are at loggerhead about the religious significance of these topics, for the religious significance attached to those topics by one party is regarded by the other as mere superstition.

Again the mallet went rap, rap, rap, which drove the wedge down to "The Light on the Altar," meaning the Bible, which book Christians believe in *loto*, Jews about three-fourths thereof, and the rest of the human race have no faith in it at all. There is no doubt that the Bible has in it many grand truths; but there is also no doubt that it contains many grand puzzles, which more than once have caused hatred, strife, wars, and religious persecutions. The Bible may truly be compared to a nitro-glycerine magazine, which continues harmless as long as it lays quiescent, but the moment it is carelessly handled, a terrific explosion may take place. If therefore the Bible must be in a Lodge, as far as the Christian soul-saving dogmas are concerned, they must be hid under a bushel when the Lodge is open.

Again, Bro. Butler applied his mallet, and at last drove Christianity into the very heart of Masonry, for thus saith our rev. brother:—"Believing, as I do, that Christianity is the highest development of religious light, Freemasonry seems to me to be more in harmony with it than with any other form of ancient and modern religion. No brother can fail to recognise the direct reference in all degrees of Freemasonry to the religion of Jesus Christ. Each succeeding degree increases the light, and makes the reference more clear and definite."

The rev. lecturer evidently belongs to a school of *theological philosophers*, who can turn every form, shape, or figure into a Christian symbol; thus, a line and angle, a circle, a cube, &c., can each be made to denote Christ. In the Old Testament, in King James's Bible, in every chapter where there happens to be a metaphor or puzzle, is intimated in the heading of that chapter that it refers to Christ, His holy church," &c. Masonic luminaries of that school have symbolised Christ as a lion, a lamb, a pelican, a fish, and what not. The late Dr. Oliver got old of an old R.A. Chart, on which was engraved a seven-branch candlestick; a small sprig, which he called Aaron's rod, two apothecary's weights, which he called show bread; a smoking pot he called "a pot of incense," and other indescribable figures. The Doctor then learnedly proved that the candlestick was Christ, that Aaron's Rod was Christ, that the show bread was Christ, that the pot of incense was Christ, and that every other item on the chart was Christ, and he thus incidentally demonstrated that Royal Arch Masonry was Christian.*

Such method of philosophising may have great weight with orthodox Christians. They may admire it as beautiful, profound, and sublime. But the Jewish and non-orthodox brethren in a Masonic Lodge will assuredly condemn it as frivolous, absurd, and insulting to common sense.

Let us, however, put the shoe upon the other foot. When I visited "The Lodge of Israel," near forty years ago, I found there twenty or more Jews to one Christian. Suppose, then, W.M. Bro. Cohen had there made a harangue in the Rev. Butler's style, but instead of vaunting the superiority of Christianity, he bragged up Judaism as the highest development of religious light; had such been the case, the Christian brethren then present would have felt indignant at the insult to their religion, and with justice they might have denounced the address as unmasonic, ungentlemanly, and impertinent. There is a saying, "What is good for the goose is good for the gander," and, inferentially, what is bad for one is bad for the other. If Christian brethren would be angered by Bro. Cohen for insulting their religion in a Lodge composed of twenty or more Jews to one Christian, they should refrain from insulting Bro. Cohen's religion

in a Lodge composed of twenty or more Christians to one Jew. Besides which, it is easy to assert the superiority of a religion, but it may be impossible to prove it; and as religious discussion will mar the brotherly love which should exist among Masons, we must not only avoid discussion upon religion in a Lodge, and in the Masonic press too, but we must also avoid provoking such discussion both in a Lodge and in the press.

The editor praised Bro. Butler's address; but yet he seemed cognizant of an inconsistency, and he therefore endeavoured to whitewash it, thus:—"And yet (says the brother), be it observed, the interpretation of our Masonic symbols is subject to no inflexible rule. Each brother may interpret them according to the light that is in him. So far as possible everything is excluded from the Lodge which might offend or cast an apparent reflection on the sincerity or intelligent convictions of a brother. The Jew, the Turk, and the Christian may mingle freely in the same Lodge, agreeing in the grand essential and universal principles of religion, recognising and worshipping the G.A.O.T.U.," &c.

I do not clearly understand the above. As already said, the editor approved of Butler's address, but am I to understand that every brother should be allowed to brag up his religion in a Lodge as Bro. Butler did? Why, if such concession was made, it would not be very long ere the "confusion of Babel" would bear no comparison to the scenes that would nightly be exhibited in Lodges. Nay, our brother himself commends that as far as possible everything should be excluded from the Lodge which might offend the convictions of an intelligent brother. This is apparently an admission, that sectarianism should be excluded from the Lodge. The question then is, if one dare not interpret Masonic symbols according to the light that is in him in a Masonic Lodge, of what use can his light be to Masons? There is but one way I can solve that riddle. I suppose that my brother meant to lay down a rule that when none but Christians are present in a Lodge, that then and there the symbols might be interpreted according to Christian light, but the moment a Jew or Turk knocks at the door for admission, the bushel must be popped over the Christian light, and another kind of light must then be substituted for it. Is it so, brother?

Truth has but one meaning, viz., to mean what you say. Saying what we do not mean is called *deception*. To tell one brother that a symbol means *this*, and to another it means *that*, is neither more nor less than deception. Jewish and Turkish Masons are men of mature age and of sound judgment, and they cannot be humbugged with sophistical dodges when (contrary to the solemn promises given them at their initiation) their religion is insulted in a Masonic Lodge. I am not opposed to religion, but with King Solomon I say, "there is a time and place for all things," and a Masonic Lodge is no place to brag up any sectarian religion. If Masonry is *sectarian* its creed should be defined, and every candidate should be made to subscribe to it before his initiation, but if its religious requirements do not extend beyond those laid down in the Masonic Constitution, then our rituals and our boasted "Masonic universality" are certainly in antagonism.

The original and chief cause of our Masonic inconsistency was, and is, the general ignorance of Masonic history among our brethren; second, it is due to religious dreamers, who persuaded themselves that Masonry was somehow connected with the early Christian Church. Some of these dreamers went so far as to declare that the first Church of the Apostles was a veritable Masonic Lodge; men with some such notions formed our rituals, and men with such notions, from time to time, tinkered the rituals. These rituals in their turn, gave rise to new dreamers and to new delusions, and the result is, the Masonic press has been deluged with thousands of very foolish Masonic articles, and with thousands of equally foolish Masonic lectures; and third, Masonry from the first, has been plagued with a pack of Masonic charlatans, who for *self* invented any number of legends, any number of degrees, and any amount of humbug. And as long as the brotherhood remain ignorant of true Masonic history, so long will the charlatans and the dreamers unitedly fight for the perpetuation of humbug and sectarianism in our Masonic rituals.

I have thus far reasoned from facts and the "golden rule," but as men of theological training are apt to attach more importance to *authority* than they do to facts and the golden rule, I shall, therefore, submit a document issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, wherein our sectarianising advocates will learn that "Masonry prefers no sect;" that "a Masonic religion is the faithful worship of God;" that a Lodge is not appropriated to sectarian teachings, but "to improve moral duties, correct human frailties, and inculcate social happiness." And that political as well as religious discussions may be done by Masons "in other places and in other capacities," but under no pretence whatsoever should those topics be suffered to invade a Masonic Lodge. I herewith give the document in full, with its italicisings and underlinings, just as it is printed in the *Sentimental and Masonic Magazine*, p 200. Dublin, 1793.

"MASONIC ADMONITION."

"Several Freemasons' Lodges in the country, having taken upon them the discussion of political and religious subjects, on Thursday, 3rd January 1793, at the meeting of the GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND (Grand Treasurer on the Throne) the following ADMONITION was resolved, and ordered to be transmitted to the several Lodges throughout the kingdom.

"THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND, as the constituted authority and guardian of the CRAFT, deem it incumbent on them to remind the respective Lodges in the kingdom, that it is utterly inconsistent with the fundamental principles—the ancient charges—and uniform practices of FREEMASONS to permit any discussion or publication on religious or political subjects among them, because these, of all others, are known to arouse the worst passions of men, and excite among the kindest brethren the most rancorous and lasting animosities. TRUE MASONRY prefers no sect, and acknowledges no party,—a Mason's religion is the faithful worship of God; his politics, strict

* See Preface to Oliver's "Origin of the Royal Arch."

obedience to the laws of the country in which he resides, and a most cordial and unremitting attention to his Sovereign.

"FREEMASONS have sufficient opportunities to express their religious and political opinions in *other societies* and in *other capacities*, and should not under any pretence whatsoever suffer such topics to invade the *sacred retirement* of a LODGE, which is peculiarly appropriated to improve moral duties, correct human frailties, and inculcate social happiness.

"The Grand Lodge, therefore, in discharge of their duty, and actuated by the most anxious solicitude for the Prosperity, Honour, and *Unanimity* of the whole MASONIC body of Ireland, earnestly exhort and require all the LODGES of this kingdom to refrain from religious and political *discussions*, and all *publication* of such subjects."

FREEMASONRY AND INTOLERANCE.

THIS is the title of a little *brochure* which, though printed "for private circulation only," must command the attention of the Fraternity, if only for the principle involved—the cruel persecution of a brother, and the deprivation of a family of bread, for the sole cause that the husband and father was a Freemason. Everybody is aware of what religious bigotry can do, but few will be prepared to hear such statements as are contained in this pamphlet, and which, unless refuted by the persons whom it implicates, we are bound to regard as within the strict limits of truth. We are inclined to fancy we have gone back to the mediæval ages when we read of a Lutheran minister deposed from his pastorate, simply because he dared to acknowledge himself to be a member of the Society of Masons, so much hated by the Synod under which he held office in the church. Is it possible that for such a cause Bro. the Rev. J. H. Simonsen had to bear the bull of excommunication for three years, during which time he had to suffer "bitter persecution, slander, and libellous attacks of all sorts?" Not only so, but this work informs us that the Christian brethren, his co-religionists, did all they could to make life hard to him, going even so far as to lay traps for his life—shooting at him, in agrarian fashion worthy only of a fanatic Hibernian, threatening to set parish churches on fire,—and finally compelling him to leave America, the land of his adoption, and flee to his own country, Norway. Since then we are informed the Bishop has closed all pulpits to him, thus cutting him off from any chance of advancement in his own church, leaving him penniless, and a petitioner to the Craft. If, as we have read, our Brother has suffered all this cruel religious persecution for the sake of the principles of the Order, he should most assuredly be made the object of wise sympathy and commiseration at the hands of the Craft. We can afford to hold in contempt any assaults which fanatics and bigots may fling at the Order itself, but treatment such as Bro. Simonsen has received is only worthy of the Spanish Inquisition, and for this he should be protected, as far as we are able to provide for his present necessities. We commend the little pamphlet to the consideration of the brethren, and merely mention that the Rev. R. P. Bent P.G.C. has kindly consented to receive any assistance the brethren may be disposed to send to him, at Tickencote Rectory, Stamford.

The following incident is recorded by an old suburban Tyler. A few nights ago the brethren were preparing for an initiation ceremony, and although, when not tiled, the Lodge room was used for histrionic and other purposes, there was not the slightest apprehension of any intruders on the scene. Presently there was an alarm, and within the entrance were discerned two respectably dressed females. The Tyler was immediately on the *qui vive*, and demanded of the strangers the object of their visit. "Oh!" replied they, we were informed that 'Lady Audley's Secret' was to be performed here to-night, and we require seats." The old Tyler—who we fancy is a wag—replied, with a twinkle in his eye, "Very sorry, mesdames, but you cannot find admission here." This only increased the anxiety and determination of the fair ones to have their way, and they persisted in the endeavour to "squeeze in anywhere." Vain was the poor Tyler's protest that the play was not Lady Audley's Secret," but the "Prince of Wales' Secret." "All the better," quoth the ladies; "we should like that even better, because we never heard of it before, and therefore it must be new." The rest of the scene can be "better imagined than described;" but the fair ones did not at all relish the moral suasion which barred them from solving the "Prince of Wales' Secret!"

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—A Remedy for Bilious and Liver Complaints.—Those who suffer from bile and liver complaints should try the effects of this valuable remedy, a few doses of which will make the sufferer feel elastic and vigorous, remove all impurities, give a healthy action to the liver, and strengthen the stomach. If bilious attacks be allowed to continue without using such a preventive, more serious casualties may arise, and the sufferer be consigned to a bed of sickness. Holloway's Pills are an extraordinary remedy, acting immediately in the removal of acidity of the stomach, indigestion, debility, and nausea, preparing the food thoroughly for assimilation, rendering each tributary organ perfect in its function and stimulating the kidneys.

CONSECRATION OF A MARK MASONS' LODGE AT NORTHAMPTON.

