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PROPOSED VISIT OF THE PRO G.
MASTER TO READING.

ALMOST at the eleventh hour the ceremony of setting the memorial stone of the new Municipal Buildings at Reading had to be deferred, in consequence of the illness—which all our readers must regret—of Lord Carnarvon. Bro. Robert Bradley, Provincial Grand Secretary of the Province of Berks and Bucks, lost no time in communicating the intelligence, and used every possible precaution to prevent inconvenience by sending, on Friday evening, the 10th inst., to every Mason in the Province a copy of the following notice:—

PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

In consequence of the sudden illness of Lord Carnarvon, the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the Public Buildings in Reading, intended for Tuesday next, the 14th inst., is unavoidably postponed.

Lord Carnarvon is suffering from a very severe attack of gout, which makes it absolutely impossible for him to attend.

It is hoped that the ceremony may take place on or about Tuesday, the 4th November.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, summoned for the 14th October, will therefore not be held.

ROBT. BRADLEY,

Prov. Grand Secretary.

Reading, 10th October 1879.

The next day notice was sent to all other members of the Craft who there was reason to believe would have attended. It has not yet been *definitely* settled when the gathering will take place, but we believe we are correct in saying it will be on an early day in November.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday last. Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes Bro. Thos. Meggy, Vice-President, moved—

“That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court.”

Several times, within the last few years a scrutiny of votes has been demanded, after the poll was declared, and such scrutiny has disclosed the fact that the declaration had been incorrect. There was evidently some laxity somewhere, and possibly the arrangements were slightly at fault. If a Committee was appointed to consider the arrangements, a plan might be framed whereby the declaration of the poll would be correct. The motion, which was seconded by Bro. John G. Stevens, was put and lost. Col. Creaton carried a motion recommended by the Building Committee:—

“That a dwarf wall be built on the south side of the Institution grounds, at a cost not exceeding £300.”

Bro. James A. Birch moved, as a proposed alteration of Rule 71, sub-section 2, to read as follows:—

“The Election and Removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the Voting to be by Balloting Papers, duly forwarded to each qualified Member, not less than fourteen days before the date of Election; such Balloting Papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a Member of the General Committee on his or her behalf at the time of Election.”

His proposition, he said, was intended to assimilate the form of voting for Secretary to that of voting for children to the Institution. At present the voting for Secretary was by personal attendance in London, which involved heavy expense on the provincial brethren. From his own province (Lancashire) it would cost a Life Governor £3, and as there were 3,000 Life Governors of the Boys' School this would represent an outlay of £9,000, which he thought would be better invested if given to one of the Institutions. It was said that there was a jealousy on the part of the London brethren on this question, but if there was, it was unbecoming of such a universal brotherhood. He did not believe there was this jealousy; the only jealousy there should be was an emulation in benevolent work. It was urged that if the provinces had the power of voting by proxy papers they might put forward an inefficient candidate, and thus sacrifice the Institution. He could assure the Court that the provincial brethren had a lively interest in the Institutions, and were not likely to sacrifice them. If they did, it was impossible that all the provinces could be united against London. He hoped the brethren would make the fair and just concession he asked to the brethren of the provinces. After the motion had been seconded by Bro. John Constable, it was carried by a majority of twelve.

Bro. H. Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, gave notice that he would move, at the Quarterly Court in January, that the Court accept the sum of 1000 guineas from West Yorkshire for the purchase of a perpetual presentation for the Province. Bro. Louis Hirsch gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court in January, in the words of the above-mentioned rejected motion of Bro. Thomas Meggy. The election of eighteen girls out of a list of forty-eight was then taken, and, at the declaration of the poll, the following was announced as the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
5	Deeley, Agnes A.	762	596	1358
48	*Bladon, Maud Eva	—	—	1352
17	Fellows, Charlotte Amelia (<i>last</i>)	546	802	1348
20	Kirke, Alice Clara	753	526	1279
26	Tipper, Mabel Harrison	389	876	1265
30	*Rogers, Beatrice Amy	—	—	1265
21	Lang, Margaret Ethel	672	581	1253
1	Sampson, Mabel Jane (<i>last</i>)	646	602	1248
15	Dawson, Alice Mary	475	756	1231
3	Keighley Harriott Geraldine (<i>last</i>)	459	766	1225
19	Hicks, Edith	858	348	1206
7	Hart, Eva C. H.	436	758	1194
13	Hill, Emily S. H.	480	699	1179
4	Allison, Ethel Frances W.	547	601	1148
40	*White, Adelaide Louisa	—	—	1118
44	*Wilson, Jessie Dalaval	—	—	1101
25	Pratt, Clara	436	636	1072
14	Wain Fanny Elizabeth	245	796	1041

UNSUCCESSFUL.

27	Wyatt, Mary Ann A.	75	930	1005
11	Parker, Annie Sarah	135	849	984
12	Check, Laura Sophia	360	598	958
9	Williams, Emma Eliza	557	355	912
23	Howle, Minnie	2	878	880
10	Cecil, Emily Alford	209	563	772
33	*Stewini, Alice Maria Louisa	—	—	429
43	*Harvey, Julia Maud	—	—	395
8	Priestley, Juliet S. H.	194	121	315
39	*Bridgeman, Rose Agnes	—	—	307
24	King, Emily Beatrice	77	192	269
45	*Hale, Florence Pauline	—	—	207
31	*Riley, Sophia	—	—	204
36	*New, Francis Jane	—	—	169
16	Evans, Mildred	139	9	148
31	*Oberdoerffer, Fanny Maria Ignace,	—	—	121
22	Hill, Annie Elizabeth	13	106	119
29	*Pelham, Rosa Pauline	—	—	108
42	*Mee, Kate Sarah	—	—	104
41	*Owens, Annie Adelaide	—	—	100
32	*Coales, Clara Eliza	—	—	90
6	Brown, Edith	40	24	64
2	Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	49	11	60
16	*Hodgson, Ada (<i>last</i>)	—	—	23
18	Gover, Annie	15	4	19
35	*Ashton, Ada Ellen	—	—	11

47	*Bennett, Sarah Jane	.	.	.	.	—	—	6
38	*Deacon, Emily	.	.	.	.	—	—	2
28	*Drake, Mary Cranch	.	.	.	.	—	—	1
37	*Crow, Caroline Ada	.	.	.	.	—	—	—

* Indicates first application.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers of votes, and to Col. Creaton for presiding, closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held in the large Hall at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. The motion by Bro. Thos. Meggy, Vice-Patron :—

"That a committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court,"

was first discussed. Bro. Meggy submitted that inaccuracies had been discovered on several occasions in the work of the Scrutineers, and he wished a Committee to inquire whether a mode of scrutiny of votes differing from the present mode could not be adopted. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford thought there was the great objection to the motion that it had been rejected on Saturday in the Girls' Institution, and it was desirable that there should be uniformity in all the Masonic Charities. Bro. Raynham Stewart bore testimony to the care, honesty and fairness with which the Scrutineers had always performed their work. Bro. A. H. Tattershall thought that parties bringing forward such a motion should act as Scrutineers themselves, and see how the work was generally done. Mistakes occurred sometimes, but they generally arose from new brethren being on the scrutiny who were not used to the work. Bro. Meggy said he wished to be a Scrutineer himself, and it was in consequence of that that he had brought forward this motion. On a division the motion was lost. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in the absence of Bro. F. C. Matier, moved the omission of the word "consecutive" after the word "seven" in Law 55 of the Institution, line 3. The motion being intended to qualify a candidate if his father should have subscribed to one or other of the Masonic Institutions seven years in all, instead of seven consecutive years as at present laid down by the rules of the Institution. Bro. Woodford said that, without going into this question, as the Girls' School allowed the subscription for seven years to be for an aggregate seven, it was not advisable that there should be a different system in the Boys' School. On the ground of the desirability of uniformity he brought forward this motion. Bro. R. B. Webster seconded the motion. Bro. W. Roebuck opposed it on the principle that the Boys' School and the Girls' School were in different positions, there being more candidates and fewer vacancies in the former than there were in the latter. Many Masons attended Lodge for four or five years, and then did not belong to any Lodge at all for many years before their death. The children of such Masons frequently pushed out the children of deserving and energetic Masons at these elections. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said it did not follow, because there were more candidates and fewer vacancies now in the Boys' School than in the Girls' that it would always be so. There had been occasions when the contrary was the case, and it might happen again. The motion was then carried by a majority of 19. Bro. James A. Birch moved an alteration of Rule 71, sub-section 2, as follows :—

"The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than fourteen days before the date of election; such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee, on his or her behalf, at the time of the election."

After repeating his statements made at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday, he said the Province of East Lancashire trusted it would be many years before they would be called upon to exercise the privilege they sought, for the eloquent advocacy of Bro. Binckes had tended to extend the prosperity of this and other Institutions. He had awakened in the hearts of the brethren the feelings which led to the prosperity of the Masonic Institutions, and he trusted that it would be many years before he was removed from the office of Secretary by any cause. Bro. Binckes sincerely sympathised with the afflictions of the fatherless and widows, and there was no one more eloquent or able to plead their cause. Bro. Raynham Stewart thought it inexpedient to make any alteration in the present law, after it should be framed by a committee with due consideration. Bro. H. Smith Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, supported the proposition of Bro. Birch, and said that the privilege, if granted, would be used with caution, and that the London brethren, while taking nothing from themselves, would be giving a great deal to the Provinces. Bro. Binckes, replying to Bro. Stewart, said the expense of printing and posting the balloting papers would perhaps be £25, but as the election of Secretary would not be likely to recur every year he did not think the question of expense should be allowed to weigh in the consideration of the question. Bro. James A. Birch, in summing up, said the benefits of the Institution were not confined to any locality, and the interest felt in the Institution should be co-extensive with its benefits. The provincial brethren wished to exercise a privilege for the benefit of the Institution without the additional tax of the journey to London and the loss of two days' time being imposed on them. The motion was then

pnt, and carried by a majority of 28 votes. The election of sixteen boys then took place, and at the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result :—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
43	Stone, Percy Herbert	512	1303	1815
60	Johnson, John Charles	—	1734	1734
45	Garstin, Paul Belmore	861	836	1697
21	Beckett, Ernest George	919	714	1633
3	Wait, Emanuel	541	1070	1611
56	Healey, William Henry	—	1603	1603
20	Hounslow, Herbert Rich	614	954	1568
52	Aspden, Albert Grice	—	1555	1555
54	Godfrey, Frederick F.	—	1528	1528
2	Wilkinson, Percy Charles	1289	234	1523
30	Wagstaff, Charles C.	199	1320	1519
58	Young, John Alfred	—	1510	1510
23	Henderson, John	929	575	1504
49	Murgatroyd, John Roebuck	—	1474	1474
16	Bazley, William Henry	400	1067	1467
5	Allin, Charles James Fox	1219	238	1457

UNSUCCESSFUL.

24	Thomas, John M. Alex.	575	881	1456
7	Parker, George Shadwell	1255	194	1449
9	Spalding, Edmund Parcell	765	678	1443
29	Colbeck, Frank	1065	348	1413
22	Norrish, Herbert	819	454	1273
18	Brooks, George Bertie	619	470	1089
10	Black, William	2	1073	1075
42	Seddon, James Albert	313	713	1026
62	Moore, Ernest Stambler	—	785	785
6	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	676	51	727
72	Gough, E. A. Brinsmead	—	623	623
11	Scott, John Sheppard	375	242	617
19	Grave, Richard Arthur	358	234	592
27	Fellows, Herbert M.	49	542	591
38	Kennedy, Arthur James	316	169	485
61	Smith, William Henry	—	428	428
17	Gauntlett, George Fredk.	377	13	390
44	Shrapnel, A. E. Scrope	158	203	351
57	Saville, William James	—	356	356
51	Knott, Herbert Wilfred	—	351	351
32	Brown, Walter Boston	16	300	316
55	Hobbs, Robert Norton	—	310	310
73	Gee, Arthur Alban	—	263	263
4	Ridpath, Lovell Hope	234	19	253
15	Tracy, William	135	116	251
41	Coo, Albert Edward	102	142	244
36	Unwin, Frns. Arthur	57	185	242
13	Marshall, Philipson	101	122	223
69	Estlin, Charles Nathaniel	—	222	222
26	Wilton, Ernst Colville C.	166	40	206
39	Neville, Fredk. John	106	98	204
33	Fellows, Arthur	103	84	187
50	Thomas, Frank Robert	—	182	182
54	Richardson, Sidney Wm. F.	—	180	180
25	Crane, Harry Samuel J.	142	27	169
35	Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom	79	86	165
48	Lee, Sidney Edward	—	153	153
76	Wilson, William Leslie	—	135	135
46	Woolons, Walter H.	84	34	118
75	Gunnell, William Pearse	—	106	106
1	Cole, Alfred Thomas	42	49	91
74	Lucas, Edmund Charles	—	88	88
28	Steinhaner, George W.	5	70	75
68	ibbs, Robert Leigh	—	56	56
70	Watson, William Renwick	—	45	45
77	Frost, James Bray	—	41	41
65	Ball, Edward Thomas	—	27	27
59	Webb, Charles Edward	—	24	24
8	Bell, James Herbert	22	—	22
12	Gay, George John	15	3	18
14	Read, John	2	2	4
66	Granger, Ernest Bloomer	—	4	4
71	Loveridge, Sydney Earle	—	3	3
34	Barker, Arthur	—	2	2
31	Hawke, Edwin Ernest	—	1	1
67	Laing, Herbert Lawson	—	1	1
37	Foot, William Robert D.	—	—	—
47	Mey, George	—	—	—
53	Pike, William Thomas	—	—	—
40	Pratt, Robt. Williamson	—	—	—
63	Sparks, Albert Edward	—	—	—

The proceedings of the day were brought to a termination with votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman.

It is gratifying to us to be able to state that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Past Senior Grand Warden, so far sympathises with the objects contemplated by the promoters of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund that he has forwarded a donation of £20 in aid of the movement.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

NEW CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 813.

THE installation meeting and regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Present:—Comps. W. Crawford M.E.Z., J. Wright P.Z., H. T. J. Cusworth J., Stillwell Treas., W. H. Main S.E., H. J. Gabb P.S., Gallant P.Z., James Terry P.Z.; also Comps. Odell, Boulton, G. Mustoe, J. Abbott, Atkins, Allardyce, S. George, Pierpoint, Sinclair. Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. J. Wright P.Z. was installed as M.E.Z., T. J. Cusworth H., and W. H. Main J. These ceremonies were rendered by Bro. James Terry P.Z. in his customary perfect and impressive manner. The newly appointed M.E.Z. invested his Officers as follows:—Comps. W. Crawford I.P.Z., Tiddeman S.E., Gabb S.N., Stillwell Treas., Gabb P.S., Chicken First Asst. Sojourner. A ballot was successfully taken for the admission of Bro. Potter, No. 813, and he was duly exalted by Comp. James Terry P.Z. The M.E.Z. gave the historical portion, and the newly installed H. the symbolic. Comp. Gabb effectively acted as P.S. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Comp. Gallant proposed, and the M.E.Z. seconded, that a jewel be presented to Comp. W. Crawford P.Z. for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office; this was carried unanimously; also that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the M.E.Z. for his elegant gift of a handsomely bound volume of the Sacred Law. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the Chapter was closed until the second Thursday in January. A sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, that gave every satisfaction. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Comp. Crawford P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z.; every one knew his good feeling towards the Chapter. He hoped he would experience the pleasure of a successful year of office. Bro. J. Terry gave the recitation, "Daniel v. Dishclout," which drew forth roars of laughter. The M.E.Z. then thanked Comp. Crawford and the members for their kind expressions. So long as he had his health his services would always be at their disposal. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the newly exalted Comp. From the attention he paid to the ceremony, the M.E.Z. was convinced he would become a credit to the Order, and would do essential service to the Lodge in the future. This toast having been responded to, the M.E.Z. gave that of the Visitors, and Comps. Eves, McDougal, and H. M. Levy responded. The health of Comp. James Terry, who is welcomed, not only in London but in all parts of the country, was next proposed by the M.E.Z. Comp. Terry eloquently returned thanks. The New Concord Lodge was the first he saw consecrated, nineteen years since; he little thought then that he would ever be in his present position. Last year, when Comps. Gallant and Crawford asked him to assist them, he did so; they then had the help of Companion W. Smeed P.Z., who is perfect in Royal Arch Masonry. The present Z. was one who needed not his (Bro. Terry's) services; however, he should consider with pleasure the fact of his being an honorary member. The toast of the P.Z.'s Comps. J. Gallant and W. Crawford followed. With great pleasure the M.E.Z. would place on the breast of Comp. Crawford a jewel worthy his acceptance. He wished him health, long life, and prosperity. Comp. Crawford returned thanks for the valuable gift. After the kind remarks of Comp. Terry, he might say with pride that he with others were associated in the foundation of the Chapter; he had worked hard for their benefit, and on the present occasion he regretted the absence of their kind friend, Comp. Smeed, who in conjunction with Comp. Terry, that day twelve months had installed him into the chair. He hoped he might realise the wishes of the M.E.Z., and live long to wear their gift in the Chapter. He thanked them cordially for their kind expressions. Comp. Gallant was likewise pleased to respond to the toast. With pride he was about to wear a jewel for the first time—that was the Charity jewel. The other toasts comprised the H., the J., and the Junior Officers, and replies were given by Comps. Cusworth, Morris, Stillwell, and Tiddeman. The Janitor's toast followed, and the company separated, after expressing to the M.E.Z. the pleasure they had derived from this genial gathering.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

ONCE more the time has come round for the regular installation meeting of this Lodge, and again we have the pleasure of chronicling the doings of the members of the famous "Great City," and recording the advance in office of the various members who, in the few years that have elapsed since its foundation, have so materially contributed towards the work of conducting its affairs, and have thereby been the means of raising it to its present high position. On Saturday, the 11th inst., on which date the meeting took place, Lodge was held as usual at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, E.C., and was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Freeman, about three o'clock. As is customary with this Lodge, an emergency meeting was held on the previous Saturday (reported in our last issue), in order to clear off all business previous to the installation; accordingly, there was nothing to occupy the attention of the brethren previous to the important ceremony of the day, beyond the confirmation of the minutes of the last regular Lodge and of the Lodge of emergency already referred to. These two items being disposed of, and the Lodge raised to the third, and resumed to the second degree, Bro. Jas. Stevens P.M. presented the W.M. elect, Bro. G. W. Blackie, for Installation. The W.M. Bro. James Freeman conducted the cere-

mony up to the formation of the Board of Installed Masters, when, in the presence of a large assembly of Masters and Past Masters, the newly installed Master of The Great City Lodge was placed in the chair of K.S. and, having been saluted in ancient form, received the congratulations of those amongst whose numbers he had been enrolled. The remaining part of the ceremony was ably completed by Bro. Past Master Headon, assisted by Bro. Past Master Stevens as D.C., and the entire proceedings were distinguished by an amount of orderly procedure and correctness of detail which is characteristic of all Masonic work in this Lodge. The concluding addresses, by Bro. Headon, were faultless, both in respect of diction and delivery, and the favourable comments made thereon were fully deserved. The W.M. Bro. Blackie also gave proof of his great proficiency by his manner of investing his Officers, and there can be no doubt that the working of the Lodge in the future will be at least equal to that in the past, which has gained for The Great City its wide-spread reputation:—The Officers were appointed as follows:—W. H. Catchpole S.W., Thomas Hamer J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, Edward Moody P.M. Secretary, Charles Taylor S.D., W. F. Kibble J.D., F. T. C. Keeble I.G., G. Jenkins Organist, W. Baber D.C., R. Fendick and F. W. Potter Stewards, and W. Steedman P.M. Tyler. Propositions for initiation were taken, and the petitions of two distressed brethren considered, with the result of relief being afforded from the Samaritan Fund. Lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to the Great Hall of the Hotel, where the customary banquet awaited them. The festivities of the day were ably presided over by the newly appointed W.M., who throughout the evening successfully directed his efforts to bring the meeting to an early conclusion, at the same time taking care that all assembled should thoroughly enjoy themselves. At the conclusion of the banquet, grace (Non Nobis Domine) was sung by the musical artistes; and then the W.M., in brief terms, introduced the usual Loyal toasts. He considered that the Prince of Wales deserved their especial esteem, by reason of the great interest he took in the Craft, and in all that concerned the welfare of Freemasonry. With the health of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Blackie had the pleasure of being able to couple the names of two distinguished members of that body—Bros. Fenn and Simpson. Bro. Fenn, in replying to the toast, after tendering his thanks, said that he had been a Grand Officer for upwards of fifteen years, during which time he had always found the members of Grand Lodge ready to undertake their duties with cheerfulness, although at times they were of a somewhat arduous nature. He missed one Grand Officer from the meeting who might perhaps he said to have done more for the Craft than any other, and who, he thought, had won the esteem of all with whom he had had dealings. He referred to their esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, who he considered one of the few remaining links between Freemasonry of the past and present generations. Bro. Fenn then proceeded to dilate on his connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, in connection with which Bro. Hervey had for very many years past occupied a prominent position. Bro. Fenn next referred to the work just issued by Bro. James Stevens, Past Master of this Lodge, advocating some steps being taken towards ensuring a greater uniformity in the ritual. Whether he intended his remarks to be taken as the dictum of Grand Officers, or whether as his own personal idea, we do not know, but we think he somewhat exceeded the limits of discretion when he stated that if ever an attempt was made to reform the ritual it would be a difficult task to know where to begin, and an impossibility to know where to leave off. Brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson Past G. Ch. followed, and tendered his thanks. Bro. James Freeman next rose. He had great pleasure in introducing the toast he was about to propose, that of the W.M. of The Great City Lodge. He was sure there was not a member present but was glad to see Bro. Blackie in the position of W.M. He had been connected with the Lodge since its consecration, and no one had worked harder than he. Bro. Freeman felt that, however good others who had filled the chair may have been, Bro. Blackie would go far to improve on them; he was also convinced that the brethren would support him, and co-operate in ensuring the success of the Lodge during the coming year as cordially as they had in the past. The W.M., after thanking the brethren, said he could assure them that, since the time he was first connected with the Lodge, which was at its consecration, and when he was seated with the collar of junior officer of the Lodge, he determined that his duties, in whatever position he might be placed, should be performed as near perfection as possible. The way in which he had advanced year by year led him to believe that he had succeeded in satisfying the respective Masters and the brethren also. The compliment of electing him as W.M. was the greatest the members could offer, and he hoped his deeds in the future would be of such a nature as to warrant the confidence that had been reposed in him. The next toast he had to propose was one that was always cordially received by the members of 1426—it was that of the Visitors. On the present occasion they had a goodly array of guests, to all of whom, in the name of the Lodge, he tendered the heartiest welcome. With the toast was coupled the names of Bros. Perceval, Pearson and Saul. Bro. Perceval, in the name of the Visitors, thanked the Lodge for its hospitality. Each time he had paid a visit to the Lodge he had noticed an improvement in the working. Bro. Pearson was very proud to see the present Master in the position he now occupies. The Great City Lodge had attained a position in the Craft which the W.M. was well able to maintain. Bro. Saul, after thanking the members, urged their attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, which was held under their sanction. If the brethren wished to advance in Masonry, and perform their duties creditably, it was necessary they should have tuition, and nowhere could this be obtained better than at the various meetings which were held from time to time in Lodges of Instruction. Bro. Poore was next called on. Having taken a small share in the instruction of some of the Officers he naturally felt anxious to see what they did. He was more than gratified at what he had witnessed and hoped they would go on