THE introduction of Mark Masonry into the county of Northampton affords another striking proof of the rapid decadence of that somewhat too rigid conservatism which has actuated elder members of the Craft in clinging to old and obsolete ideas, and a false horror of so-called "innovations." We know many excellent P.M.'s to whom the mention of any but the degrees recognised in Craft Masonry is to flout the red rag in the face of an angry bull. Staunch and upright brethren, who stickle for the most orthodox rendering of all points of observance and correctness of ritual, but rather straight-laced and old-fashioned in their recognition of advances in the science which lead men out of the beaten track in which they passed their own education. Experience, however, in the leading and guiding precepts of the Mark degree must teach even the most cautious brother that as an aid to, and development of, the grand principles inculcated in the earlier phases of Masonic research—as a silver link that bridges over the parenthesis between the tuition of the M.M. and the Royal Arch—there is much in the Mark degree which must call for approval and admiration, whilst it cannot in the least degree detract from the importance of the already studied phases of Craft experience. Thus it is that Mark Masonry has made such giant strides, especially of late, that within the past six or eight years we see the number of Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters have nearly been doubled. The county of Northampton, which has by no means shewn any lukewarmness or lethargy in its prosecution of the science, and which has always conveniently lent its support to the Charities, has nevertheless been somewhat tardy in its admission of Mark Masonry, which it must be confessed can no longer be strictly regarded as amongst the "fancy degrees." The increased interest manifested by Craft Masons in the Province has been manifested by the augmentation of Lodges from time to time, and it is scarcely eight months since we had the privilege of assisting at the consecration of what has since become a vigorous offshoot of the old Pomfret Lodge—we refer to the Eleanor Cross, No. 1764. It was only natural to expect that with the wider diffusion of Masonic knowledge and its attendant expansion of the desire for further light, the brethren should conceive a wish for participation in the benefits of the Mark, which they saw were so eagerly embraced in other parts of the country. The natural outcome of this desire was to seek the aid of the nearest neighbour—Leicestershire—in bringing it to a satisfactory realisation, and the happy results which attended the opening of the Simon De St. Liz Lodge, No. 215, on Tuesday last, must have proved a source of congratulation to all concerned. Not only does the fledgling start with every symptom of robust health, but the *éclat* which attended its first efforts gives promise of a sturdy and prosperous future.

The title of the Lodge is after that of the first Norman Earl of Northampton, who, it is supposed, was instrumental in building the churches of St. Peter and St. Sepulchre. The petition under which the warrant was obtained bore the signatures of the following brethren, as founders:—Bros. John Henry Hale J.D., Simon de Montfort Lodge, No. 194, Leicester; Bros. Nicholas Thomas Howens, Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, Henry John Atkins, George Ellard, Eli Morris, George Henry Percival, and Thomas Chapman, of No. 191; William Cole Shout and Thomas Wright, of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19; and Robert James Johnstone, of the Union Lodge, No. 23, Newry. The ceremony of consecration brought together a goodly number of the brethren, including a sprinkling of Grand and Provincial Officers, who assembled in the Masonic Hall, Abington Street, shortly after twelve o'clock at noon. Precisely at half-past twelve the Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rite, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. S., &c., P.G.M.M. of Leicestershire, the Officers designate of the new Lodge occupying their respective chairs. The Consecrating Officer was supported by Bros. Frederick Binckes Grand Secretary of England, Rev. F. H. Richardson, M.A., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire, John J. Thorpe I.P.M. 194 P.P.S.G.W. Leic., Thomas Coltman P.G. Sup. Wks. D.C. 194, Henry Brown Fowke 19, T. Gadsby Bective 147, Thomas Taylor J.W. St. Peter and Paul 163, W. Weare P.M. P.P.G.M.O. Fowke 19, Edward Newton jun. P.G.A.D.C. S.D. 194, Robert Broughton Smith W.M. 21 P.P.G.J.W. Leic., &c. There were also several brethren of the Lodge, including the Officers designate, and Visitors, and the Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. J. J. Thorpe as S.W., and W. Weare as J.W. Amongst those present were:—Bros. J. H. Hale P.M., N. T. Hewens, Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, Henry John Atkins, George Ellard, Eli Morris, Henry Hill, Thomas C. Beasley, W. Cole Shout, Hamilton W. Parker, G. H. Percival, R. R. Sampson, Henry Spoor, Frederick John Ains, William Kirby, F. Cogan, Richard Croft, R. J. Johnston, Joseph Sadler, J. H. Williams, Stephen Dimpleby, C. H. Frank, H. J. Amphlett Minerva No. 12, &c. Some little disappointment was experienced in the matter of attendance, the unfavourable state of the weather having no doubt a tendency to keep away a large number of brethren who would otherwise have been present. At the conclusion of the usual formalities, the founders of the Lodge were arranged in order, and were addressed by the Consecrating Officer on the object and nature of their meeting. In the course of his observations, Bro. Kelly referred to the increasing popularity of the Mark degree in all parts of the country, and said it would no doubt become equally popular in Northamptonshire. He had, therefore, much pleasure in being present, and to assist in the consecration of the Lodge. He then called upon the Secretary (Bro. Henry Hill) to explain the wishes of the brethren, and the steps that had been taken to bring about this happy occasion; and Bro. Hill, in response, said it being the wish of several brethren residing in Northampton and the neighbourhood to extend their sphere of usefulness, they held several meetings, and unanimously resolved to form a Mark Masons' Lodge in that town. They therefore petitioned the Grand Master for

a warrant empowering them to do so. The prayer of that petition was granted, and a warrant of consecration having been forwarded, they set about to constitute and form a regular Mark Mason's Lodge, to be entitled the Simon de St. Liz Lodge. Having got their warrant, they held two special meetings for the advancement of brethren who were desirous of being advanced to the degree of Mark Masons, and he had very much pleasure in handing to the Consecrating Officer the warrant of constitution received from the M.W.G.M. of England upon which they had acted. Several brethren of Simon de Montfort Lodge, at Leicester, and others, assisted them in this effort, and the brethren of this Lodge are indebted to them for their assistance. The Grand Sec. Bro. Frederick Binckes read the petition and warrant, with the names of the founders; and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers named in those documents, the Consecrating Officer called upon Bro. the Rev. H. Richardson P.P.G. Chaplain of Leicestershire, to deliver an oration, which he did, as follows:—

Most Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren,—The occasion for which we are met together to-day is one of more than ordinary interest to Freemasonry in this place, because not only are we founding a new Lodge in connection with the Order, but I am informed that this is the first Lodge of Mark Master Masons that has been founded in this town, or in the county of Northamptonshire. It is, therefore, a matter, I consider, of very great congratulation, not only to the founders of the Lodge, but also to all Freemasons who have been advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons, that we should be met together for the purpose for which we are assembled this day. I need not inform those brethren who are here present that Mark Masonry, though not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England as one of the three regular degrees of the Craft, yet it is so closely connected with the history of Masonry, and also with its working, that it must be considered as belonging to the Craft degrees in some sense, at any rate. In other countries, and more particularly in America, it is incorporated into the three degrees of working Masonry, and also with the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch. This being so, we feel we miss some points in Masonic duty, and a great portion of the legitimate beauties of Masonry, if we do not attain to the degree which some of us here present have had the honour to attain. We all must feel this about Masonry—whether it is Craft Masonry or whatever the degree may be—that each degree has its special lessons for us, and therefore that Mark Masonry, as a whole, is more valuable for this lesson than any other, namely—that it conveys to us the highest moral precepts in the best possible way. Not only do we in this degree receive sublime and important lessons orally, from those who conduct the ceremonies of the Lodge, but we have also this great advantage in Mark Masonry,—the receiving of impressions upon the mind through the eye. We have our ritual as well as our forms and ceremonies, and so by acts and spectacles are great truths brought home to the mind much better and in a way not so likely to be forgotten as we are apt to forget those taught by word of mouth. Whatever the advantages of Masonry may be in other respects—and we all must admit that they are most valuable—we learn a greater perfection of them in the Mark degree. Recognition of each other in distant countries, introduction to one another in the bond of brotherhood, and in the spirit that is evinced amongst the members—these are the great benefits which we receive in the ordinary working of the Craft. Masonry in general teaches us, of course, those great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and it teaches us also, besides this, reverence to the great Creator, the Grand Overseer of the Universe, the God who made us all. We learn the beautiful lessons of uprightness, of integrity, of sincerity, of benevolence, of courage, of humility, and others I could mention. These lessons are most valuable to all of us; but Mark Masonry has a special teaching in which appears to be embodied these several points, which I will endeavour to mention. First of all we are taught to measure our work—that our work must be good, and that it must be put to the test. In Craft Masonry we are taught that we have to work; in Mark Masonry we are taught what our work must be, and that it must be put to a strict and infallible test. Its soundness, its finish, its accordance with the regulations laid down by the expert overseers of the work, must all be proved. Unless the work is good work and true, you know what becomes of it—it is heaved over amongst the rubbish. Moreover the Mark Mason finds not only that he has work to do, and that it must be put to the test, but that there is a reward for work that is good and true—i.e., not only for fair, smooth work, and such as is expressly ordered, but also for work that is ingenious if it is in accordance with the work of Masonry. Although it may not be such work as is usually done by Masons, we well know that honour is conferred upon the skilful craftsman who succeeds in ingenious work. All work must be good work and true; then it must be put to the test; and, knowing all this, we must do the best we can to attain that reward which is the heritage of the deserving. But we must also use our talent in the work. If we exercise the gifts which the Great Overseer of the Universe bestows upon us we shall in the end reap a greater reward, just as the Mason who discovered the true stone that was necessary for the completion of the arch obtained greater honour from the Master presiding over the Lodge of Mark Master Masons. I have spoken of the work, and of the test which it is put to, and also of the reward. But I think that idea of the reward stands out clearest in Mark Masonry, and that is a very important lesson for us to bear in mind, the more so because the work which is very often rejected by our fellow-men is approved by those who have eyes to see, and especially by that Overseer of all, whom we recognise as Grand Master of our Order. I will not add more words, except to say that I trust this Lodge, of which I have the honour of being one of the original members, may add lustre to Masonry, and especially to Mark Masonry in this town and county. I cannot speak of a province as yet, because the province is scarcely formed; and I trust each one of us Masons here present may leave behind us a mark of good work

and true, upon each stone of which shall be a stamp of which the Grand Overseer of the Universe, above all, may approve.

At the conclusion of the Rev. brother's eloquent address, which was listened to with profound attention, the anthem "Mark Masons, all appear," was sung and the consecration prayer offered, after which the cornucopia was borne in procession by the Grand Officers, and the emblems of plenty, joy and happiness, peace and fidelity were strewn around the pedestal, the brethren singing the well-known verses of the Consecration Service, to music by Bro. Edwin Crowe. The censer was then carried round by the Acting-Chaplain, during which the brethren sang the hymn "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," after which the remaining portions of the consecration prayer were said, and the concluding anthem "Glory to God on High" sung. By request of the Consecrating Officer, the Grand Secretary then dedicated and constituted the Lodge, in accordance with the usages of this degree, delivering the charge in a finished and masterly style, and with an emphasis that elicited the hearty admiration of all present. The same remark applies to the perfect working of the installation ceremony, wherein, as in the former rite, the excellent organ accompaniment of Bro. Sampson tended materially to heighten the sublime and impressive character of the proceedings. The selection of Bro. J. H. Hale as the first W. Master of this newly-constituted Lodge is unquestionably a step in the right direction, and a presage of that prosperity which the brethren must naturally hope for. The wisdom of this choice will be endorsed by all who have known Bro. Hale in connection with Wentworth and other Lodges, in which he has ever evinced a deep and earnest interest. The Board of Installed Masters having completed their labours, the newly-installed Master was saluted in the usual way, and the honours having been accorded, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bro. N. T. Hewens S.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders M.A., LL.M. &c., J.W., Henry John Atkins M.O., George Ellard S.O., Eli Morris J.O., Henry Hill Secretary, Rev. F. H. Richardson Chaplain, Rev. Thos. C. Beasley Assistant-Chaplain, William Cole Shout Treasurer, Hamilton W. Parker Registrar of Marks, Brook Sampson Organist, Henry Spoor I.G., John J. Green D.C., Frederick James Ains Steward, and William Kirby Tyler. The manner in which each of the Officers was received testified to the general appreciation by the brethren of the choice which the Worshipful Master had made. After the transaction of some other formal business, it was unanimously agreed that Bro. W. Kelly, the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Leicestershire, Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary, and Bro. J. J. Thorpe I.P.M. 194, be elected honorary members of this Lodge. It was also resolved that a petition be sent to Grand Lodge, applying for permission for Northampton to be attached to the Provincial Grand District of Leicestershire. This being the first Mark Lodge established in the county, it will for the present be carried on under the banner of the Province of Leicester, until such time as the increase in the number of Lodges warrants the constitution of the independent Province of Northampton. At the conclusion of Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Peacock Hotel, where a substantial banquet was served by Mrs. Forth, whose arrangements gave every satisfaction. The Worshipful Master was supported by the Provincial and other Officers above enumerated, and the admirable repast having been discussed, the customary Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the W.M. expressing a hope that, although the Prince of Wales was not yet a Mark Mason, he might become one before another year had elapsed. Bro. Binckes, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, said the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore the R.W. Deputy G.M.M.M., was a young nobleman, and had been absent from England for some time, engaged in political matters, but he said the noble Earl had returned home after completing his labours in connection with the commission of Eastern Roumelia. He only hoped his Lordship had brought to bear all he had learnt in Masonry on the work of conciliation in which he had been assisting. At home the noble Lord took a deep interest especially in Mark Masonry, and therefore worthily held the distinguished position of Deputy Grand Master. At the expiration of the three years' tenure of the Office they hoped to see him assuming the position of Grand Master in succession to Lord Skolmersdale. The Mark Lodge had been presided over by a long list of distinguished brethren, and it spoke wonderfully well for Mark Masonry that they had never lost the services of any one of them from the time of their first Grand Master—Lord Leigh—to the present time, either by death or any serious indisposition. Whether the vitality and good health of the distinguished brethren who had ruled over the Mark degree might be regarded as an augury of the vitality of the Mark degree itself he could not say, but it certainly had progressed in a manner such as Lord Leigh, their first Grand Master, could have but little anticipated. The Grand Officers were a numerous body, and he assured them there was no undue influence required to obtain that honour which was conferred only on the most deserving brethren. The only passport to Grand honours in this degree was a character for zeal, energy, ability, and honesty of purpose. The toast of the Consecrating Officers was next proposed, and in responding Bro. Kelly P.G.M.M. said he had had the honour of serving under the whole of the Grand Masters of England; he hoped at some future time that they might have the pleasure of welcoming one of the Grand Masters in Northampton. Bro. Binckes having followed with a brief address, the Rev. F. H. Richardson expressed the pleasure it afforded him to return to the town of Northampton, where he had passed many years of his life as a clergyman, and he felt it a compliment to have been called upon to deliver the oration that day, only he had laboured under great disadvantage, inasmuch as the invitation came to him when he was away on a holiday, and he had no time to prepare a satisfactory speech. However, he was pleased to assist in the establishment of the first Mark Lodge in the county. Bro. Thorpe then proposed the health of the W.M., whom to know was to admire and esteem. It was impossible to see a man's good qualities all at once; and although Bro. Hale had a happy faculty of making himself agreeable and amicable, yet he carried many of his best qualities inside, and it was only by