improving. Bro. G. Thistle Thorne also responded to the toast. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master, and the Past Masters. Their Installing Master, who had that day so ably worked the ceremony of Installation, was entitled to his personal thanks for the very creditable way in which he had inducted him into the chair. He had never heard the ceremony better performed or more impressively than he had that day. Bro. Jas. Stevens—who was termed the Father of the Lodge, not only on account of having been its first Master, but also by reason of the number of candidates he had initiated during his term of office—as well as all the others, were deserving of their best wishes and heartiest support of the members. With regard to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Freeman, he had worked zealously for the interests of the Lodge from the time of its consecration, having faithfully fulfilled the duties of Treasurer, Warden, and later on the important post of Master. The brethren, recognising his great services, had unanimously voted him a Past Master's jewel, and the W.M. now had pleasure in being the means of investing Bro. Freeman with it. He presented it in the name of The Great City Lodge, as a mark of the appreciation by the members of the way in which the duties of Master had been carried out during the past year. Bro. Freeman thanked the members for the kindness that had been shown him during his year of office. He had been amply repaid for any exertion he had made in having had so successful a term of Mastership. As the brethren were aware, he had, not long since, taken unto himself a wife. On his return from the country, after his wedding, he had found a very handsome tea and coffee service, the gift of the members of The Great City Lodge. He and his wife esteemed it greatly, as the gift of the brethren of the Lodge. In conclusion, he could but again express his thanks for all their kindness during the year of his Mastership. Bros. N. B. Headon and James Stevens followed. The latter considered the position of Master of The Great City Lodge was a position of which any brother might be proud. Bro. Stanway considered that he had but done his duty. The small services he had rendered to the Lodge were nothing more than should be done by every Mason. Bro. Seax concluded the list of Past Masters. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given from the chair. Bro. Headon, the Treasurer, thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him during the past year, a confidence that, he trusted, in the interest of the Lodge would in one important item be omitted for the future. Bro. Moody followed. If anything could repay him for the time he devoted to performing the duties of Secretary it was the kind reception he always met when his health was proposed. He was greatly indebted to Bro. Treasurer for the assistance he had accorded during his (Bro. Moody's) absence from England. Had it not been that Bro. Headon had looked after the affairs of the Lodge as he had done, the accounts and other matters could not have been presented to the Auditors as they had been. He pointed out that the thanks of the Lodge were due to the Auditors for the work they had undertaken, and, as he could vouch, so faithfully carried out. He was gratified to witness the prosperity of The Great City Lodge, and hoped that its condition would continue to improve year by year. He expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing Bro. Blackie in the chair; it was in consequence of the way in which the duties of Deacon were performed by that brother that The Great City Lodge so early attained a first place in the Craft. Bro. Blackie was universally recognised as one of the best Deacons ever found in the Craft. Bro. Blackie next proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bro. S.W. responded, followed by the J.W. The latter considered it a great honour to be an Officer of The Great City Lodge. He felt sure it was the desire of his brother Officers to do their duty, and as he felt that any Officer who had not satisfactorily discharged his duties should be passed over, he thought his own promotion was proof that he had satisfied the members. The Tyler was now summoned, and he gave the concluding toast of the evening. Among the Visitors were Bros. G. Bisset 405, G. W. Goulson 854, W. A. Frost 1728, T. Gittins 1056, W. Earl 1695, T. Poore P.M. 720, G. Thistle Thorne W.M. 1632, G. W. Saul 1201, C. J. Perceval W.M. 1607, J. Panton P.M. 749, 1365, F. Gleeark 1365, T. Eastgate 1563, H. T. Tiddeman 813, G. Black 859, W. L. Partridge 1445, A. Jamieson 1297, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, C. Lawrence 1804, J. Chapman 194, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, T. W. Hanson 1706, and F. Green 275. The musical arrangements of the evening were under the direction of Bro. H. Bertram, who on this occasion was assisted by Bros. W. Frost, Hanson, Kempton, and H. Frost (piano), with Mr. T. Harper (trumpet). The latter gentleman's performance was enthusiastically applauded, and on his second appearance an *encore* was demanded.

ROYAL MILITARY LODGE, No. 1449.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting on Monday, 13th inst., at the Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Edwin Beer, the W.M., who was supported by his Officers, several visiting brethren, and a good attendance of the members of the Lodge. After the transaction of the usual formal business, the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Miskin, was formally presented for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was performed on his behalf by the W.M. of the past year, Bro. E. Beer, who by this last act has again proved his aptitude for the office to which he was appointed twelve months since. In due course the newly appointed Worshipful Master invested the following brethren to assist him in governing the Lodge for the next year, viz.:—Bros. T. Blamiers S.W., G. H. Coates J.W., H. T. Naylor P.M. Prov. G.S.W.B. (re-elected) Treas., W. Price Sec., J. Vautier S.D., J. S. Evison J.D., W. Tyler I.G., Carter D.C., Jeffery and Howarth Stewards, Harnett (re-elected) Tyler. In investing each officer the W.M. explained their various duties, and gave a few words of encouragement, his remarks and

the several appointments receiving general approval. During the ceremony Bro. P.M. Naylor greatly assisted by acting as Director of the Ceremonies, while Bro. Plant P.M. 31, who presided at the harmonium, materially added to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The report of the Building Committee in connection with the Masonic Hall being provided by the brethren of Canterbury was next presented, and a proposition made therein was brought formally under the notice of the brethren by Bro. Naylor. After some little discussion it was decided to let the matter stand over until the next meeting, in order that the brethren might have an opportunity of making further inquiry into the subject. Bro. Beer, the Immediate Past Master, was appointed to act on behalf of this Lodge as auditor of the building committee's accounts, and briefly thanked the brethren for so appointing him. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. Dr. C. Holtum, who had acted as Almoner for the Lodge during the past year, and on motion he was duly appointed to that office for the following term. The thanks of the Lodge were also ordered to be recorded to Bro. Anderson, who has fulfilled the duties of Secretary during the past few years. This ending the business of the day, the W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge, the brethren afterwards sitting down to a banquet provided by Bros. Shaxby, in a manner that reflected great credit on them. The various viands provided having been partaken of by those assembled, grace was sung by the musical party, which comprised Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Higgins, and then the W.M. proceeded with the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The first on the list, as usual, was that of the Queen, coupled with success to the Craft. This was followed by the National Anthem, and then was given the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In quick succession followed the toasts proposed in honour of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge of England; Viscount Holmesdale the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Eastes the Deputy of the Province: with the latter was coupled the rest of the Provincial Officers past and present. Each of these toasts having met a hearty reception from those assembled, the I.P.M. Bro. Beer rose, and proposed the health of the W.M. In doing so Bro. Beer referred to the great services rendered by Bro. Miskin to the Lodge, and concluded by expressing a hope that he might be spared to preside over the brethren, the interests of whom, he felt, Bro. Miskin would ever strive to advance. After a song, the W.M. rose to reply. He first thanked Bro. Beer for proposing the toast in the hearty way he had done, and the brethren for having received it with such kind sentiments; and then expressed the pleasure it always afforded him to attend a Masonic meeting. His earnest wish was to see 1449 prosper, and stand on an equal footing with the other Lodges of Canterbury, with whom he trusted they would continue to work with that love and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasons. The W.M. now proposed the health of his immediate predecessor in the office of ruler of the Lodge—Bro. Beer. In doing so the W.M. referred to the zeal with which the work of the past year had been performed, and with a result which was gratifying to every member of the Lodge. He and the brethren generally felt that Bro. Beer had performed his duty most efficiently, and to show their esteem they had subscribed among themselves for a testimonial, in the form of a Past Master's jewel, which he now had the pleasure, on their behalf, of presenting to Bro. Beer, with the sincere wish of the brethren that he might live long to wear it, and assist the Royal Military Lodge with his advice and support. Bro. Edwin Beer, on rising to respond, was received with applause, he briefly thanked the W.M. and brethren for their expressions of good feeling. Throughout his year of office he had endeavoured to carry out his duties to the best of his ability, and when he was convinced that he had done so to the satisfaction of the members generally, he was extremely gratified. He hoped that if any of the members of the Lodge should, by reason of their professional duties, be called away from the district, that success would attend them, and wherever they might be, they would enjoy long life and prosperity. In conclusion, he trusted that all who, in years to come, might attain to the position of ruler of the Lodge, would have as successful a year as his had been, and at the conclusion of their term meet as hearty reception as was now accorded him. In proposing the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, the Chairman recounted the acts each had performed during their respective years of office, and pointed out that the present prosperous condition of the Lodge was in a great measure due to their exertions; brethren who had been initiated by one or other of the Past Masters of the Lodge were dispersed over all parts of the world, and he felt assured that their names, as well as that of their Lodge, would be appreciated for many years to come, and, it might be said, in every part of the civilized world. The toast of the Visitors was next proposed, and then that of the Masonic Charities was given by Bro. P.M. Greenwood, who briefly referred to the duty incumbent on every Mason to support, as far as lay in his power, those who, from unforeseen calamity, were forced to appeal to the bounty of their more fortunate brethren. Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., the joint Secretary of the Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, replied. He pointed out the praiseworthy manner in which the brethren of Kent supported the Schools belonging to the Order, and also the Institution by which the Craft provided for the aged who might fall into need, and then proceeded to explain the objects for which the Pupils' Assistance Fund had been started. He urged on the brethren of Canterbury to lend their aid in the furtherance of the objects contemplated, pointing out that each and all of the members could materially assist the fund by forwarding contributions, either of money or goods, in aid of a Fancy Bazaar to be held in London in June or July next, on behalf of the Fund. As a result of his appeal Bro. P.M. Naylor promised his services as Steward for the occasion, and other members offered to contribute, or in other ways work for the benefit of the cause. Bro. Beer, by permission of the W.M. now proposed the health of the Treasurer, pointing out the benefit that must always accrue to any

Lodge whose funds were taken care of by so painstaking a brother as Past Master Naylor. He was gratified that the brethren had recorded their votes in favour of Bro. Naylor's re-election, and he hoped that for many years to come not only that a similar compliment would be paid, but that Bro. Naylor would be among them and able to perform the duties attached to the office. Bro. Naylor, in the course of his reply, detailed the various items in connection with the accounts of the Lodge, and pointed out to the brethren their financial position in regard to the Masonic Temple that was in course of construction in the city. He heartily thanked them for their kind expressions, and hoped he might be among them and retain their confidence for many years to come. Bro. Naylor then proposed success to the Press, both Local and Masonic, coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Cattelle, as representative of the Local, and of Bro. Morgan, in connection with the Masonic journals. Each of these brethren replied, assuring the brethren that they were at all times happy to do any thing likely to advance Freemasonry or the interests of its members. Bro. Senior Warden proposed the health of the host, Bro. Shaxby, and that brother having briefly replied, the toast of the Officers was given from the chair. The W.M. felt assured that he might rely on all of the brethren who had that day been appointed to office, and hoped that, in due course, they would each be elected to the proud position he then occupied. In reply to the toast, Bro. Blamiers, the S.W., tendered a few words of thanks on behalf of himself and fellow Officers. This concluded the various items usually observed at Masonic gatherings, and accordingly the Tyler was called, and he proposed the usual closing toast. In addition to those already mentioned there were present, Bros. Major Philip H. Knight P.M. 31, E. Plume P.M. 972, H. Minell P.M., W. J. Greenwood P.M. 1449 P.P.G.P., C. Holtum P.M. 31 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, several members, and the following visitors:—Bros. John Overy Eve I.P.M. 1209, Geo. Page P.M. 1209 P.P.G.J.D., H. E. Fuhr P.M. 1208, J. H. Higgins 972, H. F. Pringuer 972, R. Ewell 31, John Wilson 972, W. H. Vile S.W. 972, C. J. Ayton W.M. 1209, H. Ward 586, 622, 1112, G. Pilcher P.M. 972, John Secra P.M. 972, A. Moulding 972, J. Holmes P.M. 1208, Davies 1013, G. Fred. Harris P.M., &c., H. Sutton 1110, A. Taylor I.P.M. 1110, J. Welsh P.M. 972, G. H. Chexfield W.M. 127, J. A. Goldfinch P.M. 1273, R. W. Philpott J.W. 1208, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, Alf. Cattelle J.D. 31, &c.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

IN our youthful days we were deeply impressed with the lively doings of an old gentleman whose qualities were always summed up by those of his acquaintance with whom we associated in the one expression—"He is a capital fellow for a dinner party." We may perhaps be pardoned if we attempt to trace a resemblance of expression and idea in the remark we hear frequently now-a-days, that So and So is the brother for an installation meeting. Well, Brother So and So has had a good time of it this past week, as our record of Installation Meetings will testify. But the printer's "devil" is at our elbow, and tells us we must "cut it short," as "the paper is already overset." Well, "devil," we'll leave our "damnable faces" and begin. The place of assembly on Saturday last was at the Ealing Institute, where the brethren congregated at 2.30. The chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Kingston, who was supported by Bro. A. Beasley I.P.M., all the Officers of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—Samuel T. Kingston S.D. 1269, Walter Goss P.M. 780, H. J. Alexander W.M. 1423, A. E. Hannis D.C. 771, D. W. Harrison S.D. 1681, W. W. Trueman J.D. 1566, T. Youens W.M. 1287, T. Brown P.M. 780, E. Hopgood P.M. 946, J. Hamilton Townend P.M. 1426, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, W. Gardiner P.M. 780, Alexander Emmerson 780, W. H. Underhill P.M. 59, J. C. Wheeler 1310. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors presented their report, which was adopted. The installation ceremony was performed by the outgoing Master, who placed Bro. Henry Kasner into the chair with the customary formalities. The W.M. was in due course saluted by the brethren, and he made the following appointments:—Bros. A. J. Burr S.W., J. Green J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, Dyer and W. Seward jun. Deacons, Fisher I.G., Delevante Organist, Wright Steward, and Harrison Tyler. The ballot was successfully taken for two candidates for initiation—Messrs. Marmaduke Wolverton Wyville, proposed by Bro. Tucker Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Roe Secretary; and Mr. Frederick Millsom, proposed by Bro. Stephens, seconded by Bro. Tucker Treasurer. These gentlemen were present, as likewise was Mr. C. P. Bellerby, who had been ballotted for at an earlier meeting. It is the custom in this Lodge to initiate all candidates separately; accordingly Mr. Bellerby was the first who was introduced, and Bro. Kasner carefully performed the ceremony in his favour. Bro. W. Seward admirably fulfilled his duties as Deacon. Bro. Kasner next signified his willingness to receive Mr. Wyville, and here Bro. Tucker acted as Deacon. Bro. Kingston I.P.M. performed the ceremony in favour of the third candidate. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and proceeded with routine work. A proposal to raise a fund for presenting a popular member of the Lodge with a tangible mark of appreciation, was entertained, and several energetic members undertook to aid in carrying out this proposition. After the tendering of congratulations and good wishes from the Visitors, Lodge was closed. The numerical strength of the membership in this Lodge has so greatly exceeded what was anticipated, that the brethren have to look about them for quarters wherein to hold their installation banquets; however, on this occasion they were singularly fortunate, as the Christ Church School-room had been placed at the disposal of the W.M., and a more comfortable apartment for the purpose it would have been difficult to find. To Bro. Stephens had been entrusted the providing of the banquet, and he had secured the

goodly help of Messrs. Chisnall, of Hammersmith, and the efforts of these worthy caterers were eminently successful. After full consideration had been given to the discussion of the good things provided, the W.M. rose to propose the toasts. The first one—"The Queen and the Craft," met with a hearty reception, and a musical party, whose services Bro. Delevante had secured, sang the National Anthem. In proposing the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Kasner referred to the period of anxiety that followed the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon. The Prince of Wales had kindly stepped into the breach thus created, and the many qualities he brought to bear on his government of the Craft were fully recognised by all Englishmen, wherever located. After "God Bless the Prince of Wales" had been sung, the W.M. proposed the third toast—"The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Past and Present." The part-song, "The Cloud Capp'd Towers," was here capitally rendered, and Bro. I.P.M. Kingston rose, and, in a few manly remarks, proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Kasner had been associated with them in the active work of the Lodge since its consecration, and all had greeted with pleasure the announcement of his election to the chair. Here Bro. Beasley sang most artistically "You'll remember me." Bro. Kasner, on rising to reply, said he scarcely knew how to express the pleasure he felt at the hearty way in which Bro. Kingston had offered the toast, and the kind way in which it had been received. He felt extremely proud at being in the position of Master of this Lodge, a position to which he was elected by the unanimous vote of the members. Indeed, he should have felt it somewhat of a barren seat if the brethren had not been unanimous. Bro. Kasner remarked that long speeches were not in his line; there were many distinguished Masons present who would like to have an opportunity of addressing the brethren, and he would, therefore, conclude by again thanking them for having placed him in his present position. In giving the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. Kasner referred to the very appropriate motto which was associated with the toast on the list,—which, by the way, was a most artistic production. The brethren might well be proud of Bro. Kingston; no better Master could have been wished for, while no better Mason breathed. He had infinite pleasure in presenting him with the jewel which the brethren had voted him. After this gift, which was much admired, had been acknowledged by Bro. Kingston, the W.M. gave the toast of the Initiates, and those three newly-made brethren acknowledged the compliment. The other toasts comprised the Visitors, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, &c. In speaking to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Kasner directed the attention of the members to the responsibility of the respective duties of those Officers, and reminded the members that each had a laudable aspiration for the post of W.M., a post for which they had special claims which he urged the members not to overlook. The several replies were terse, and offered in a desire for brevity which characterised the proceedings. The final toast was then called for, and the brethren separated. The musical party we have already referred to, but we must not forget to tender thanks to Miss Delevante for the ability she displayed throughout the evening.

UNITY LODGE, No. 1637.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore. Carriages were waiting at Harrow and Edgware Stations to convey the brethren to their destination. The Lodge was opened by Bros. W. Stephens P.M. P.G.D. Middlesex, C. J. Davis P.G.S. S.W., W. Grist J.W., E. C. Woodward P.M. Treas., W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Sec., S. A. Cooper S.D., T. W. Cooper J.D., Atkins I.G., Varley P.M. The minutes of the former and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Mr. W. R. Bristow was balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., whose working was perfect. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. J. Davis P.M. P.G.S. was presented to the Lodge, and inducted into the chair by the retiring W.M., in the presence of sixteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s. Bro. Stephens well merited the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers—W. Stephens I.P.M., W. Grist S.W., S. A. Cooper J.W., W. Stephens P.G.D. Treas. and Sec., T. W. Cooper S.D., Atkins J.D., Slyman I.G., G. Penn P.M. D.C., Linscott W.S., Oldrey Assist. W.S., Middleton Tyler. The W.M. addressed the newly-appointed Officers, who all received the congratulations of those present. Hearty good wishes were given from the Visitors. Referring to the resignation of the post of Secretary, Bro. Woodward P.M. said he regretted the decision Bro. Coombes had arrived at; his loss in that capacity would be felt, but he would propose that he be made an honorary member. Bro. Hendricks seconded the proposition, which was supported by Bro. W. Stephens P.M., who hoped the members would present Bro. Coombes with a Secretary's jewel, as every one who knew him respected him. The W.M. addressed a few pertinent remarks, and then the proposition was carried unanimously. The W.M. said he would defer the appointment of a Secretary until the next meeting. A letter of apology was read from Col. Bardett Prov.G.M., regretting not being present owing to the death of his son-in-law. The report of the audit committee was read and adopted, it showed that the furniture, &c., was paid for, and that the Lodge was in a flourishing state. A deserved compliment was paid to Bro. Coombes for the excellent manner in which the accounts were kept. The Lodge was then closed until the second Saturday in April 1880. The brethren sat down to a very simple and *recherché* banquet and dessert provided by Bro. Veal. The wines and viands were of first-rate quality. Grace having been sung by Bros. Cattle and Knight-Smith, the W.M. said that many Brethren had to return to town, and necessarily his speeches would be short, but he hoped his remarks would be to the purpose. He then gave the

Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was sung, Bro. Knight-Smith taking the solos. The health of the M.W.G.M. was received with enthusiastic cheers, and Bro. Cantle sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M., in speaking to the toast of the Pro G. Master, referred to the arduous duties of that worthy and esteemed Brother; he has always a kind word for every one, and his judgments have been unerring. After Bro. Murlis had favoured the company with "The Lass of Richmond Hill," the toast of the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers followed, and Bros. Knight-Smith and J. I. Cantle gave the duet "Excelsior." The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master Col. Burdett was next toasted. Bro. Davis said he was initiated before the province was constituted; Col. Burdett is one who takes a great interest in Freemasonry, and his was a toast that was always well received throughout the Province. This toast was followed by that of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the Officers, for which Bros. Stephens, Swallow, and Coombes replied. Bro. W. Stephens I.P.M. then rose to propose the health of the W.M. They were all proud of Bro. Davis, and all acknowledged his worth. He but expressed the sentiments of every member of the Lodge when he trusted their W.M. might have a happy and a prosperous year of office. Bro. Davis thanked Bro. Stephens for the kind expressions he had given utterance to, and the brethren for the hearty way they had responded. He was received into Freemasonry in the district that now comprised the Province of Middlesex. When the Unity Lodge was started he was asked to join it. This he did, and received the post of Senior Deacon. He must congratulate the brethren on the removal of the Lodge; he felt a great pleasure in being elected its W.M., and he hoped he might have as successful a year as that he enjoyed when filling the chair of No. 382. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiate, who might congratulate himself on being received into this Lodge, as the number of members was limited. It was desirable to have members like Bro. Bristow, who had paid great attention to the ceremony, and he was sure he would be a credit to the Order. After this toast had been suitably acknowledged, the W.M. gave that of the Visitors. After a reply from Bro. Pattison W.M. 1678, the claims of the Masonic Charities were forcibly brought before the brethren. We have with us to-night one of the representatives of those Charities, an honorary member of our Lodge. He is a very hardworking member in the noble cause, and he felt it a great pleasure in proposing "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities," coupling with it the name of Bro. James Terry. Bro. James Terry, in replying, did the cause he pleads so well goodly service; he informed the brethren that the R.W. the Earl of Zetland would take the chair at the next Festival, and Bro. King was so impressed with Bro. Terry's eloquence that he consented to act as Steward on behalf of the Lodge. The toast of the Past Masters was replied to by Bro. W. Stephens Treasurer and I.P.M.; he informed the members that the Lodge was free from debt, and declared his determination to look well after the interests of the members. Bro. Woodward followed. He was pleased to see Bro. James Terry present; he has a good and kind word for every one. As a founder of this Lodge, he (Bro. Woodward) was proud of it; he was sure it would prosper under such a W.M. and Officers. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens and other Officers, for which compliment each brother referred to replied. With the toast of the Masonic Press was associated the name of Bro. H. M. Levy, who, in responding, said that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE was started on liberal and independent principles, and it was gratifying to know that the way it was conducted was approved of by the majority of its supporters. In due course the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren returned to town. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Reed P.M. 733, W. Murlis P.M. 1662, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, C. Daniel W.M. 65, W. Brown P.M. 65, Parkhouse W.M. 1642, Rea 1096, Williams W.M. 874, Glover 1489, W. B. Brown 1612, J. I. Cantle W.M. 1257, J. Knight-Smith W.M. 1441, B. Swallow P.P.G.D. Middlesex, C. Hickling 538, James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts; J. Hurdell 1348, Pattison W.M. 1678, Rea 1069, Willing Holmesdale, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1558.

THE anniversary and installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 9th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. Bro. Walter Mitchell W.M. presided; Bro. Runacres S.W. and W.M. elect, Chalk J.W., Boyton S.D., Power J.D., Dunn Secretary; Past Masters Cackett and Sleaf, and the following Visitors—H. A. Robinson Prosperity Lodge, Smith 1158, H. Thompson 1126 and P.M. 178 and 1158, Veomans 167, Macan 26, Hilton 1475, J. Dixon P.M. 1728, Malthouse 1623, Sandall 907, Renaut 1623, Bott 1839, Bath 788, E. Dodson P.M. 72, Graham 1513. The Lodge having been opened in the first and second degrees, Bro. G. H. Trenchaw was examined as to the progress he had made in the science; his answers being considered satisfactory, he retired, and the lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Sleaf P.M. taking the chair, and Bro. Trenchaw was impressively raised to the degree of M.M. The Lodge was lowered to the second degree, when Bro. Dunn P.M. and Secretary presented Bro. Runacres the W.M. elect to receive the benefit of installation. Afterwards a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Runacres was duly installed into the chair of K.S.; on the brethren being re-admitted, he received the customary salutes. Bro. Dunn acted as Director of Ceremonies. The new W.M. then appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. Chalk S.W., Boyton J.W., Dunn P.M. and Secretary, Corpe Treasurer, Power S.D., Taylor J.D., Sims I.G., Harris D.C., Emens W.S., J. R. Smith A.W.S., Wilkins Organist, and H. Thomas Tyler. The W.M. said his first duty was a very pleasing one, as it was to present his predecessor and immediate Past Master with a jewel, which had been voted to him by the brethren, in acknowledgment of his valuable

services during the year he had presided over them as W.M. of the Lodge; and in attaching it to his breast, he hoped he might long live to wear it, and afterwards that it might be preserved as an heirloom in his family, and be passed down from generation to generation. The jewel is a very splendid one, and bore the following inscription:—

Presented to Bro. WALTER MITCHELL,
By the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558,
On his retiring from the Master's chair,
October 1879.

Bro. Mitchell P.M. said he thought he should best consult the wishes of the brethren by deferring any observations he had to offer until a later period of the evening. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. At its conclusion, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. W. Mitchell, in proposing the health of the W.M., said he was sure he would prove as good a Master as ever sat in the chair, and perhaps better. He found out his good qualities during the time he had worked under him, and therefore he needed no recommendation on his part. Bro. Runacres was constant in his attendance during every year he had been a member of the Lodge; he had the welfare of it at heart, and he was sure that their W.M. would do all in his power to promote the interests of the members. Words failed him to speak what he should wish to say on behalf of the W.M., but had he not possessed their good opinion they would never have elected him to fill the chair; he could only say that if Bro. Runacres only carried out in Masonry the good qualities which distinguished him in private life, the brethren would have no reason to regret the choice they had made. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said the very flattering speech that Bro. Mitchell had just addressed to them had so much taken him aback that he knew not what to say. He would say, however, that they might take it for granted that he would do all in his power to make the Duke of Connaught Lodge one of the best Lodges in London. They now numbered forty-four members, and that was as many as they required, for their wish was they should only admit those who would prove a credit to them, and such men as they should feel a pleasure in having to sit beside them. The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters of the Duke of Connaught Lodge," and Bro. Mitchell I.P.M., in returning thanks, acknowledged the honour conferred upon him; he was grateful for the confidence reposed in him during his year of office, when he had done everything in his power, to the utmost limit of his capacity. Bros. Sleaf and Cackett also returned thanks. "The Visitors," and some other toasts were given, and responded to. Bro. Chalk entertained the brethren with some choice ballads during the evening, for which he was deservedly applauded; and the brethren separated, well pleased with this truly fraternal meeting.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, 1, Fleet-street, on Wednesday. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities by Bro. John Douglass, who was supported by a numerous assembly of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. E. E. Barratt Kidder J.D. 12, S. Hollidge 1602, B. Kauffmann 1732, Leon Jacobs I.G. 1732, T. W. Kingston P.M. 1107 912 615 P.P.G.D.C. Kent, A. Dawkerrell I.G. 145, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, H. Stevens 1732, H. A. Dubois P.G.J.W. Middx., C. Reingpach 392 G.O. France, J. Cherry 19, P. G. W. Guyer 1288, W. Read 177, C. Harcourt 1319, A. Hubbard 1732, J. L. Simpson 1076, W. Walden 49, W. Medcalf 206, E. F. Pierdon 948, A. Mulford J.W. 1288, T. Wilson D.C. 1328, W. Searle 907, M. S. Boyle 1777, J. J. Wine 862, J. Terry P.P.G.W. Herts Sec. R.M.B.I., C. B. Patland 1732, J. H. Lamer 733, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, Bradshaw Brown J.W. 1, G. W. Churchley P.M. 615, F. Morgan 169, &c. Bro. C. J. Scales the W.M. elect occupied the position of S.W., Side J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treas., G. Clark acted as S.D., Colls J.D., Edmonds as I.G., and H. Lovegrove Steward. Among the Past Masters were Bros. Kingham and Michael. After the confirmation of the minutes the report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. On the proposition of Bro. Stiles, seconded by Bro. Kingham, the sanction of the Lodge was given for the removal of the Lodge of Instruction held under the sanction of this Lodge to the Moorgate Station Restaurant. Bro. Weiss, of No. 145, was passed to the second degree, and then Bro. Scales was formally presented for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was ably performed by the outgoing Master Bro. John Douglass. The following brethren were, in due course, appointed and invested as officers for the coming year—W. Side S.W., W. M. Stiles J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treas., J. J. Michael P.M. Sec., G. Colls S.D., H. Stiles J.D., J. Clark I.G., H. Lovegrove D.C., G. W. Brunell and T. Gilbert jun. Stewards, J. Daily Tyler. The installation ceremony was then completed and the W.M. called upon to show his proficiency, there being two candidates for initiation, viz.—Messrs. H. Connolly and C. Rooks; each of these gentlemen were admitted to a participation in the secrets of Freemasonry, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Previous to doing so, Bro. Michael proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Douglass for the able way in which he had installed his successor, this was seconded by Bro. Willing, and carried with acclamation. It was then announced that the W.M. had undertaken the office of Steward for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and as it was pointed out that the Lodge was already Vice President of one branch of that Fund, a hope was expressed that on the occasion of the Master's Stewardship sufficient money would be forthcoming to entitle the Lodge to the rank of Vice Patron. Bro. Michael also offered his services to represent the Lodge at other of the Festivals, and trusted that the year on which they had just started would be marked for the amount devoted by the Lodge to the Charities of the Order. Nothing further offering the Lodge was closed, the brethren proceeding to the banquet hall where a first rate repast awaited them.

Bros. Clemow personally superintended the service, and although they had the capabilities of their establishment fairly tested, proved they were equal to the task demanded of them. One thing the W.M. mentioned previous to proposing the toasts was that during his year of office brevity would be observed by the chair, and he hoped followed by members. If the speeches on this occasion are a criterion of what may be expected in the future, we may assume the remarks of the W.M. will be acted on thoroughly. The usual first three toast were quickly disposed of, Bro. Douglass proposed the health of the W.M., merely remarking that the present was the first occasion on which Bro. Scales had been thus honoured, and he (Bro. Douglass) hoped therefore that the response would be a hearty one. Bro. Scales thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master. Bro. Douglass had, he said, by installing him that evening, conferred on him the greatest honour it was possible to receive from a Lodge. He had very great pleasure in carrying out the wishes of the brethren and investing Bro. Douglass with the Past Master's jewel which had been voted from the Lodge Funds. Bro. Douglass in acknowledgment tendered his hearty thanks. If the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening had met the approval of the Lodge he was highly gratified. He hoped the brethren were satisfied with what he had done for the Lodge during the past twelve months; the very handsome jewel they had presented to him led him to believe that such was the case; and for it and their support during the term of his Mastership, he tendered the heartiest thanks. Bro. Scales now proposed the health of the Past Masters; the toast was one that had been so often proposed, and the brethren it included were so well known, it was quite unnecessary to dilate long on their merits; he hoped the brethren who had occupied the chair of the Lodge in years past would for a long time to come be found in their respective places in the Lodge, where they would always command, and, he felt sure, receive the greatest respect. Bro. Willing in replying tendered his congratulations to Bro. Scales on his promotion to the chair of his Mother Lodge and likewise the Lodge on having so early initiated a brother who had proved himself capable in performing the various duties he had undertaken. It was a great satisfaction to the Past Masters to see the brethren they had initiated fill the chairs of the Lodge. Bro. Michael considered that his office of Secretary was one requiring him to write rather than speak. He was pleased to see the Lodge in the position to which it had risen, and pointed out the great credit that attached to the members in having so zealously supported the Charities on each opportunity that had arisen since the Lodge was consecrated. He thought the idea of giving up one of the banquets, and devoting the money that would thus have been spent was a good one, and hoped that, should the present Master see fit to adopt such a course during his year of office, the members would attend in as great a number as usual, and show they were really sincere in their support of the Institutions. He should ask each brother, on some future occasion, to put a few shillings towards making the Lodge a Vice-President of the various Charities. Bro. Kingham followed; in a few words mainly supporting Bro. Michael's plan for placing the Lodge in the proud position of Vice-President of the Institutions. Bro. Scales now proposed the health of the initiates. The two received that evening were worthy brethren, and likely to advance the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Rooks thanked the members; he greatly appreciated the compliment that had been paid him in receiving him into the Lodge. Bro. Connolly likewise thanked the brethren. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, calling upon Bro. Dubois to respond. That brother, on behalf of himself and fellow Visitors, expressed the gratification they felt at hearing that the rule in the Lodge had been for each Master to instal his successor; he considered such a course was of great benefit to a Lodge, and any brother who thus finished his year of office was entitled to greater honour than could otherwise accrue to him. Bro. Brown followed, complimenting the Lodge on its efficient Officers; he should endeavour to emulate their example, and point them out as a pattern for young brethren to copy. Bro. Cherry also replied. The toast of the Charities followed, Bro. Terry responding. He urged the brethren to support their Master in the laudable endeavour he had promised to make to place the Lodge among the V.-P.'s of the Benevolent Institution, this was a position attained by only 30 of the 1845 Lodges on the roll of English Grand Lodge, and the fact of so young a Lodge as the Metropolitan qualifying itself would reflect the greatest credit on all connected with it. The next toast was that of the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge, which was heartily proposed and responded to by each of the Officers there present, all of whom expressed their intention to work in their new offices as much for the benefit of the Lodge as was possible. The Tyler's toast followed, and thus the proceedings terminated.