knowing him thoroughly and well that they could discover those qualities. There were many reasons why the Lodge should be congratulated upon having such a Master as Bro. Hale. In establishing a new Lodge, it was a good thing to have a Master whom the members could look up to, appreciate, and admire. The great thing in starting a new Lodge was to start well, and to take care that brethren should be taught to qualify themselves to step into the shoes of the outgoing Masters. He trusted they might have a prosperous and agreeable year under his Mastership—that they would be all of one mind, and put their shoulders to the wheel, so that the first year of the St. Simon de Liz Lodge might go off with all the *clat* that they could desire. The W.M. thanked the brethren most heartily for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. It was a very proud moment in his life being the first Master of the first Mark Lodge in Northampton, and he should regard it as a red-letter day to the end of his existence. It would prove an incentive to him to advance the cause of Masonry, if possible, more than ever he had done in the past. He was comparatively a young Mason, having been initiated only in 1871; still he had the honour of being the Master of the Wentworth Lodge for a second year, after having served every office in the Perseverance Lodge. It was his ambition from the first to become the Master of his Lodge. He tried all he possibly could to gain the affection of his brethren, and to be nominated to some position in the Lodge, so that he might rise step by step till he should reach the summit of the ladder. That, they knew, he had done, but to be Master of a Mark Lodge was a long way from his thoughts, inasmuch as he was only J.D. of the Simon de Montfort Lodge at Leicester. However, thanks to the kindness of the brethren, he had attained to that proud position. In conclusion, he presaged for the Lodge a long career of future prosperity. Bro. Sanders next gave "The health of the Honorary Members," the toast being heartily welcomed, and acknowledged in a few happily-chosen sentences by Bro. Thorpe. Bro. Hamilton Parker proposed "The Masonic Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund," in responding to which toast Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, delivered an earnest and impressive address on the claims which charity has upon the attention of Freemasons. He spoke of the vast amount of benefit which was dispensed by the united aid of the brethren in the country, and expressed his opinion that although the success of Masonry was often thought to be evidenced by the increase of Lodges, yet he fancied the time might come when, by a laxity of care in the admission of members, there may be greater demands thrust upon the Charitable Institutions of the Craft than they had any idea of at present. In conclusion, he advocated the claims of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and hoped that the Festival in aid of that charity, which is to take place at the Alexandra Palace on the 12th of July, would be a great success. The remaining toasts were those of the "Officers of the Lodge," and "The Tyler's Toast," these having been duly honoured, the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony. It was the unanimous verdict that although the weather had undoubtedly kept many brethren away who would otherwise have attended, nevertheless the proceedings were of the most happy and congratulatory description.

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your Analysis of the Lists announced at the late Festival, you state that "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." In this you are mistaken, as Northamptonshire and Hunts were contributors of upwards of thirty guineas, which, as a Past Grand Warden of that Province, I placed on my List, though then acting as Steward on behalf of my London Lodge. The Province, I may add, had previously sent a Steward to the Benevolent Festival with a Fifty Guineas List, and in 1878 the Charities had not been forgotten.

I do not concur in all the remarks made by your analyzer. The censuring tone adopted by him is, in my opinion, more likely to divert the flow of contributions or subscriptions than to increase it. Many Provinces elect to take annually one of the Masonic Charitable Institutions to become the recipient of their bounty, and to concentrate their exertions in promoting the selected Institution's prosperity, rather than to make spasmodic and disconnected applications to members or to Lodges for each Institution as its Festival comes round. A continuance of your censuring criticisms may lead to a total withdrawal of support, as many will argue that the effect of being branded as absentees twice in each year in a publication circulating over all England would not be increased were the criticism repeated in your third analysis. In Masonry, as in mundane affairs generally, the *suaviter in modo* is preferable to the *fortiter in re*, and I certainly think it would be well to avoid applying the latter until the former had failed in its application.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

EDWARD COX,

P.M. 360 Northampton, and 657 London.

102 Chancery Lane,
28th May, 1879.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to a suggestion of "A SUBSCRIBER" that there must be some mistake on my part as to the amount expended on the two Masonic Schools during the past year, will you permit me to explain that, in the absence of any accounts, my original letter was based upon an approximate cost of £13,500 for each School, and allowed for the present full number of 410 children, giving an average as therein stated of over £65 per head. The Treasurer's cash statement of the Girls' School, since published, shows the outlay on that Institution to have been £15,317, or an average of upwards of £78 10s per head for 195 children. The following summary of the latest statements of a few kindred Institutions may be useful to some of your readers for comparison:—

Institution.	No. of Inmates.	Expenditure.
London Orphan Asylum	510	£17,093
Fatherless Children	282	8,076
Royal Albert Asylum	198	5,521
St. Anne's	335	12,707
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	195	15,317

A short analysis showing the cost per head in the same Schools may also be acceptable. The amounts are stated in pounds and decimals.

Institution.	Cost of Provisions.	Clothing.	Salaries and Wages.	Every other Expenditure.	Total per head.
	£	£	£	£	£
London Orphan Asylum	11.451	5.510	9.555	5.105	31.651
Fatherless Children	10.656	4.415	5.496	8.070	28.637
Royal Albert Asylum	10.459	2.767	5.621	9.035	27.882
St. Anne's	14.761	4.065	6.743	8.741	34.310
R.Masonic Institution for Girls	11.215	6.138	12.435	48.759	78.547

From these figures it will be seen that, so far as the Girls' School is concerned, the average cost first approximately estimated was considerably below the actual outlay; but with respect to the Boys' School I must reserve my reply until the Committee shall have been pleased to furnish the Governors with the accounts which are "to dispose satisfactorily of the statements and assertions of,"

Yours fraternally,

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27th May 1879.

"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I for one am delighted with the very ready manner in which Bro. Stevens has responded to the suggestions contained in your opportune "editorial" a fortnight ago. A word to the wise is sufficient, and our worthy brother rose like a trout to the May-fly, which you so adroitly cast him. Many brethren will, like myself, be on the *qui vive* now for hints and information which will prove useful to us in our researches after Masonic light. I am not an old Mason, but have a very deep veneration for those who are so unselfish as to dispense freely the wisdom they have gained by years of work and experience; and I therefore, on the part of a very large section of the Craft tender my grateful thanks to any veterans of our Order who, instead of hoarding up their wealth and knowledge, endeavour to disseminate it for the advantage of every member of the brotherhood. As a rule, the ordinary working of a Lodge fails to reveal to any but the close and astute practitioner who can afford the time and has the ability to discern the real beauties of our system. And therefore he is a benefactor who, instead of hiding the light that is in him under a bushel, diffuses that light for the benefit of his fellows. Such a man exemplifies the true spirit of Masonry by assisting the brethren in the capacity of Preceptor even; but in such a case the value of his influence is to a certain extent limited. No man can speak so eloquently or appeal to so large an audience as he who has the ability to give utterance to his thoughts through the medium of a public print. Thousands upon thousands read the message thus sent through the valuable mediums of the Masonic press, and whilst thanking those kind and disinterested brethren who show themselves willing to encourage and enlighten those of us who have not had the experience or perhaps the opportunity of acquiring the "deeper draughts from the fountains of truth." I would also tender you our grateful acknowledgments for having opened the columns of your valuable journal, by means of which we can read the advantages of such correspondence. I may have a few questions to ask, anon, respecting matters on which it is important we should be informed "which is correct?" Meanwhile, again thanking Bro. Stevens for his promised letters, and hoping other brethren will take up so interesting and essential a work.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

FELLOW CRAFT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was immensely pleased to read Bro. Stevens' excellent letter last week: his remarks are only too true, both as to the ritual and the ease with which newly-fledged Masons are enabled to found new Lodges. I am sure it would be a great boon

to the Craft if Bro. Stevens could be induced to reprint his valuable articles and letters of the last ten years in pamphlet form, at a moderate price. Perhaps it might be done by each Lodge subscribing for one copy. I am sure we should all find such a work an invaluable assistance.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. GULLIFORD I.P.M. 1017.

11 Caroline-street, Bedford-square.
27th May 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I recently had the honour to fill the chair of Senior Warden in a Lodge of Instruction, and, after the first ceremony had been worked, some sections were commenced. I was very much surprised to find that my answer to the first question put to me was pronounced wrong by the Brother who filled the office of Preceptor, he stating that "s—o" was the correct answer. I afterwards asked him on what authority he based his opinion, as I had always heard the question replied to as I had answered it, and I had no idea there were two answers to what had hitherto appeared to me so simple a question. Since then I have, in some measure, analysed the two replies, together with the one that follows, until at last I am at a loss to know to which to give the preference.

As I see by your last paper that such questions as these are receiving the attention of those who appear to hold a prominent position in the Craft, I hope you will excuse my troubling you.

I shall certainly make myself acquainted with the correspondence you have already published on questions of ritual, and shall therefore be glad if you will please forward me a copy of the volume which contains same.

I am, &c.,

Yours fraternally,

A NEW SUBSCRIBER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On re-perusal of my letter of last week I notice an error, which I am desirous of speedily correcting. The letter of the 27th March 1869 in the *Freemason*, therein referred to, was headed "Past Masters as Preceptors," and not as I have written "Uniformity of Working." It is as well, in view of future possible action, to avoid all chance of misleading those who may take interest in the general subject of Masonic ritual and observance, and therefore I shall be glad if you will publish this correction.

I have already received most earnest requests to carry out the suggestion made in my last week's letter, and to publish *in extenso* the whole of the correspondence referred to; and I should very willingly set about the task of doing so, and of adding thereto some most valuable and interesting information, if I could be insured against pecuniary loss. My leisure I would cheerfully devote to the end in view, but I cannot afford to sacrifice money; and, therefore, before setting about the compilation of the suggested pamphlet or book, I must know what likelihood there is of support from the Masonic fraternity. I presume the work could be published at the price of, say half-a-crown or three shillings per copy, and if I receive a reasonable number of applications for copies, addressed to me as below, I will undertake the work, and probably in the course of a month or six weeks may be enabled to forward the same to subscribers. Of course my desire will be to limit the cost in order to ensure extended circulation, and consequently the more support given by the brethren, the less will be the expense of publication, and the price of the work itself.

Of the examples of differences in ritual which have been already noticed, probably only the least important have had attention, it having been my original intention to work gradually up to the more serious matter of divergence in Masonic ceremonial and observance. This will now be gradually approached, with all the caution and reserve necessary to the subject; and I very respectfully invite the private communications of brethren in reference to any portion of Lodge work which they may think should be discussed. Meanwhile,

Preceptor No. 1 says, in the course of each Craft ceremony, "—duly obligated —."

Preceptor No. 2 says "newly obligated."

Again, referring to pillars,

Preceptor No. 1 says, "In the porchway entrance."

Preceptor No. 2 says, "At the porch or entrance."

And speaking of the three entrances to the Temple,

Preceptor No. 1 says, "South, north, and east respectively."

Preceptor No. 2 says, "South, west, and east, &c."

Which is correct?

Yours truly and fraternally,

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

Clapham, 27th May 1879.

"WHICH IS K'WECT?"

To—aw—the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It strikes me—aw—wathaw fawcibly—aw—that those fellahs who are always witing to Masonic papaws—aw—about wital and that kind of wubbish, are wegulaw boaws—aw! If I join a Lawdge—aw—as I should do a club, don't you know—why in the name of fawtune—aw—can't I do as I like? Am I to be twip'd up

heaw, and button-holed theaw, by fellahs who—aw—pwide themselves as sticklawes for propaw obsawrance—aw! and stwict ad hewance to what they are pleased to call the—aw—ancient pwinciples and land-mawks of our Awdaw? Pshaw!—aw. I dare say Bwothaw Stevens and those who are so fond of scwibbling for the Pwess are decent sort of fellahs, but 'pon maw word, Bwothaw Editaw—aw!—I for one am bound to say I don't like it. When I—aw—agweed to become a membaw, don't you know, I had an ideaw that—aw—a Lawdge was an agweeable place—like an Elysian field, or something or othaw, wheaw a fellah could lingaw at ease and enjoy the feast of weawon and all the west of it—you know what I wefaw to—aw. But when I an appwenticed—my fawthaw, by the bye—aw—always had a howwaw of any of his sons being appwenticed to anything—I was told—aw—that I must *weason*, study to *improve*, *pwogress*, in fact, become a bettaw fellow! Absurd ideaw, don't you think? How can I become bettaw? And how am I to become more useful to my fellow-cwewataws? What—aw—have my fellow-cwewataws to do with me, or I with them? Positively widiculous! Then a "MASTAW MASON" fawks about discwepancies in cwemomonal wital; what is the fellow dwiving at? I don't doubt it is all wowy wight for those fellahs who are ewaw troubling their head's about pwogress—coveeting chain's and that sort of thing, you know—to be pweise in ewewy word they uttaw. But I regawd it as a widiculous pwactico of wed-tapeism, don't you? Whenevaw I am waised to the position of Mastaw—which I don't suppose will be wewy long first—I shall nevaw bothaw my bwethren with any cwotchets about wital, or, in fact, anything at all. Let 'em all do as they like. What's the use of their bothewing their bwains about "discwepancies," and all that kind of wot? Fwee and easy is my motto, and pwaps that's the weason some fellahs don't agwee with me. But—aw—that's their ewaw of judgment—not mine. I arguo if a fellow joins a Lawdge—let him join it. If he wishes to become an Officaw—let him wait till his turn comes by wotation. My turn must come in the awdinawy way—aw and then—aw! But nevaw feaw! I shall nevaw iwvitato anybody by quibbles and cwotchets about anything whatevaw! What's the use? I should pwefew to have an intelligent chat—aw—ovaw a cigaw and a glass of shewwy and wataw, and let ewewy fellow do pwecisely as he likes. I—aw—pawdon me, Bwothaw—abominate newspapaws and papaws of ewewy description—and should nevaw be such an egwegious duffaw as to wite this only I have an ideaw it might deter some othaw fellahs who might otherwise be twoubled with that dwistwessing malady known in litewaywy circles as *cacothus scwibendi*. Still if they will pwesist in arguing mattaws which no fellow can understand, and therefaw can't appweciate—let 'em! That's all I can say. I have always pwactised stwict non-intefewance in othaw fellow's business or pleasuaws, and in spite of being called a dawdle, I mean nevaw to bwreak the cawse I have weligiously pwesued all thwough my—aw—pwofessional cawcaw—aw!

Ta, ta, old fellow! you won't be offended, don't you know; but pwaps at a not wowy wemote fuchaw we may meet—aw—and pwaps not. See? Not a bad joke for me—eh? But to you, as a pwofessional wital, it will be appawent! I'll say no moaw at pwesent; so *aw rewain*.

Dear Sir and Bwothaw,

Yours fwaternally,

O. PHULLY GWEEN.

MALTA.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN AND ST. PAUL,
No. 349, E.C.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th of May, at the Masonic Hall, 27 Strada Stretta, Valletta. Present—Bro. Coffey W.M., also Bros. Kingston R.W. D.G.M., Rosenbusch P.D.D.G.M., Officers, and numerous brethren. Lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Steele as a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which resulted unanimously in his favour. Lodge was then passed to the second degree, and Bros. Leader and McLaughlin having shown that they possessed a satisfactory knowledge of this degree, were entrusted and retired. Lodge was raised to the third degree, and Bros. Leader and McLaughlin having been re-admitted, were, under dispensation from the Wor. District Grand Lodge of Malta, raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the D.G.M. Bro. Kingston, who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, and to the admiration of all present. Lodge having been successively reduced to the second and first degrees, a vote of thanks was passed to the D.G.M. for working the third degree. After which Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where, after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, and duly honoured, the W.M., Bro. Coffey, rose and proposed in the warmest terms the health of the R.W. D.G.M., Bro. Kingston, whose admirable working of the third degree that evening had called forth the highest encomiums. The W.M. referred to the approaching departure of the D.G.M. for England, where he will spend the summer. He felt sure the brethren present would unite with him in wishing Bro. Kingston a happy time, and a safe return to Malta in the autumn. This toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and feelingly responded to by the D.G.M.

Messrs. G. E. Dod and Co., publishers, have lately been appointed the London Agents of the *Société Biographique de France*. Applications for membership, and biographies of English literary men, soldiers, politicians, artists, and members of leading industrial firms intended for publication in that Society's journal should be addressed to Messrs. Dod, 26 Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

CRANBOURNE LODGE, No. 1580.

THIS Lodge, which was consecrated in March 1876, and has, since its establishment, had a most prosperous career, held its annual installation meeting on Tuesday, 27th May, at the Lodge quarters, the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield. The Lodge was formally opened and, after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the names of two gentlemen were submitted for initiation, and both being accepted, they were formally initiated into the Order by the W.M. This part of the evening's duties being completed, Bro. Henry Cox, the W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation, and in due course was placed in the chair of the Lodge by Bro. Edgar Bowyer Prov. G.D. Bro. Cox was regularly proclaimed, and received the congratulations of the brethren. His first duty was to invest the Officers for the year, which he did as follows:—Bros. Halford P.M. S.W., Hellier W.M. Carnarvon Lodge No. 1592 J.W., Rev. W. H. W. Casseley Chaplain, G. F. Cook P.M. Treas., James Terry Prov. J.G.W. Sec. R.M.B.I. Sec., C. K. Killick P.M. S.D., G. Ward Verry P.M. J.D., Bedell I.G., Steedman P.M. Tyler. The remaining portion of the ceremony having been completed in due form, the Lodge was called upon to appoint one of its members to act on the finance committee of the Province. The choice fell on the newly-appointed W.M., who suitably acknowledged the compliment. In accordance with a notice of motion given at the previous meeting it was next decided to increase the annual subscription to the Lodge, and nothing further offering, the proceedings terminated. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet served in a most *recherché* manner, and at its conclusion the toasts usual on such occasions were heartily given and received. To that of the Deputy Grand Master of England, coupled with the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, Bro. Wilson Iles, the Secretary of the Province, responded. Both of the initiates, in response to the toast proposed in their honour, tendered their thanks to the members for having received them into the Lodge. Bro. Radkin specially referred to the pleasure it would afford him, during a journey he was about to take to the Cape, to call to mind the good feeling that existed, and the kindness he had received since he was initiated. Bro. Cousins, the other initiate, also referred to the hearty good feeling that was manifested by the brethren. Bro. Bausor, the I.P.M., in suitable terms proposed the health of the W.M., who, in response, acknowledged his obligations to the brethren for having placed him in his present exalted position. He then proposed the toast of the retiring Master, but before calling on them to drink to his health, he had the pleasure to invest Bro. Bausor with a P.M.'s jewel which had been voted by the Lodge in appreciation of the services he had rendered during the past year. Bro. Bausor in hearty terms acknowledged this compliment, and stated it would ever be his wish to do all he could to further the interests of the Cranbourne Lodge. Bro. J. Terry replied to the toast of the Masonic Charities, and had the pleasure to announce that the W.M. of the Lodge had undertaken to act as a Steward at the next Festival of the Old People's Institution, and further it was his intention on that occasion to qualify as a Vice-President of that charity. Each of the Visitors responded to the toast proposed on their behalf. In addition to those above-mentioned the following Visitors were present—Bros. Wilson Iles Prov. G. Sec., C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, Green P.M. 173, C. J. Perceval S.W. 1602, Rickman J.W. 192, Kidder 12, Knight 228. As most of the brethren reside in London, the meeting terminated at an early hour, the exigencies of the train service not allowing of an extended sitting. A word of praise is due to the host of the Red Lion for the way in which he provided for the comfort of his guests.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing and excellent working Lodge was held on 23rd of May, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, in the presence of a numerous gathering of the brethren and Visitors. Bros. J. Coombs W.M., A. F. Rowley S.W., J. Weston J.W., J. Greenfield Treasurer, J. Osborn Secretary, Norris S.D., Poulton J.D., Field I.G., R. G. Thomas Organist, Rimell Steward; P.M.'s Bros. Sim and Somers. This being a Banner Lodge, the arms of Sir Hugh Myddelton and the various Masters who had passed the chair had their banners (beautifully executed by Bro. Oppenheim) suspended in the room. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the former Lodge and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The report of the auditors relating to the funds of Lodge and Benevolence were read and adopted, shewing both to be in a flourishing state. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Taylor and Larter, which being unanimous in their favour, the former was initiated into the Order by Bro. Somers P.M., and the latter by Bro. Sim P.M., who also passed Bro. Duncan to the second degree. The working of these brethren and of the Officers deserves especial praise. A board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. A. F. Rowley P.M. 917 was presented, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Sim I.P.M., who performed that ceremony to the satisfaction of every Brother and Visitor; he received the plaudits of all present on the completion of the work, for his perfect delivery and the impressive manner it was rendered. The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted according to ancient form, appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bro. Coombs I.P.M., Weston S.W., Osborn J.W., Greenfield Treasurer, Parslow Secretary, Norris S.D., Poulton J.D., Field I.G., R. G. Thomas Org., Oppenheim D.C., Rimell W.S., Allison Assistant W.S., Steedman P.M. Tyler. The W.M.'s appointment of the Officers gave great satisfaction, judging by the marks of approbation made by the brethren