ROYAL HANOVER LODGE, No. 1777, HOUNSLOW.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 11th inst. The Lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock, by the W.M. Bro. H. A. Dubois Prov. J.G.W. P.M. P.Z., &c., supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove S.W., G. Clark jun. J.W., W. Ramsey Hon. I.P.M., H. B. Marshall Treas., H. Clark S.D., C. C. Cruikshanks J.D., F. J. Perks D.C., G. S. Graham Organist, J. Daly Tyler; also Bros. M. S. Larham P.M., Heelis, Gritten, W. S. Dunkley, C. A. White, Wood, Villars, &c., members of the Lodge; and Bros. J. F. Weust P.M. 753, W. Browne Kidder P.M. 12, G. W. Dixon P.M. 209 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, E. W. Dubois 1216, J. O. Carter P.M. 209 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, Bassett Keeling, and W. M. Stiles W.M. 1732, Visitors.

After the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting, and confirmation of the same, the ballot was taken for Bros. E. W. Dubois and Cannon as joining members; the ballot was then taken for four gentlemen for initiation—Messrs. Elliott, Thorn, Holliday, and Boyle, which being unanimous they were admitted, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Considerable interest attached to the initiation of Mr. Boyle, who is the Consul representing the Republic of Liberia at Sierra Leone, and is a native of the latter colony. The W.M. then left the chair, which was taken by Bro. Mark S. Larham P.M. M.E.Z., for the purpose of proceeding with the installation. Bro. Dubois W.M. then presented Bro. H. Lovegrove S.W. W.M. elect, who assented to the usual charges, and having been obligated, the brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, with Bros. Dixon as S.W., Stiles as J.W., Ramsey as I.G.; and Bro. Henry Lovegrove was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient form. The new W.M. having declared the Board of Installed Masters closed, the brethren were admitted, and saluted him in the three degrees, after which the addresses were very ably given by the Installing Officer. The Officers were then invested as follows:—Bros. G. Clark jun. S.W., Harry Clark J.W., C. C. Cruikshanks S.D., F. J. Perks J.D., W. S. Dunkley I.G., W. Heelis D.C., T. G. W. Wood W.S., G. S. Graham Org., and J. Daly Tyler. The retiring W.M. was invested as I.P.M., and Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S. was invested as Treasurer, the W.M. alluding to his re-election to that office, and his liberality to the Masonic Charities during the past year. A letter was read from Bro. H. C. Levander Prov. Grand Secretary, announcing that the M.W. Pro. Grand Master had consented to the removal of the Lodge to the Albany Hotel, at Twickenham, an announcement which was received with much pleasure by the brethren. After receiving some names for initiation, and passing a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer for his services, the Lodge was closed in due form. The retiring W.M. declined to accept any recognition of his services until the Lodge had been longer established. At seven o'clock the members and visitors assembled at the banquet at the Red Lion Hotel. The printed list of toasts was appropriately embellished with texts from Shakspeare, arranged by the W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. Bro. H. Lovegrove. Those of the Prov. G.M. Col. F. Burdett and the Provincial Grand Lodge being especially well received. The latter was responded to by the I.P.M., who, owing to the meetings of other Lodges, was the only Provincial Grand Officer present. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M. who alluded to the energy shown by him in the formation and working of the Lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and proposed that of the I.P.M., who had skillfully managed the affairs of the Lodge. Bro. G. Clark S.W. suitably responded for the Officers. In proposing the health of the initiates, the W.M. made some pleasing remarks about their private life, as two of them had been known to him for some years, and their initiate from Africa for over sixteen years. Bro. Stiles W.M. of the Kings Cross Lodge responded on behalf of the Visitors, and congratulated the W.M. on his advancement, also on the Officers who had been appointed by him. As the time for the departure of the last train approached, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren departed after spending a very pleasant evening.

Venerable Order of St. Laurence, Ebor Lodge.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at York on Thursday evening, at which were present Bros. G. Simpson R.W.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. as J.W., M. Millington S.D., T. Humphries I.G., W. P. Husband K. of G., A. T. B. Turner Sec., L. Murphy, S. F. Bousfield, P. Pearson Tyler. The degree was conferred upon Bro. J. J. Wilkes, Restoration Lodge No. 111, Darlington. Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave a report of the proceedings at a meeting he had attended at the Alexandra Palace on the 9th August, for the purpose of forming a Council of Side Degrees. The Lodge expressed its general approval of the course adopted, and after some conversation and suggestions relating to the government of the Order of St. Laurence, the Lodge was closed.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, W.C. on Saturday, 11th October 1879.

COLONEL JOHN CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by Ballot, of 18 children into the Institution, from a list of 48 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

On List.		On Poll	
5.	Deeley, Agnes A. ...	1	1358
48.	Bladon, Maud Eva ...	2	1352
17.	Fellows, C. A. (last) ...	3	1348
20.	Kirke, Alice Clara ...	4	1279
26.	Tipper, M. Harrison ...	5	1265
30.	Rogers, Beatrice A. ...	6	1265
21.	Lang, Margaret E. ...	7	1253
1.	Sampson, M. J. (last) ...	8	1248
15.	Dawson, Alice May ...	9	1231
3.	Keighly, H. G. (last) ...	10	1225
19.	Hicks, Edith ...	11	1206
7.	Hart, Eva C. H. ...	12	1194
13.	Hill, Emily S. H. ...	13	1179
4.	Allison, Ethel F. W. ...	14	1148
40.	White, A. Louisa ...	15	1118
44.	Wilson, Jessie D. ...	16	1101
25.	Pratt, Clara ...	17	1072
14.	Wain, Fanny E. ...	18	1041

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next Election, if eligible.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, 13th of October 1879.

V.W. Bro. Col. Jno. Creaton (P.G.D.), G. Treasurer, V.P., Trustee, in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the Election of Sixteen Boys from an approved list of Seventy-seven candidates, at the close of which the following were declared duly elected:—

	Votes Poll		Votes Poll
1. Stone, Percy Herbert ...	1815	9. Godfrey, F. Frankland ...	1524
2. Johnson, John Charles ...	1734	10. Wilkinson, Percy C. ...	1523
3. Garston, Paul Belmont ...	1697	11. Wagstaff, C. Chammann ...	1519
4. Beckett, Ernest George ...	1663	12. Young, Jno. Alfred ...	1510
5. Watt, Emanuel ...	1611	13. Henderson, John ...	1504
6. Healey, William Henry ...	1603	14. Murgatroyd, Jno. R. ...	1474
7. Hounslow, Herbert R. ...	1568	15. Bazley, W. H. ...	1467
8. Arpden, Albert G. ...	1555	16. Allin, Chas. J. F. ...	1457

List of Candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office.

FREDERICK BINCKES V.P., P.G. Steward,
Secretary.

13th October 1879.

MRS. HOUNSLOW begs leave to tender her sincere thanks to the numerous friends to whose kindly aid is due the election of her son Herbert Richard Hounslow, to one of the vacancies in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the poll on Monday, the 13th instant. He stood 7th, with 1568 votes.

BRO. C. H. WEBB, P.M. 1607, tenders his sincere thanks to those brethren who so kindly helped him in advancing the candidature of Mary Ann Amelia Wyatt. Though unsuccessful at the election on Saturday last, Bro. Webb is none the less mindful of the strenuous exertions made by those who worked for this case.

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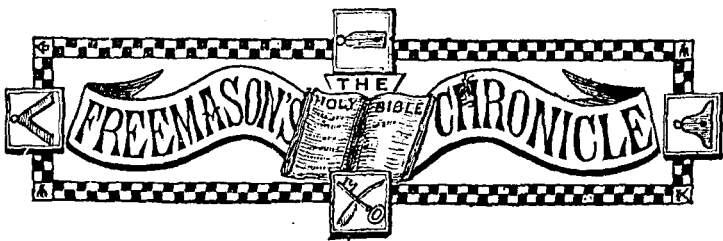
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FREEMASONRY AT PALMOUTH.

A Meeting of unusual importance and interest was held on Monday evening in the Masonic Hall, Falmouth, by the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, in celebration of the Centenary of the "Freemasons' Hall Fund," established in 1779, to which this ancient Lodge subscribed so liberally that the Grand Lodge presented the members with a silver medal, to be worn by the W.M. for the time being so long as the Lodge lasted. This distinction has been conferred on only three other Lodges out of London, the nearest of which is No. 41, Bath, and the other two are 154, Wakefield, and 237, Swansea. The medal has been quite lost sight of for many years, and on inquiry cannot now be found, so a duplicate has been obtained, and the W.M. was invested therewith for the first time on the evening of the celebration of the Centenary. Bro. HUGHAN was called upon to furnish a sketch of the medal and its historical associations, which he did most readily, and Colonel J. W. PERD, the newly-appointed D. Prov. G.M., congratulated the members on being the possessors of so rare and highly-valued a souvenir from the Grand Lodge of England. The D.P.G.M. was warmly received, and unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. W. C. BORLASE, F.S.A., added his congratulations, and it was dis-

covered during the evening that his great, great grandfather, the celebrated historian and antiquary of the county, was initiated as a member of the Lodge in 1751, and was its first Chaplain. Several votes, expressive of the character of the meeting, to be recorded on the minutes, were duly passed, and all united in considering the event as one not surpassed in importance in the annals of the Lodge, the whole of the proceedings having afforded the utmost satisfaction. The following were present in honour of the occasion, viz.:—Bros. W. J. Hughan P.S.G.D. of England, Colonel J. W. Peard D.P.G.M. of Cornwall, William C. Borlase, F.S.A., P.P.G.S.W., John Vivian P.P.G.S.B., W. F. Newman P.P.G.S.D., F. Dennis P.P.G.P., T. C. Polglase P.P.G.A.D.C., Michael Little P.M. 75, W. H. Dunstan P.P.S. of W., Harry Tilly P.G. Reg., W. L. Fox W.M. 75, John H. Michell P.M. 589, J. Wallace S.W. 75, W. D. Rogers J.W., Richard Carter P.P.G. Organist and Sec. 75, and visitors from Lodges beyond the county, as also a large number of the members of No. 75. At the supper several happy speeches were made, and much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe.

We extract the following from the *Norwich Argus* :—

The Craft in Norwich have at length fallen upon what they consider comfortable quarters away from the contaminating influence of hotels and taverns. The residence of the late Mr. H. Bolingbroke, situate at 23 St. Giles'-street, coming to the hammer, a couple of speculating Masons went in for the purchase thereof, and with Bro. H. A. Wooster Reeves as Secretary, and "having the cordial support of R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord Suffield, a Masonic Club has been started with all the usual facilities of such places. Subscription, one guinea per annum." It remains to be seen how this will succeed. Anyhow, three Lodges have already located themselves at No. 23 for their usual monthly meetings—Walpole taking the initiative (with a splendid opening last Thursday evening), followed by Cabbell and Perseverance, and it is expected Social and Sincerity will come in shortly, and, may be, the aristocratic Union; this latter, however, we doubt, unless his lordship smiles benignly and says yes. Provincial Grand Lodge this year is also to be held in this house, and as the ruling powers are going in strictly for economy, and do not intend advertising in the local press, we give their announcement free, gratis, for nothing. Major Peirce, D.P.G.M., is unaccountably averse to newspaper reports of Masonic banquets, and expressed himself to that effect at the opening of the new North Walsham (Suffield) Lodge the other day, and yet half a column appeared in our non-Masonic daily contemporary—full of inaccuracies, we admit, nevertheless it must have been supplied by a brother standing well in the Craft. How was this? Here is the circular above alluded to :—

"PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK."—The Right Honourable Lord Suffield, K.C.B., R.W.G.M., Major Peirce D.P.G.M.—Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of this Province will be holden at No. 23 St. Giles'-street, Norwich, on Friday, 17th October 1879, at half-past twelve o'clock precisely, when and where the provincial Grand Officers, Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens are summoned to attend, and at which all Master Masons are invited to be present. [Here follows the agenda.] At half-past three o'clock the brethren will assemble in the School-room in the Cathedral Cloisters, and from thence proceed, in their Masonic Clothing, to the Cathedral, for Divine Service, at four o'clock, when the Rev. H. T. Griffith, Felmingham Rectory, P.G.C., will preach a sermon. H. G. Barwell P.G. Sec. A. Banquet at Cooper's Restaurant, Bank-plain, Norwich, at 6 o'clock, at which the R.W. Prov. G.M. will preside. Tickets 11/ each (to include half a bottle of champagne), to be obtained of W. Bro. James Dunsford P.P.G.S.D., St. Giles'-street, Norwich, and of Bro. H. A. Wooster Reeves, No. 23 St. Giles'-street, Norwich, not later than Tuesday, the 14th inst."

Touching this migration to "Cooper's," we have received a letter from "A Mason," protesting against holding a Masonic banquet "under the roof of the greatest Atheist in the Eastern Counties, when we have such respectable hotels in our midst." These hotels are many of them Lodge houses, held by brethren, who naturally feel aggrieved that they should be passed over in favour of one—however good a caterer—who reviles at religion, and holds Freemasonry in contempt. The matter has created some stir among the Craft in the Province.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under :

At the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, 20th October. Bro. Martin, of the Southwark Park Lodge, No. 879, will occupy the chair of W.M. on this occasion, and the Lodge will be opened at seven p.m.

At the La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on Wednesday, 22nd October. Bros. J. Hurdell I.G. 1318 W.M., E. Farwig W.M. 180 S.W., W. J. Burgess I.G. 1472 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. L. G. Langdon, G. A. Cundy, T. W. Cooper, E. Child, J. Paul, C. A. Woods, E. White. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. A. Ginger, W. J. Burgess, W. C. Smith, E. Farwig, R. F. Potter. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. J. Hemming, G. Festa, D. M. Belfrage. Lodge will be opened at seven p.m.

At the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 23rd October. Bro. Ellis P.M. 933, in the chair. Bros. Webb P.M. 1607 Preceptor S.W., Musto P.M. 1319 J.W., T. J. Barnes P.M. 551, 933 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Valentine, Da Silva, Vocal, McDonald, D. Moss, Slaiter, Webb. SECOND

LECTURE—Bros. King, Forss, Grammer, W. Hogg, Musto. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Maidwell, West. At seven precisely.

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, 24th October. Bros. Squirrel W.M. 206 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Woods S.D. 145 J.W., Fox 201 I.G. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Radford, Kearney, Smith, Abell, Snelling, Gush, Tate. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Morgan, Fox, Larchin, Woods, McCulloch. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Briggs, Lardner, Creak. At six p.m. precisely.

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 25th October. Bros. Lardner 1625 W.M., D. Moss 1275 S.W., J. A. Powell S.W. 186 J.W., R. Pearcy W.M. 228 Preceptor. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Giller, J. Lorkin, W. Bartle, A. W. Fenner, C. Lorkin, Slaiter, J. A. Powell. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. J. Gibbs, D. Moss, A. McMillan, H. R. Hallam sen., J. Garrod. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. A. Trewinnard, H. Hall, F. Brasted. At seven p.m.

At the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 28th October. Bros. Moss 1275 W.M., Webb P.M. 1607 S.W., Brasted J.W. 1521 J.W., Wallington P.M. 860 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Giller, Greenwood, Carr, Christian, Forss, Lardner, Slaiter. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Wardell, Webb, Taylor, C. Lorkin, Stephens. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Brasted, J. Lorkin, W. Wallington. At seven p.m. precisely.

At the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, W., on Thursday, 30th October. Bros. E. Farwig W.M. 180 W.M., W. Cloghorn I.G. 1287 S.W., G. West W.M. 1287 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Cane, Jupe, Tribbel, West, Staton, Kerrill, Christie. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Reed, Burgess Forbes, Cloghorn, Adair. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Homming, Paul, Lancaster. At seven p.m.

At the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, on Saturday, 1st November. Bro. Koester P.M. will take the chair, assisted by Bros. Kew P.M. as S.W. and G. Baker P.M. as J.W. At seven precisely.

The Ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Geo. King P.M. Preceptor, at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, at Bro. Wright's Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday, 21st September, at seven p.m. Brethren are invited to attend. Bro. A. Withers W.M. 211 Hon. Sec.

The nuptials of Bro. T. O. Bass, No. 147, of 33 Hatton Garden, and Miss Ellen Roberts, were celebrated on Monday, 13th instant, at St. Andrews Church, Holborn, in presence of a numerous assemblage of private friends and brethren, by the Rev. Mr. Blunt. Mendelssohn's March was played on the departure of the wedding party, who, thirty-two in all, were conveyed in seven carriages to the Crystal Palace, where they sat down to a sumptuous déjeuner and dessert, provided by Bros. Bartram and Roberts. Bro. Bass, bridegroom, in appropriate terms, responded to the toast of the bride and bridegroom. Bro. S. Rawley, P.M. 174, made many complimentary remarks in recounting his early association with, and knowledge of Bro. Bass's good qualities; but to know him was to respect him as a good and charitable man. He hoped the step he had taken would open a source of happiness to him and his bride. Bro. H. M. Levy responded to the toast of the bridesmaids, and Bro. J. R. Sweasey for the Visitors. As another old friend of Bro. Bass, he bore testimony to his excellent qualities. The health of Bro. Ray, who had the control of the day's proceedings, which gave great satisfaction, met with a hearty reception. Several ladies and gentlemen contributed to the amusement of the company, particularly Mrs. Bladen and Bro. Thomas, and, amidst a shower of rice, the bride and bridegroom departed on their wedding trip, and the guests returned to town. Among the company were Bros. John Coutts, S. Rawley, J. R. Sweasey, A. Thompson, Blake, Weatherly, Simpson, Hubbert, Stanton, Bladen, H. M. Levy, &c.

ANCIENT CARTHAGE LODGE, No. 1717, AT TUNIS, NORTH AFRICA.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 4th October. Present—W. Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M. W.M., Bros. J. H. Stevens S.W., Dr. Perini J.W., A. Blanch Treas., M. Lumbruso Sec., V. C. Clement D. of C., G. Pentecost S.D., V. Fiazi as J.D., Professor S. Soumer Interpreter, J. Lumbruso Org., M. de Gamaiz I.G., and J. Eymon Tyler. Hon. F.M.'s Sulena and Magnani, and more than fifty brethren. Visitors—W. Bro. Vais 33°, and Professor Ayra representing the Italian Lodge Risorgimento; Bro. Carretto J.W. 1865 E.C., and others. The minutes having been confirmed, W. Bro. T. F. Reade P.D.D.G.M. Egypt and P.M. 1068 E.C., British Political Agent and Consul General at Tunis, was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge. The D.D.G.M. then proceeded to instal Bro. Dr. Perini as W.M. for the ensuing year, in ancient form. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers :—W. Bro. A. M. Broadley I.P.M. and Hon. Sec., Bros. Professor Soumer S.W., G. Pentecost J.W., Blanch Treas., Cassuto Assist. Sec., General Elias Musali Interpreter, I. Ben Zineb Assist. Interpreter, A. Bokobsa D. of C., B. Padoi A.D. of C., M. D. Gamaiz S.D., V. Finzi J.D., Cassar, Jessel and Pateologo Stewards, and J. Lumbruso Organist. The ceremony of installation concluded, Bro. J. Eymon was elected and invested as Tyler. The current business of the Lodge was then transacted, and the Hon. Sec. handed to the Treasurer £5, voted by the D.G. Lodge of Malta in aid of the widow of a deceased brother. The annual banquet was fixed for the 18th inst., to which day the Lodge was adjourned.

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THE OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with interest Bro. Gould's paragraph respecting the Old Concord Lodge. I do not know where to address him direct, so will feel obliged if you will kindly inform him, with my compliments, that he need not remain in doubt about the exact date of its origin as the Lodge possesses the original warrant. At the present moment it is in the care of our W.M. Bro. Gaubert, 85 High-street, Kensington, who would, I have no doubt, be pleased to exhibit it to any one interested.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ARTHUR E. GLADWELL,

(Old Concord 171).