on the investiture of each. Among the Visitors were:—Bros. J. Scammon, C. H. Fisher 1489, Pikes 946, M. E. Goldstein 917, T. G. Reason 1266, C. Hubbard 820, E. Roberts 1623, W. B. Kidder P.M. 12, E. E. B. Kidder J.D. 12, Braine P.M. 1471, Kew P.M. 179, James Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, J. Langton jun. 1673, W. Cook P.G.S. Herts, W. Berry Clark 1507, Field 917, Scammell 1047, Hirsch 15, W. Cook 1774, J. Hicks 813, A. Gilbey 1309, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. On the motion of Bro. Paulton, seconded by Bro. Sim, it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of the late Grand Master of Brussels, Bro. Anspach (late Burgomaster). It was stated that this late distinguished Brother had exhibited great kindness to the brethren of that and many other Lodges. The Lodge was then closed until the fourth Tuesday in July. Subsequently, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Grist. The W.M. then proposed the Queen and the Craft, Bro. Egbert Roberts and Master Payne singing the solo verses, accompanied by Bro. Thomas. The toast of our Masonic Rulers was given, and the glee, "Allegiance we Swear," was charmingly rendered. Bro. Coombs said it fell to his lot, with a great deal of pleasure, to propose the health of the W.M., who had already passed the chair of another Lodge. He was sure he would carry out every duty this Lodge required of him. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, and promised to do his utmost to promote the interests of the Lodge. He was one of its founders, and all his energies should be directed to the furtherance of its welfare. He then proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of the Installing Officer, speaking in the highest strain of the excellent manner in which the ceremony had been performed. If brethren would follow the example of Bro. Sim, no one could ever regret it, for the way in which he carried out the ceremony that day, as well as his ability in the various degrees, must command the admiration of all who witnessed them. Bro. Sim acknowledged the flattering terms in which the W.M. had spoken of him; he said it was his great aim to do his utmost to carry out his duties efficiently. If his services had merited their approbation, he was amply repaid; he thanked the W.M. for the kind expressions in which the toast was couched, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received the mention of his name. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Initiates, whom he was sure would eventually become a credit to the Order. Bros. Taylor and Larter responded in brief but suitable terms. Then followed the toast of the Visitors, in giving which the W.M. said it was a most important one in a Masonic gathering. They had amongst them on this occasion several brethren who had rendered valuable assistance to the Charities, and he felt very pleased to see them. Bro. Kidder P.M., in thanking the brethren for drinking the health of the Visitors, took occasion to remark that they must all have been infinitely pleased with the working of the Lodge. He had never heard the duties of Installing Master so well performed as he had that evening. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 followed, with a few appropriate observations. The W.M. then proposed the health of the P.M.'s, in doing which he referred to Bro. Somers as the first Master of this Lodge, and one who had been the means of introducing many members into it. They had all seen and appreciated Bro. Sim's working. To Bro. Coombs they were indebted for many kindnesses. In the name of the Lodge he had great pleasure in presenting a P.M.'s jewel, hoping Bro. Coombs might live long to wear it as a Past Master amongst them. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and Bro. Coombs, in reply, alluded to the fact that it was only three years since the Lodge was consecrated. If they continued to progress in the same way as they had done during that time, the Lodge must be a great success. He thanked them for their assistance in the past year, and promised to do his best to support the W.M., who was also one of the founders of the Lodge. He was pleased to say there had not been a sound of discord during his year of office, and they had contributed fairly to the Masonic institutions. He thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented him with; he should look upon it with pride as long as he lived. He should be glad to render any assistance to the Lodge, which he hoped would go on and prosper. Bro. Somers followed, also expressing his deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge. The W.M., in giving the Masonic Charities, said he hoped the Lodge would send a Steward every year to the several Festivals. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, responded in an eloquent speech, in which he urged the newly admitted brethren never to forget how incumbent it was upon them to support the Charities. He hoped the word charity would never be effaced from their memories. Alluding to the Boys' School, he said at the late Cambridge election nine out of fourteen candidates took first-class honours, four took second class, and one third class—so that all acquitted themselves well. Out of fifteen girls who went up, eight took first class, six second, and one an honourable mention. Although the "old people" could not go in for University honours, there were many amongst them of unblemished character and deserving of all respect and esteem. Although they had seen how liberally the brethren had subscribed to the Institutions, which sustained 700 dependents on the Craft, yet if they could obtain 5s from each brother annually they should be able to do away with all Festivals, and would not require elections. He thanked the W.M. for the opportunity of being present at his installation for the second time. The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge were next given, and Bros. Weston and Osborn responded, the latter intimating his intention of attending as a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Greenfield also responded on behalf of the Officers. There was an abundance of good singing during the evening, capital selections being rendered by Bros. Egbert Roberts, Stedman, Sims, and others. Great credit is due to Bro. R. G. Thomas for his admirable arrangement of the music, including the delightful harmony of Bros. Roberts and Stedman, and Masters Payne and Manning. The Lodge of Instruction attached to this Lodge meets every Tuesday evening, at eight o'clock, at the Crown and Woolpack, Bro. R. Pearcey, W.M. No. 228, is the Preceptor.

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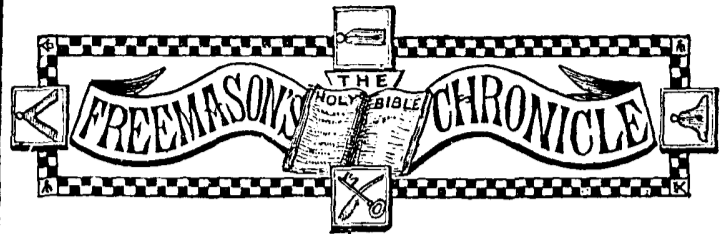
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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand
Lodge on Wednesday, 4th June 1879:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th March will be read and put for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 30th April will be read and put for confirmation.
3. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
5. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

A Brother of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby	£75 0 0
A Brother of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, London	50 0 0
A Brother of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, London	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich	50 0 0
A Brother of the Lewises' Lodge, No. 1209, Ramsgate	50 0 0
A Brother of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, Southwark	50 0 0
A Brother of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London	100 0 0
A Brother of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, London	50 0 0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes regret to make known to Grand Lodge that Brother Charles Bryant Payne, who had for twenty-two years past filled, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Craft, the office of Grand Tyler, died at Freemasons' Hall on the 6th inst.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
20th May 1879.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th instant, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz:—

"The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed, on all occasions, by Bro. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER,
Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5,065 2s; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

8. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Colonial Board beg to report that at their meeting on Tuesday, the 6th instant, after the President had quitted the chair, it was unanimously resolved:—

"That the thanks of the Colonial Board be hereby presented to its President, the W. Brother John Anthony Rucker P.G.D., for his able management of, and assiduous attention to, the business of the Board during the long period he has filled the office of President."

(Signed) GRIFFITHS SMITH,
Vice-President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON,
9th May 1879.

9. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 16th of May 1879, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

10. PROPOSED MOTIONS.

- (1). By W. Brother Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer: "That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the

Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons', to supply the Residents of the Institution at Croydon with Coals during the winter months."

(2). By W. Brother John M. Clabon, P.G.D. :

"That, considering the large amount which has been accumulated from the surplus income of the Fund of Benevolence, it is not expedient to continue the accumulation of the whole of that surplus."

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 1810.—Lodge "Coromandel," Cocanada, Madras.
 1811.—Somerset Lodge, Ashburton, Canterbury, New Zealand.
 1812.—Heretaunga Lodge, Hastings, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, New Zealand.
 1813.—Abercorn Lodge, Waipawa, Wellington, New Zealand.
 1814.—Worsley Lodge, Worsley, Lancashire.
 1815.—Penge Lodge, Anerley, Surrey.
 1816.—Victoria Park Lodge, Hackney.
 1817.—St. Andrew's Lodge, Shoeburyness, Essex.
 1818.—Clapham Lodge, Clapham Common.
 1819.—Governor Jervois Lodge, Port Pirie, South Australia.
 1820.—Sir Thomas White Lodge, Queen Victoria Street.
 1821.—Atlingworth Lodge, Brighton, Sussex.
 1822.—St. Quintinus Lodge, Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, South Wales.
 1823.—Royal Clarence Lodge, Clare, Suffolk.
 1824.—Buffalo Lodge, East London, South Africa.
 1825.—Peak Downs Lodge, Copperfield, Queensland, Australia.
 1826.—Parthenon Lodge, Egham, Surrey.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE last meeting for the season of this eminent Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 27th May, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and was as usual attended by some of the most talented Arch Masons of the metropolis. In this Chapter there are to be found preceptors who are competent to impart pure and correct information to those seeking to qualify themselves for any duties they may be hereafter called upon to perform; but in addition to this, instruction is given in so genial and painstaking a manner that renders a visit to this Chapter always one of pleasure and profit to any aspirant for Royal Arch honours. The Officers present were—Comps. Brown M.E.Z., John Constable II., Henry Thompson J., Higgins S.N., Catterson P.S.; and Comps. Goldsmith, Bianchi, Hunter, H. Youlden, and J. J. Marsh. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hunter being the candidate, the principal part of the ceremony was performed by Comp. Brown, in his usual able and impressive manner. Comps. H. Youlden, of the Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 73, and J. J. Marsh, of the Eyre Chapter 1489, were elected members. The election for the ensuing meeting resulted as follows:—Comps. White M.E.Z., H. Thompson II., Bianchi J., Higgins N., and Catterson P.S. Good wishes were mutually exchanged, and the Chapter was adjourned until the first Tuesday in October.

The further spread of Mark Masonry in the Provinces is evidenced by the granting of the 247th Warrant,—for the formation of a Lodge at Oxford,—under the title of The Alfred Lodge. The ceremony of consecration is fixed to take place on Thursday next, when Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary, will be the officiating Officer. The principal Officers designate are:—Bros. A. F. Ansell P.P.G. Sup. Wks. as W.M., C. Park P.P.G.S.D. as S.W., and J. Jenkin W.M. of No. 340 P.P.G.S.B. as J.W. On the agenda are the names of no less than twenty-one candidates for membership, and the ceremony of advancement will be worked by the W.M., I.P.M., and Wardens of the Leopold Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 235. A very large and influential gathering is anticipated, and for the accommodation of brethren residing at a distance the Great Western Railway Company has made the most admirable and accommodating arrangements. A first-class saloon carriage, for the convenience of the brethren, will be attached to the train leaving Paddington at ten a.m., and Reading at eleven a.m., returning from Oxford at nine p.m.

Those who contemplate a Bank holiday trip this year will see that a series of very attractive tours has been arranged for the Whitsun holidays by Mr. Caygill, of the Tourist office, 371 Strand. To-day and on Monday "personally conducted parties" will start for Paris and Switzerland, and we refer our readers to the exceedingly moderate terms named in the prospectuses before making up their minds to journey by any other route.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at the Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton. Over 170 Life Governors were present. The Secretary (Bro. Hedges), after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, read the list of nominations of members for the House and Audit Committees. A short discussion arose on the report of the Scrutineers of votes for the last election, which showed that some of the votes had been credited to candidates for whom they were not polled. Bro. Maggy gave notice of motion for an alteration in the present mode of declaring the poll, and Bro. Woodford, in answer to some observations as to the performance of the duties of the Scrutineers, said that the duties of those brethren were very arduous, and that the brethren selected for those duties discharged them in a praiseworthy manner, and deserved the thanks of the subscribers. Bros. Cox and Hopkirk thought that the poll was too much hurried, and that the result of the election should not be made known till the day after the election. Ten children were placed on the list of candidates for the next election, out of twelve petitioners, two only being deferred. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for various payments, and the House and Audit Committees were then elected. The following was the result:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

No.	Names	No. of Votes	No.	Names	No. of Votes
1	Bro. Long, P. De Lando	125	9	Bro. Hope, Wm., M.D.	95
2	" Lotchworth, Ed.	123	10	" Danbois, Henry A.	94
3	" Rucker, John A.	118	11	" Tattershall, A. H.	91
4	" Nunn, Joshua	117	12	" Richardson, F.	84
5	" Peters, Lt.-Col. J.	115	13	" Hammerton, Chas.	78
6	" Smith, Griffiths	111	14	" Cox, Edward	76
7	" Mather, E. C.	107	15	" Mason, John	18
8	" White, Thos. W.	103	16	" Wheeler, R. W.	18

The twelve brethren who polled the highest votes were elected.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

No.	Names	No. of Votes	No.	Names	No. of Votes
1	Bro. Dicketts, Herbert	137	7	Bro. Kingston, Thos.	106
2	" Evander, H. C.	127	8	" Venn, Henry	91
3	" Webster, R. B.	122	9	" Cutbush, James	49
4	" Roebuck, Wm.	119	10	" Berridge, Robert	31
5	" Chancellor, J. G.	116	11	" Levy, Hyam M.	27
6	" Bailey, William	112			

The nine brethren who polled the highest votes were elected.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman concluded the proceedings.

We are very pleased to be enabled to announce that with the lists which have been sent in to Bro. Hedges since our last issue, the Secretary of the Girls' School is able to convey to the Subscribers the gratifying intelligence that the aggregate amounts to a little over £12,000. This is a magnificent result, which the executive of this School has long aimed at, and there are very many who will join with us in congratulating Lieut.-Col. Creaton, as the President of the Festival and the Treasurer of the Institution, upon the hearty manner in which he has this year been backed up. As will be seen in our Analysis last week, we set down the Province of Northamptonshire and Hunts amongst the absentees from the list, but it is explained by Bro. Cox in a letter he has addressed to us, and which will be found in another page, that the sum of thirty guineas has this year been sent up by that Province, though the amount has been incorporated by Bro. Cox (who is an Officer of that Province) in his London list.

The Calendar Committee of Grand Lodge direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters so soon as the resolution for effecting such change shall be confirmed. Vide Book of Constitutions, pp 64, 92, 93.

A new journal, entitled *One and all*, a journal for everybody, edited by George R. Sims, will shortly make its appearance, and will be published by Messrs. E. J. Francis and Co.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.—At the Wandsworth County Court, on Tuesday, before Judge Stonor, the case of *Atkinson v. Waters* was heard—a case of some interest. It was an action for wrongful ejection, the damages being laid at £10. The plaintiff is a builder, of Tonsley-hill, and defendant the proprietor of the "Grapes," Wandsworth, the summons being taken out by the trustees of a Lodge of Foresters. It appeared that the Foresters have held their meetings at the "Grapes" for some years, but the house had recently been purchased by the defendant. The rent of the room had been £2 2s annually, and for half a year the defendant had been paid. When the Lodge met on the 4th February, the defendant informed the members he required the room, but agreed to let them hold two further meetings there. When they met, however, on the next occasion the room was turned into a billiard room, and they were obliged to go elsewhere. The Secretary, Mr. Wentworth, was called, but was unable to show that any expense or damage was incurred. The defendant said Mr. Cook, at the Star and Garter, let them have the room for nothing. His honour said plaintiff had shown no damage, and directed a nonsuit.

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, 31st MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigau.

MONDAY, 2nd JUNE.

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.)
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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
61—Probita, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
109—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
492—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cuthbert, Town Hall, Holyhead.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton.
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1542—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Merley, near Leeds.
R. A. 627—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 3rd JUNE.

Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge M.M.M. Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

65—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.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleonor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bucc, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1343—St. John, King's Arms, Grays.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheshire.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 4th JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Waltham, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
580—Harmony, Wheat-sheaf, Ormskirk.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alwrick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwrick.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 409—Stortford, Chequers' Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 5th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.45. (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.)
712—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, S.E.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1319—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall Concert Room, High-street, Canterbury.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter.
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumshead.
971—Tratfagar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1367—Beamister Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beamister.
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
1514—Thorndill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 25—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
R. A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
R. A. 591—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Ardwick, Manchester.
R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M. M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
M. M. 247—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Oxford, at 2. (Consecration.)

FRIDAY, 6th JUNE.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. S. (Inst.)
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
 903—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1283—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.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road. N.
 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 6.
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
 R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 153 Fleet-street, E.C. at 9.30.
- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Totmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
 440—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, F. & W. William-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
 993—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool.
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
 1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 1102—Mirfield, Assombly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
 R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.

SATURDAY, 7th JUNE.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 119—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening. Bros. Norden W.M., Forss S.W., Bodell J.W., Da Silva S.D., Moss J.D., Valentine I.G., C. Atkins Treasurer as Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. This was followed by the ceremony of installation, Bro. Webb acting as Installing Officer. The fifth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Moss.

Caveac Chapter, No. 176.—On Saturday, 24th May, the regular Convocation was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. The Chapter was opened by Comps. W. M. Goss M.E.Z., Dr. C. Brown H., J. B. Sorrell P.Z. as J., C. T. Dorey P.Z., P. A. Nairne P.Z., F. Walters P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex P.Z. Treasurer. The Companions were then admitted. The minutes of the Convocation held in February last were read, and unanimously confirmed. The resignation of Comp. A. Williams, C.E., J. elect, was accepted, with very great regret. A fresh ballot for J. was declared in favour of Comp. J. B. Sorrell S.E., who was duly installed as Joshua by Comp. P. A. Nairne P.Z. The ballot for Bros. J. William Leask 176 and Harry Leach 176 were declared to be unanimous in favour of their admission. Bro. Harry Leach, being present, was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being beautifully rendered. The Chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, 27th of September. Banquet followed. Present during the afternoon and evening:—Bros. A. Middlemass J. 1326 S.N., S. Pownceby W.M. 55 as P.S., H. Boyson 2nd A.S., J. H. Dodson J. 1589, H. C. Soper, J. Soper, W. Ancell, and others; Visitor—W. Buryard 22.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. W. Littaur M.E.Z., P. Dickinson H., L. Lazarus J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., W. H. Gulliford S.E., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, M. J. Emanuel, Buderus, and H. M. Levy; Comps. Howard, Gosheron, Morrison, Benjamin, Bockbinder, Dewsnap, Hobenstock, Davis, Mann, A. Botibol, Haines, Lenzberg, N. Baum, Quincey. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The resignation of three Companions was accepted, with regret. In one case it was suggested that a letter be written to the Companion, asking him to reconsider his decision. The election for Principals for next year then took place, and Comp. Dickinson was elected Z., L. Lazarus H., H. Gulliford J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., N. Baum S.E., Buderus S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S., Smith Janitor. Comp. M. J. Emanuel proposed that a sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the Chapter to the retiring M.E.Z. for the zeal and ability he had displayed during his year of office, the sum to form a nucleus for presenting him with a testimonial worthy of his talent and ability. This was carried unanimously. The Chapter was then closed until November, emergencies excepted. The Companions afterwards sat down to a

banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The Z., in eloquent terms, proposed the Loyal and R.A. toasts. Speaking of the M.E.Z. elect, Comp. Littaur remarked they had the right man in the right place. Comp. Dickinson had worked in every respect to their satisfaction, and all would be pleased to see him fill the exalted position he had been elected to. Comp. Dickinson thanked the M.E.Z. for having elected him; he was proud to follow in the footsteps of the M.E.Z. He felt assured he would have the assistance of the P.Z.'s. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He was proud to greet them; he regretted they had seen no work, as the Joppa Chapter prided itself on its working, but on a future occasion he hoped they would have an opportunity of seeing how the working of R.A. Masonry was carried out in this Chapter. After the several Visitors had acknowledged the compliment, Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., whom he characterised as a thorough good working Craft and Arch Mason. The M.E.Z. thanked the Comps. for the kind manner in which the toast had been received; this being the last time he would have the honour to preside over them, he would comment on the great kindness and cordial feeling displayed during his occupation of the chair—a period of two years. The Chapter was in a flourishing condition, and he hoped a spirit of concord would exist amongst its members. The health of the P.Z.'s was next given, and Comps. M. J. Emanuel and E. P. Albert responded. The other toasts comprised the health of the H. and J., Treasurer and S.E.; to each of these responses were made. The Janitor was now summoned, and the Companions separated. Comp. James Stevens gave a very excellent Masonic recitation. The Visitors wore Comps. James Stevens P.Z. 720 and 771, Edmands 452, W. E. Bachelor 79, Rankin 90 (Brisbane).

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Thursday, at the George, Australian avenue, Barbican. Present:—Bros. W. W. Morgan jun. W.M., Withers S.W., Radcliff (Troas.) J.W., King P.M. Preceptor, Jaques J.D., Peirce I.G., Bros. Chamberlain and Gladwell. The first and third ceremonies were rehearsed. Bro. Jaques was elected a member, and Bro. Withers appointed to preside at the next meeting, on which occasion the Officers of the Mother Lodge will assume their respective collars. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to Bro. Morgan for the presentation of a copy of the Constitutions, &c.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Seven Sisters, Tottenham, on Wednesday 28th inst. Lodge was duly opened by Bro. H. Stephens W.M., assisted by P.M.'s G. Jones, C. F. Barham, W. Dance, J. Linzell, and the following Officers:—G. Barford S.W., J. Farrin J.W., T. Cunningham P.M. Secretary, H. V. Clements S.D., J. H. Thompson J.D., J. Garrod D.C. as I.G., J. Verry Tylor. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bro. Fidler was duly raised by the W.M., who gave the whole of the ceremony in a most perfect style. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, it was announced that since the last meeting a brother well known to most of the members had died. It was proposed that the sum of three guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge on behalf of the widow and family, who are in great distress, and are at present seriously afflicted, several members of the family being laid up with a most severe illness. This was ably supported by various members, and unanimously carried. This vote from the Lodge formed but the nucleus of a fund, which was afterwards supplemented by donations from several members, the result being that upwards of ten guineas was collected for the relief of the family. It was decided by the vote of the Lodge that the usual summer banquet be held, and it therefore remained for the Lodge to appoint the stewards to carry out the necessary arrangements. The W.M., senior officers and several of the members were named, and we feel sure that their efforts will be devoted to ensure a most successful gathering. Lodge was now closed, and the brethren repaired to supper, after which the usual toasts were given and heartily acknowledged. In responding to the toast of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Dance, Bro. Stephens thanked the members for the heartiness with which he was received on all occasions by the brethren of the Lodge. The health of the Visitors was given from the chair, the W.M. stating that they were at all times pleased to welcome guests at their meetings. He considered it was by visiting that they were enabled to learn whether they were right or wrong. For himself, it was to his frequent visits to other Lodges he was indebted for the knowledge he had obtained of Freemasonry. Bro. Terry responded. The next toast was that of the P.M.'s, who were always ready, the Worshipful Master said, to support and aid him in the working of the Lodge. The toast having been acknowledged, the W.M. now said he had one of the most pleasurable duties to perform that it was possible could fall to the lot of a Master. They had that evening a painful example of what the word Charity really meant. A few weeks since they had amongst them a Brother apparently in as good health and position as any of them, but it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to call him from among them, and they had heard of the position in which the widow and family were now placed—unfortunately it was one of great distress. This case showed that it was the duty of every Brother to do his utmost for the good of the Order while he was able, as it was impossible to say who might be the next who would be laid on a bed of sickness, perhaps of death. Death and distress were serious subjects at all times, but to those who did their duty, trials that could be faced with confidence. They had among their number so many who worked for the good of the Charities of the Order that it was almost invidious to select any particular Brother to respond, but he considered that Bros. Garrod and Thompson, by their official position in connection with the Association working in their district, were perhaps the best to select to respond to the toast of the Charities of the Order. Of course he should add to these the name of Bro. Terry, whose

whole exertions were given on behalf of the Institution provided and maintained by the generosity of the Craft for the relief of brethren and their widows who, in the decline of life, were unfortunately obliged to appeal to their friends and brethren. Bro. Garrod briefly referred to the work that was being accomplished by the Association of which he was Secretary. It now numbered upwards of seventy members, all of whom were cheerfully subscribing their one shilling a week, in order to gain the much-envied distinction of Life Governor of our Charities. Bro. Thompson followed, pointing out that the result of the working of the Association would, under present circumstances, be, that in less than four years no less a sum than £800, and perhaps £1,000, would be sent to the Charities. Bro. Terry paid a well-merited compliment to the brethren of the district, and referred to their more recent exertions on behalf of the Charities and the candidates for admission thereto, one brother who was now receiving an annuity from the Benevolent Institution being mainly indebted to them for his election. The daughter of another received such support as enabled her to be received into the Girls' School much sooner than could have been the case had the brethren of Tottenham been less active on her behalf. The toast of the Masonic Press, coupled with the name of W. W. Morgan jun., was given, and acknowledged by that Brother. The W.M. then gave the health of his Officers, and the Tyler's toast followed. Among those present were the following: Visitors—R. T. Vincent 1641, J. P. Parkes 1538, C. Lorkin 1521, G. Tegg 1579, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. Torry P.M. 228, and J. Ives 1472; and Bros. Turner, Marples, Fidler, Horton, Goodall, Oddy, &c., members of the Lodge.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—

A meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd inst., at the Coach and Horses, Tottenham, when there were present—Bros. Everdell W.M., Barford S.W., Tegg J.W., Garrod Sec., Farren S.D., Driscoll J.D., Oxley I.G., Cleverley, Mattocks, and others. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Garrod then offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising worked by the W.M. The Lodge being resumed in the second degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cleverley being candidate. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form. Bro. Geo. Barford will preside at the next Lodge meeting.

The William Preston Chapter, No. 766.—

A Convocation of this Chapter was convened on Thursday evening last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, under the presidency of Comp. Aug. Brann M.E.Z., who was supported by Comps. Dr. W. H. Kempster II., J. T. Gibson J., William Worrell P.Z. Scribe E., &c. There were also present—Comps. Captain Kain P.Z., F. T. Brookes, H. Reissman, E. B. Broomball, J. R. Williams, F. G. Barns, J. Sinclair, R. Lyon, W. F. Smart, I. G. Reinhardt as Janitor. Visitors—Comps. Conrad C. Dumas P.G.S.B., J. Lewis Thomas P.G.S.B., G. W. Smales II. 312, Rev. Dr. Morris No. 1185, E. Spooner No. 22, J. N. Hancock M.E.Z. No. 1060, &c.; W. Stephens P.Z. 1365, M.E.Z. 874, W. Price P.Z. 297, Seymour Smith No. 1269. The minutes of the last Convocation having been confirmed, Comp. Dr. W. H. Kempster was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. J. T. Gibson as II., and Comp. Dr. C. R. Cutmore as J. The following Officers were also invested:—Comps. Henry Garrod P.Z. Treas., William Worrell P.Z. Scribe E., John T. Hiscox Scribe N., Dr. J. J. Joseph Prin. Soj., John Thomas Pilditch 1st Asst. Soj., W. Jerrett Miller 2nd Asst. Soj., George Newman P.Z. Steward, and W. Grant Janitor. Subsequently Bros. John Charles Radford, Tom Wilkinson, and Thomas Harrap were exalted in due form. The report of the Audit Committee, which stated that the Chapter was free from debt, was received and adopted, and at the conclusion of the routine business, the Comps. partook of a sumptuous banquet at the hotel, and the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. During the evening a selection of vocal music was given, under the direction of Comp. Seymour Smith, who presided with his accustomed ability at the pianoforte. The subjoined programme was capitally sustained, and enhanced materially the pleasure of the evening:—Grace, "For these and all Thy mercies" (Laudi Spirituali), The National Anthem (Dr. John Bull); Song, "The Return of Spring" (Torry), Madame Worrell; Musical Sketch, "The Browns' Dinner Party," Comp. Seymour Smith; Song, "The Better Land" (Cowan), Miss Marian Barton; Trio, "The Troubadour" (G. A. Macfarren), Mme. Worrell, Miss Barton and Comp. S. Smith; Song, "Darby and Joan" (Molloy), Madame Worrell; Humorous Song, "Bill Craven," Comp. Seymour Smith; Song, "Three Fishers went Sailing" (Hullah), Miss Marian Furton; Duet, "Trust her not" (Balfo), Madame Worrell and Miss Barton. The duet having been encored, each of the singers kindly acceded to the request made, Madame Worrell's rendering of "Thady O'Flynn" being especially relished and applauded.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—The ordinary meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, when, as is usual at this popular Lodge, there was a goodly attendance, and the proceedings were of an interesting description. Just at this time of the year, when Nature is donning her brightest livery, a visit to the neighbourhood of Kew is enjoyable under any circumstances, and it is therefore no wonder that the summer meetings of the Royal Alfred Lodge should entice so many of the right sort to meet for pleasure and business combined. The proceedings on Friday were opened under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Charles F. May, who was supported by Bros. W. Gomm S.W., B. E. Blasby J.W., Walter Goss

I.P.M. and Treas., William Hilton P.M. and Sec., C. S. Costelow S.D., L. Franckel J.D., J. J. Gunnor I.G., E. Tarling W.S., Gilbert Tyler; and Past Masters J. Chambers Roe, T. Brown, Henry Lloyd, George Littlewood, H. Potter, and A. Beasley. Recollecting the cordial welcome that is always extended to visitors by the members of this Lodge, there was a muster of old friends, amongst whom we noticed Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse W.M., George Penn I.P.M., S. Smont J.W., and Elijah Rogers, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge No. 1642, W. Vassila No. 1326, E. J. Acworth No. 1612, G. Gladstone of the Phoenix, W. H. Ellis of the Yarborough, W. W. Morgan Sec 211, H. Stephens No. 73, E. Mason jun. No. 1194, and W. Handover P.M. of St Luke. The customary preliminaries having been observed, a rather stiff agenda paper was, as usual, presented and, with one exception, the whole of the items were carried out, the W.M. adding fresh laurels to those he had already earned for the excellent manner in which he discharged his onerous duties. Bro. George Cumbers having satisfied the brethren of his worthiness to be entrusted, the Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing was performed in accordance with ancient usage, after which Lodge was resumed, and Mr. Robert Charles Owen Emmerson, who had been previously approved by ballot, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. The ballot was then opened for Mr. George David Jones, whose sponsors were Bros. J. Squires, and W. Tarling, and Mr. Charles Edward Botley, A.I.C.E., who had been proposed by Bro. F. Botley and seconded by Bro. I.G. In each case the verdict of approval was unanimous, and the candidates were admitted with the customary solemn and impressive rites. The W.M. in evidence of the interest he takes in the Lodge now offered for the acceptance of the members a set of elegant tracing boards, which gift was graciously acknowledged. While we are on the matter of presentations, we may here record that at the last meeting Bro. L. Franckel presented a highly ornamental spring-seated chair, richly carved, for use of the W.M. of this Lodge; and the chair now stands as a prominent feature in the well-appointed Lodge-room. Business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the new banqueting hall, where a rich repast was served by Bro. Stanbury, and the menu having been discussed, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and received with due enthusiasm. Speaking of the Grand Officers, he said they must all be satisfied and pleased with the manner in which Grand Lodge business was conducted, and the interest which those distinguished brethren manifested in all matters concerning the welfare and promotion of Freemasonry. Bro. Walter Goss proposed the health of the W.M., whom they had all been delighted to honour as the son of a distinguished Mason. The manner in which he had discharged the onerous duties of his position to-day had fully justified the choice which the brethren made when they elected him to the chair; they were all confident that under his excellent rule the Lodge would enjoy a year of harmony and prosperity. The W.M. acknowledged the compliment paid him in a brief but practical address, in which he assured the brethren of his deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and his determination to fulfil the duties of the chair to the best of his ability. All he did was a labour of love, and he thanked them most sincerely for the way in which they had received the mention of his name on this as on every occasion when he had the happiness of meeting them. In turn, he gave the health of the Initiates, congratulating the brethren upon the infusion of new blood which promised to turn to such good account. In the brethren who had just been admitted into the Order they were proud to recognise men of position, and gifted with qualities the exercise of which must result in benefit to the Lodge. The toast was most cordially received, and acknowledged by Bros. Jones and Botley, the latter of whom observed that although only an Apprentice, he trusted he might prove worthy of the kind consideration which had been extended to him. Bro. Emmerson also replied, expressing a hope that he might be found an apt and persevering student of the art, with which he was so delighted, and in which he anticipated even fresh and increasingly attractive lessons. The toast of the Visitors followed, the W.M. expressing the pleasure it afforded the brethren to see so many members of other Lodges, and speaking of the happy and encouraging result which the interchange of visits always brought about. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse responded as W.M., and Bro. G. Penn as I.P.M., of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and to their observations Bro. W. W. Morgan added a few words of thanks for the hearty reception which was always accorded to visitors by the brethren of the Royal Alfred Lodge. Next came the health of the Past Masters, whom the W.M. eulogised and thanked for the assistance they at all times rendered to the Lodge. Bros. Goss, Littlewood, and Brown responded, the substance of their remarks being, that as they had endeavoured to do their duty in the past, so should they exert themselves in the future to promote every measure that was calculated to advance the cause of Freemasonry and the prosperity of this Lodge in particular. Bro. Beasley also testified to the admirable way in which their excellent W.M. discharged the important duties of the chair; and Bro. Hilton followed in felicitous allusion to the exertions which the W.M. had put forth in order to infuse a true Masonic spirit amongst the members. Bros. Roe and Potter were also called upon, and each in turn spoke briefly in returning thanks for the cordiality with which their names had been mentioned. Responding to the toast of the Treasurer, Bro. Goss expressed his deep appreciation of the honour which had been conferred upon him by his appointment to that office of trust. He hoped his efforts had given satisfaction, and that in the future he might have a similar reward for any little service he might be able to render to the Lodge. The health of the Secretary was also given, with thanks for his able service, and the toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Hilton. One or two other complimentary toasts were included in the list, and at intervals there was some capital harmony, songs being rendered in admirable style by Bros. Beasley, Gunnor, Botley, Handover, &c. We regret not having had the pleasure of meeting P.M. Bro. Gardiner, more especially as this was the last meeting previously to the Festival of the Boys' School, for which he has undertaken to act as Steward. However, we trust that

the brethren will not be unmindful of the claims of that institution, and will testify their continued interest in it by strengthening the hands of Bro. Gardiner to the utmost of their power.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The members assembled on Tuesday evening, 27th May, at Bro. Smyth's Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. The chair was taken by Bro. C. H. Webb, who was ably supported by Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth as S.W., and Bro. F. Brasted as J.W. The esteemed Preceptor, Bro. W. Wallington, acted as I.P.M. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the formal opening of the Lodge in the three degrees was proceeded with, and then the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—**FIRST LECTURE**—Bros. Smyth, Carr, Dallas, Christian, McDonnell, Rudderforth, Webb; **SECOND LECTURE**—Bros. Wardell, C. Lorkin, Moss, Slaughter, D. Moss; **THIRD LECTURE**—Bros. F. Brasted, J. Lorkin, W. Wallington. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bros. McDonnell of 1445, and Morgan of 1607, were elected members. Honorary membership was conferred on Bro. Rudderforth for occupying the S.W. chair, and a unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Webb for the efficient manner in which he had presided. We regret there was not so large an attendance as had been anticipated, but those who were present agreed that a highly instructive evening had been spent. Bro. Carr will be W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Egerton Lodge, No. 1030.—The annual festival in connection with this Lodge was celebrated on Monday, 19th May, at the George Hotel, Stockport when Bro. Capt. F. B. Staples (chief constable of the borough) was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year in the presence of a numerous and distinguished assembly of the craft. His Worship the Mayor Bro. J. L. Vaughan, who is a Past Master of the Egerton Lodge, was present, together with many other members of the Lodge, including Bros. G. A. Fernley P.M. P.P.G.W. Cheshire, C. J. Howard P.M. P.P.G.W. Cheshire, J. A. Elliott P.M. P.P.G.R. E. Lancashire, W. H. Vaughan W.M., J. W. Abbott P.M., T. Meadows P.M., W. Bale P.M., A. C. Ferns, E. S. Newton, G. L. Vaughan, O. Wilkinson, A. Pemberton, S. Kershaw, G. H. Thornley, W. Hope, G. Floyd jun., J. B. Hammond, G. H. Norris, and others. The duties of Installing Master were very ably discharged by Bro. H. Finch P.M. St. John's, 104, who also invested the Officers appointed by the Worshipful Master, viz., Bros. W. H. Vaughan I.P.M., A. C. Ferns S.W., G. L. Vaughan J.W., J. B. Hammond Treasurer, G. H. Norris Secretary, O. Wilkinson S.D., A. Pemberton J.D., J. W. Abbott P.M. Director of Ceremonies, W. Hope Org., S. Kershaw I.G., Joseph Meadows, Lodge 322, Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, that of the Worshipful Master, proposed by Bro. Capt. Howard, being received with great enthusiasm. The visitors present included Bros. E. B. Harding P.M. 1496 P.P.G.D. W. Lancashire, W. H. Bibby P.M. 993, C. H. Hinde P.M. 1565 Prov. G.R. Cheshire, H. Finch P.M. 104, J. W. P. Salmon P.M. 163 P.P.G.D.C. E. Lancashire, W. Parker W.M. 993, W. Brandon W.M. 1219, H. Statham P.M. 1253, T. Nash 1253, W. Gouldthorp 999, J. C. Chetham P.M. 322 P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, S. W. Wilkinson P.M. 322 P.P.G.D. Cheshire, &c. In the course of the Lodge business, Bro. Staples, on behalf of the Lodge, presented the retiring W.M.—Bro. W. H. Vaughan—with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge.

Acacia Lodge, No. 1309.—On Tuesday, 27th May, at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, the regular meeting of this Lodge was held. Bro. C. G. C. Stahr W.M., P.M. 871, presided. Bro. C. G. Rushworth P.G. Reg. Midx. raised Bro. Woods, conducting the ceremony admirably. The elections were unanimously in favour of Bro. R. P. Tebb S.W. being W.M., and Bro. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Mid. as Treasurer. Auditors were appointed. Bro. Taylor P.M. 11 was unanimously elected a joining member. The usual five-guinea jewel was voted from Lodge funds to Bro. Stahr. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, 26th August, at three p.m. Several visitors were present—Bros. C. Horsley P.P.G.R. Midx., J. W. George P.M., and a large number of members attended. Banquet followed the labours of the day.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.—The vacation of eight months having elapsed, the summer season of the largest Lodge in the Province of Middlesex was commenced on Saturday, 17th May, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Woodrow P.M. 15, was too ill to attend. The senior Officer present (in the absence of the P.M.), Bro. J. B. Shackleton P.A.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1524 S.D., took the chair. The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, 17th August 1878, were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the acting W.M. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of Messrs. H. J. Buckley, W. B. Smith, D. Brown, and J. Cavell. Bro. Shackleton (an initiate of this Lodge) fully realised the expectations of his working by the successful raising of Bros. J. S. Thompson and A. J. Rogers; the ceremony was performed in a manner which gave extreme satisfaction to the members. Bro. William Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. having now arrived, took the chair. He sustained his credit by the ease with which he initiated Messrs. John William Wickens, Henry James Buckley, William Robert Smith, David Brown, James Cavell, each candidate being taken separately. A petition from a joining member (an old disabled Mason) to the Lodge of Benevolence was unanimously recommended. Bro. W. Stanton gave notice of motion to vote sufficient money from the Lodge funds to purchase a Life Governorship of the Girls' School. Two joining members

were proposed, as also were some candidates for initiation. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, 29th June, at 3.30 p.m. Banquet was served. Present:—Bros. J. Hammond P.G. Steward Middlesex P.M. and J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. 73 Secretary, J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. 1423 J.D., H. Gloster W.M. 1531 I.G., D. Steinhauer D.C., J. Lawrence W.S., H. Potter P.M. 11 W.S., J. Thompson, P. Brown, R. R. Millington, F. Knight, G. J. Whitcombe, J. M. Jackson, S. Page, A. Allen, R. Pooley, and others; Visitors—H. C. Murphy 1512, W. C. Davy 1512.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Barking Road, Canning Town, on Tuesday 27th of May. Present—Bros. P.M. Cundick W.M., P.M. Musto S.W., Shepherd W.M. 1349 J.W., and E. T. Worsley acting Secretary. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. This being the fourth Tuesday in the month, sections only were worked; this arrangement is in accordance with the Bye-Laws. The following brethren assisted the W.M. to work the sections:—**FIRST LECTURE**—Bros. Roberts, Watkins, Barker, Shepherd, Masto, Andrews, Cundrick; **SECOND LECTURE**—Bros. Lloyd, Johnson, Smith, Worsley. There not being time to work the last four sections, the Lodge was resumed, when it was proposed by the S.W., and seconded by the J.W., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his kindness in taking the chair, and for the beautiful and instructive manner he had worked the sections. Carried unanimously. Bro. Cundick thanked the brethren; he was indebted to those who had assisted him in the working for the very excellent way in which they had given their answers. He had attended many Lodges of Instruction, and he must say the working of this Lodge was second to none. The following were present—Bros. Ellis, Smith, Thorman, Johnson, Holloway, Lloyd, Barker, Roberts, Spencer, Watkins, Sadler, Andrews, Pavitt, &c. The Lodge was closed with prayer, and adjourned to Tuesday next, when Bro. Andrews will take the chair. We hope he will have a good attendance.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd inst. at Ealing. Present—Bros. A. C. Alais W.M., H. E. Tucker S.W., J. Green J.W., J. Wells acting Sec., Coop S.D., W. Seward jun. J.D., G. S. Wright I.G. Past Master Bro. Kingston. Visitors—Bros. Josey 837, Acworth, S. Smout jun., Porter, Owen, Clarke, Yewens, P. R. Webb, Stephens, Wills, Botley, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read, confirmed and signed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. A. C. Alais P.M. No. 834 rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a very able and impressive manner. The Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Acworth candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously awarded to Bro. Alais for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Coop intimated that he would like to present to the Lodge two columns, for the senior and junior Wardens. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Seward, the offer was unanimously accepted, and a cordial vote of thanks passed to Bro. Coop for his gift. A vote of condolence was tendered to Bro. Sec. Barr in testimony of the deep sympathy felt by the brethren at the loss he has sustained by the death of his child. After Thursday, 5th June, during the summer months, this Lodge will meet every alternate Thursday.

On Thursday, 29th inst., in accordance with previous announcement, Bro. Jas. Terry Prov. G.J.W. Herts, attended for the purpose of rehearsing the ceremony of Consecration. He was supported by Bros. M. Spiegel W.M. Joppa 188 as S.W., G. W. West P.M. Great Northern 1287 as J.W., Seward jun. S.D., Coop J.D., Wright I.G., Wells acting Sec., H. E. Tucker Preceptor; Bros. Thompson, Parson, G. S. Wright, Bloomfield, Botley, C. Botley, T. Brown, T. Bourne, Murch, A. Jones, J. Owen, Clarke, Yewens, Edmeston, Etienne, J. Green, Stephens, Trebbel, Heath, W. W. Morgan, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony (though necessarily in a modified form) was proceeded with. Bro. Terry's ability as a Consecrating Officer is so well recognised we need scarcely record that the proceedings were highly instructive, and gave unbounded satisfaction to all assembled. Bro. Terry's address on the nature of the Institution, and the responsibilities of its members, was given with characteristic energy, and listened to with rapt attention. Bro. Terry also rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. West acting as W.M. elect. Bro. West invested the Officers, and in doing so showed proficiency in the knowledge of this portion of our ceremonies. Bro. Terry then completed his labours by an admirable rendering of the addresses. Bros. Thompson 780, Spiegel 188, C. E. Botley 780, were elected members. Bro. Tucker proposed a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Terry for his valuable services; this was carried unanimously, the same to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Terry expressed his thanks for the compliment, and assured the members he should be pleased to assist them on future occasions. Bro. W. Seward jun. will preside at next meeting.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719.—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. This is what is termed a "Class Lodge," one of the qualifications for membership being that those desirous of joining should be Directors, Secretaries, Engineers, or Managers of Gas Works, or shall be directly or indirectly connected with Gas Companies. The Lodge was consecrated in August 1877, and those of our readers who may feel interested in what took place on that occasion will find a full report of the proceedings in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Vol. VI. page 149. The first W.M. was our esteemed Brother A. J. Duff Filer, and with the able assistance of the

distinguished Masons who co-operated with him during his year of office the foundation was laid for a Lodge that will take foremost rank for the charitable proclivities of those who may congregato under its banner. The meeting on Tuesday was well attended, and the chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. Thomas N. Kirkham, who was supported by Bro. Filer I.P.M., John Aird S.W., Wm. Sagg J.W., James Glaisher, F.R.S., Treasurer and J.D., Magnus Ohren P.M. I.G. and Secretary, T. A. Green S.D., J. W. Sagg and G. C. Trowby Stewards, and T. C. Speight Tyler. Amongst other members we noticed Bros. William Winn, Arthur Mead, Frederick Wm. Hartley, David William Sagg, Matthew Mildred, Edward Hide, Joseph Manwaring, Alfred Lass, Thomas Henry Martin, Joseph Francis Porter, M.D., Ferrand Davies, &c.; whilst visiting brethren were represented by Bros. Charles H. Edmands W.M. Frederick of Unity 452, Cartwright Mizpah Lodge 1671, Körting member of a Hanover Lodge, Nursey Gihon 49, Brown S.W. Goodfellowship 276, Garman Canonbury 657, Vincent P.M. Abercorn 1547, E. H. Sagg J.W. Frederick of Unity P.P.G.W. Organist Surrey, and W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. The Lodge was formally opened, and the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which received confirmation. There was one candidate for third degree, and he, after complying with demands of custom, was raised to the sublime degree by the I.P.M., Bro. Filer, who gave a most impressive rendering of the ceremony. The W.M. having resumed the chair, the election of a W.M. for the ensuing twelvemonths took place; the result seemed a foregone conclusion, as on reading over the ballot papers, the suffrages of the brethren were declared unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. John Aird. After Brother Aird had acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, the election of Treasurer was proceeded with, and the result was unanimous in favour of the re-election of Bro. Glaisher. Bro. Speight, on a show of hands, was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. William Sagg then brought forward the following resolution:—"That the members of this Lodge having heard with deep regret that the widow of their late Bro. John Johnson (a subscribing member of this Lodge) is, through the death of her husband, left in straitened circumstances, do pledge themselves to use their votes and interest to secure the admission of her two youngest children—a boy of nine and a girl of seven—into the Masonic Schools, and that the whole of the votes given be used for the election of the boy first, and for the girl after the boy's election is secured." Bro. Sagg announced that an elder daughter of the late Bro. Johnson had been admitted, by purchase, into the London Orphan Asylum. The motion was ably seconded by Bro. Magnus Ohren, and on being put by the W.M., received the unanimous assent of the Lodge. Bro. Sagg then brought forward the second part of his proposal:—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to each of the Schools, the amount to be placed on the list of the two Stewards from this Lodge serving the Charities for 1880." This was seconded by the worthy Treasurer, Bro. Glaisher, and carried. It was arranged that the W.M., Bro. Kirkham, should serve as Steward for the Girls' School, and Bro. J. W. Sagg for the Boys', while Bro. William Sagg, who, prior to the W.M. expressing his desire to act for the Girls, had stated he should like to serve, kindly pledged himself to officiate on behalf of the Old People. Several of the members were desirous that a sum of £10 10s should be voted from the funds to start Bro. W. Sagg's list, but the Treasurer, with commendable caution, recommended that this responsibility should not at present be entered upon, and his views were endorsed by a majority of those present. The consideration of some home matters next occupied the attention of the brethren, and the question of better Lodge room accommodation was brought on; the result being that the Secretary was empowered to take such steps as he might think desirable. The Treasurer reported the Lodge free from liability, and that he had a balance of £85 17s in hand. Other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet, under the personal supervision of Bro. Alfred Burt, was provided, and at its conclusion the W.M. gave the customary toasts. Bro. Glaisher replied for the Grand Officers. He remarked that the toast had been warmly given, and he as warmly would respond. Lord Carnarvon was a capable Mason, and took a lively interest in all matters pertaining to the Order. He referred to Lord Skelmersdale's recent illness, and expressed a hope that the fatigue consequent on the heavy labour he had to undertake would not unduly task him during the term we must necessarily allow ere we can hope to see him again in full strength. Bro. Filer now proposed the health of the W.M. This was perhaps the last time he should have the opportunity. The members would be loth to part with their W.M. had they not a rising sun to look forward to. Bro. Filer congratulated Bro. Kirkham on the success that had attended his Mastership, and called on all present to do the toast full honour. After an amusing song from Bro. Filer, the W.M. replied. He knew not how to liken himself to the waning sun or the waning moon, but of this he felt he could assure them,—he had endeavoured to carry out the promise he made when he was elected. He had not been nearly so perfect as he could have wished to be, but this must be attributed in a great degree to the many engagements he had to fulfil. Before sitting down he had a pleasing duty to perform; he would ask them to dedicate the contents of their glasses to the toast of their W.M. elect. Bro. Aird had always proved himself a good Mason, and he (the W.M.) was sure he would make a good Master. This toast was gracefully replied to by Bro. Aird; and then came the toast of the Visitors, for which responses were made by Bros. Edmands, Körting, Nursey and others. Bro. Nursey made some happy allusions to an aerial trip he had taken some years back with Bro. Glaisher. The remaining toasts comprised the P.M., Treasurer, and Secretary, to which Bros. Filer and Glaisher replied. The Officers were duly complimented, and then the Tyler gave his toast. Some capital songs were given during the evening, by Bros. Ohren, Nursey, Sagg, Körting, &c. Bro. E. H. Sagg gave a selection on the pianoforte, and Bro. Morgan recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade."

PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 19th instant. Lodge was opened at four p.m. by the W.M., Bro. C. P. McKay, and there were present during the evening the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. W. R. Sheadd S.W., E. Mitchell J.W., James Stevens P.M., D. Trusler P.M., H. Payne P.M., Thomas Poore P.M. and Secretary, M. Spiegel S.D., W. Gunner J.D., C. A. Blogg Organist, G. Laubert I.G., G. Malloy Steward, W. Steedman P.M. Tyler; also Bros. Lilley, Syer, Smith, Plater, Whittaker, Richardson, Max Brenner, Anthony, Ash, Barton, Glenister, Mellhuish, Hall, Laver, Treves, Kerr, &c.; and Visitors—Bros. C. Sawyer W.M. 1619, E. Kidmann P.M. 1586, G. Yaxley W.M. 463, W. W. Prickett 1327, J. Howes P.M. 1623, J. J. Barrott 619, W. Foulsham P.M. 1790, and J. New W.M. 1238. The installation of the S.W., Bro. William Sheadd, as W.M., was undertaken by Bro. Poore, and was performed with the usual clearness and perfect ceremony for which this worthy brother is so greatly distinguished. Bro. James Stevens assisted him as D.C., and delivered the admirable address to the brethren in explanation of the "three lesser lights" which he, in conjunction with Bro. Poore, has recently introduced with great effect into the installation ceremony. The result was most satisfactory to members and Visitors. After presentation of the warrant, &c., Bro. Sheadd W.M. appointed and invested his Officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. E. Mitchell S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., Thomas Poore, P.M. Secretary and Treasurer, W. Gunner S.D., G. Lambert J.D., F. C. Pascall I.G., G. Malloy D.C., C. A. Blogg W.S. and Organist, C. Richardson Steward, and W. Steedman P.M. Tyler. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then given by the Installing Master, and the newly-appointed W.M. at once gave evidence of his working powers by ably initiating Mr. J. R. Blackmore into the Order. Great sympathy was felt for the W.M., who has been for many months suffering from the effects of a very serious accident, causing him to be entirely dependant on crutches; but whose pluck and determination on this occasion elicited the admiration of all present. He neglected no effort necessary to perform his duties throughout the entire evening, and the heartiest wishes of the brethren for his speedy restoration were freely expressed. Before the Lodge was closed, a proposition was made to mark the sense of the Lodge towards Bro. Poore by the presentation of a handsome testimonial. At the excellent banquet which followed, Bro. McKay, the I.P.M., received at the hands of the W.M. a P.M.'s jewel, and to the toast in his honour made effective response. The Visitors found able representatives in the persons of Bros. Foulsham and Yaxley, whose replies were admirably delivered. The senior P.M., Bro. Stevens, also responded on behalf of himself and other P.M.'s, and especially directed the attention of some of the brethren to the necessity for aiding the W.M., under his present unfortunate state of health, by a stricter adherence to order and regularity than even they had hitherto evinced. The whole proceedings were throughout agreeable, and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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- HAYMARKET.—At 8, THE CRISIS. At 10.10 NILSSON OR NOTHING.
- STRAND.—At 7.15, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 9.0, MADAME FAVART.
- GAIETY.—At 7.10, A PAIR OF THEM. At 7.30, BOULOGNE. At 9.30, PRETTY EMERALDA.
- VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ONCE AGAIN. At 8.0, THE GIRLS, and A HIGHLAND FLING.
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- ADELPHI.—At 7.0, A KISS IN THE DARK. At 7.30, WHO SPEAKS FIRST? At 8.0, THE HUNCHBACK.
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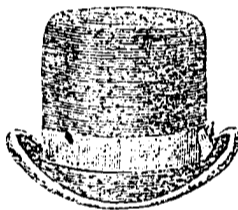
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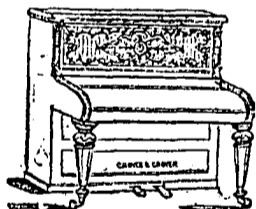
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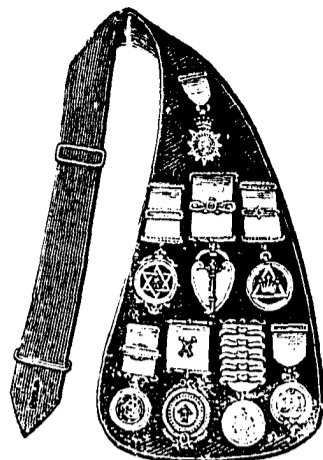


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