24 Great Ormond-street, 13th Oct. 1879.

"UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The only unfavourable critique of the above work I have yet seen is that of your contemporary, *The Freemason*, in its number of the 11th inst. I should be sorry to attribute this to any other than a fair expression of opinion were it not for circumstances known to myself and relating to the existence of press rivalry. Nor should I notice it at all but for assertions which are not warranted by fact, and which, if uncontradicted, might materially influence for evil the decision of the question at issue. The first of these assertions is fully answered at pages 93-95 of the work itself, wherein is set out the difference of opinion of *The Freemason* in 1878 from that expressed by the same publication in 1870. What in the earlier year was designated "a great movement, deserving the serious attention of every thoughtful Mason," is now condemned as "meddlesome interference;" what then had "long been a source of mortification and pain to witness," it is now alike "unnecessary and uncalled-for" to attempt to remedy. "The promulgation of an 'orthodox' and unchangeable ritual," which was then "one of the most desirable reforms," would now be "utterly injurious to industry and energy in our Officers, and to true and educated and sensible Freemasons." What was then "a strange anomaly," is now "an allowable difference." "The modest request which we are sure will be granted by Grand Lodge," now reads "we feel persuaded ourselves that Grand Lodge will never consent to any such proposition." Is this consistency? Does it warrant the statement, "We have never changed our opinion on this vexatious question?" Whilst I wrote on this subject in the pages of *The Freemason*, was ever a word printed adverse to the arguments I then advanced? On the contrary, the correspondent who is now credited with "zeal which, in our opinion, outruns his discretion," then "indicated a remedy which we believe would prove effectual." I could quote and quote to prove this glaring evidence of inconsistency, and also of many other departures from the truly Masonic manner in which your contemporary was originally conducted, setting aside altogether its late extraordinary articles wherein inverted commas shield slang epithets which are abusive of the Order it professes to represent, but *qui bono*? It will not be through the influence of *The Freemason*, or any other journal, that the "great movement" will have ultimate success, but through the sterling good sense of the intelligent portion of the brotherhood represented by the members of the Grand Lodge itself. My work is but a preparation for still greater efforts in that direction, and I am daily favoured by communications from all parts of the kingdom which will strengthen and increase my zeal without, as I believe and hope, lessening my discretion. I am not the first, nor shall I be the last, whom certain editors have deemed indiscreet because their opinions are outrageously opposed to any project not of their own introduction; but as powerful as the fourth estate may be, there are yet tribunals before which submission must be made if the judgment arrived at is a proper one. To such a tribunal amongst Masons I am about to appeal, well supported, I hope, by able and intelligent men, who see the errors I see and what they are leading to, and I await the result, whatever it may be, with a sound conviction that the required remedy will be, if not as soon as practicable, yet, in no distant date, carried into effect. Were it not so I could not accept, as I do, on late Bro. Oliver's 75th aphorism, "Whoever promulgates any new scheme for the benefit of Masonry must expect and receive applause if he be successful, and marked derision and degradation if he have the misfortune to fail." May it should be said but no victory was ever yet won without a risk of defeat; and there would be no triumph without an adversary. I am equal to either fortune, and scorn to let "I dare not wait upon I would."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

F.S.—I have sent a verbatim copy of this letter to the *Freemason* to be used by its Editor as he may see fit. J. S. Clapham, S.W., 13th Oct. 1879.

A WOMAN'S PLACE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Your remarks on ladies joining Masons attending banquets are meant I know in good part. I, as a Mason's wife of twenty years' standing, must differ with you. I think an outing good for every man, and it would be selfish for any lady to deny her husband such pleasure, as she must know a little recreation is good, and if men are not to move without their wives, I am afraid they will become a henpecked lot. I am sure my wiser sisters will admit Masonry is not for ladies, nor have we any desire to join even in the social portion of the "work." I hope it will be a long while before ladies, spite the rapid strides women are making into men's pursuits, are initiated into Masonry, if only at the festive board, as undoubtedly a man's privilege only.

I am, Dear Sir,

ONE WHO LOVES HER LORD

Chapter of Fidelity, No. 477, Birkenhead.—The first meeting of this Chapter, after the recess, was held on Wednesday, the 1st instant, when the following Officers and members were present—Companions John G. Adams Z., John Dutton H., William Bennett J., Donald Fraser P.Z. Treas., Samuel Jones P.Z. S.E., Frederick Thompson S.N., Arthur K. Gardiner P.S., James T. Thompson and Enoch Evans Assist. Sojs., William Hopkinson D.C., James H. Holloway Janitor; Henry Seaman, James Marsh, George Lloyd, William Penk, Thomas Barrow, John West, Wm. Scholefield, James Thomson, Robert Hamilton, George Dicken, Alexander Russell, John Hooper, Charles Berry, and Thomas Shaw H. 605. The Chapter having been opened in ancient form, Bros. William J. Brechley and Thomas Inglesfield, of No. 177, and Frederick Smith, of No. 1276, were, in an effective and impressive manner, exalted to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Masons by the M.E.Z. Companion J. G. Adams. After the general business of the Chapter had been transacted, Companion Samuel Jones P.Z. and S.E., on behalf of the members of the Chapter, presented to Companion Donald Fraser P.Z. and Treasurer, a valuable Past Principal's Jewel, in recognition of the many valuable and important services rendered by him to the Chapter. Comp. Jones alluded to the many changes that had taken place both in the Mersey Lodge and Chapter of Fidelity since Companion Fraser had joined them, and although it had been his lot to encounter many difficulties and obstacles, he had never allowed himself to be turned aside from the object upon which he had set his heart—the promotion of the welfare and reputation of his Mother Lodge and Chapter; and Comp. Jones trusted Comp. Fraser might long be spared to wear the jewel which he placed upon his breast, and that the genuineness of its character might be the faithful index of the purity of the principles which reigned within. Comp. Fraser, in suitable and feeling terms, expressed his thanks to the Companions for the honour they had conferred upon him, and expressed his determination, while he had the opportunity and power, to promote the interests of the Chapter. The jewel, of pure gold, and enriched with diamonds, &c., elicited general admiration from the exquisite workmanship upon it, and gave every satisfaction both to the donors and recipient. After the closing of the Chapter the Companions sat down to dinner at the Ranelagh Hotel, provided by Comp. Charles Berry in excellent style, after which the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were duly given and responded to, the evening being passed in the most enjoyable manner.

Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771.—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Windsor, on Thursday, and will be fully reported in our next. Ex. Comps. G. H. Powell P.G.S., W. B. Cantrell P.G.S.B., and J. O. Carter are the three newly-installed principals.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction.—The usual meeting of this Chapter of Instruction, which has now resumed its meetings for the season was held on Tuesday evening, 14th October, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. This Chapter, like the Lodge of Emulation in Craft Masonry, is looked upon as the authority for instruction in the superior degree, and is attended by some of the most efficient and best working R.A. Masons of the Metropolis. Comp. W. L. Lee presided as Z., F. Brown H., W. H. Kington J., H. Higgins P.S., G. L. Walker N. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Comp. Poore P.Z. of the Panmure Chapter 720 being the candidate, and he was afterwards elected as a member. The ceremony was excellently performed, and after some formal business the Chapter was adjourned until Tuesday, 21st October.

The installation of Bro. William Vincent as fourth W.M. of the Eborston Lodge, No. 1624, took place at Grosvenor Hall, S.W., on Wednesday last. A full report of this most successful meeting will appear in our next.

A very successful meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, took place on Wednesday. Report will appear next week.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Diarrhoea and Bowel Complaints.—These maladies are ever present, and if left unattended frequently terminate fatally. It should be everywhere known that both cholera and diarrhoea originate in the presence of some undigested substance in the stomach or bowels, or some deleterious matter in the blood, and that Holloway's Pills can expel either with ease and expedition. They concentrate in a surprising degree purifying, alterative, regenerative, and strengthening qualities, and thus exert over every internal organ the wholesomely controlling influence so necessary for subduing excessive action in the human frame. Holloway's medicine may be advantageously taken as a means of keeping the blood pure and the body cool—the only practicable plan of maintaining health in youth, manhood, and old age.

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, 18th OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green. (Instruction.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—Kings Cross, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
 R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

- 45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, 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)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. at 5.
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Pannure, Batham Hotel, Batham.
 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 (Inst.)
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
 331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Evertan, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 935—Alexandra Masonic Hall, Holbech.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R. A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 K. T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.
 K. T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston.

TUESDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Bazaar, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 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—Dulhouse, Sisters' Tavern, Powall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1011—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 10 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Heuley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 R. A. 1363—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
 M.M.—Prince Leopold, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
 354—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Mentaria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1089—De Shirland, Fountain Hotel, Shrewsbury.
 1113—Anglesca, Bull Hotel, Llangetni
 1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Booth, 149 Bury-street, Booth, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 R. A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 R. A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
 R. A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crown-street, Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Mabbux-street, W., at 7.15 (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Garbutt-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)

- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Conits, Salmon and Bull, Bothnal 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)
 1559—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8 (In.)
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
 R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 161—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.15 (In.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 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.)
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.

- 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 73—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Eyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R. A. 424—De Burgh, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 R. A. 431—Orle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
 R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hen. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
 786—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 924—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1054—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1294—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1642—E. Garnarvon, 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 9 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1393—Hamor, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7
 R. A. 630—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)
 R. A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 309—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—
 At the regular meeting held at Bro. Butt's, New Market Hotel, Snowhill, on 13th instant. Bro. J. E. Van Raalte occupied the chair. He was supported by Bros. R. Greenwood S.W., J. King J.W., W. Butt S.D., Hiscox J.D., Johnson I.G.; Past Masters W. Pennefather Preceptor, E. Mallett Hon. Sec., W. Stuart, Kidder; also Bros. Moss, Stephens, Renaut, Lawrence, Danaher, Torkington, &c. Lodge was opened with customary observance, and Bro. Lawrence was tested. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was carefully worked, Bro. Lawrence candidate. Bro. Van Raalte acquitted himself very well, especially considering his difficulties in mastering the ritual in the English language. Bro. D. Moss afterwards worked the first, Bro. G. H. Stephens the second, and Bro. Moss the third sections of the Lecture, with the assistance of the brethren. Lodge was closed in solemn form and adjourned. Bro. R. Greenwood will be the W.M. for the ensuing meeting, when a full gathering is expected.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 16th October. Bros. D. Moss W.M., A. Ellis S.W., Biddle J.W., L. Norden Sec., Maidwell S.D., C. H. Webb Preceptor, Lake I.G., Bros. White, Grammer, Hollands, &c. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, giving the traditional history, Bro. Grammer as candidate. Bro. Grammer assisted the W.M. in working the third section of the second lecture. Bro. Ellis was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion the Fifteen Sections will be worked. The attendance of the brethren is kindly requested.

Derwent Lodge, No. 40.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, the 13th inst., when there were present:—Bros. W. Glenister W.M., C. M. Morris P.M. acting S.W., T. Trollope P.P.G.S.W. P.M. acting J.W., G. Wellerd P.P.G.D.C. P.M. Treas., Crosswaite acting Sec., E. F. Cavo Brown Cave I.P.M. P.P.G. Chap., E. W. Hennah S.D., Puttick acting J.D., Emmerson acting I.G., Attersall Tyler; also Bros. Forss, Pearce, Hudson, Dawson, Joseph Russell, Wilson, Gaze, Bray, Wadd, Rodda, Duke, Wood; Visitors—Bros. Stuart 140 and Holmes P.M. 357. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. stated that he, with several brethren, had the honour to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge at Brighton, on the previous Monday, when ten guineas was voted for the temporary support of Bro. Hayter. The Provincial Grand Lodge had also decided to adopt and carry out through the Province the scheme so successfully worked by the Derwent Lodge, by which brethren who pay a subscription of one shilling per week can draw for Life Governorships in the different Charities. Messrs. Powles and Gansden were then admitted, and initiated in an efficient manner by the W.M. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Joseph, Duke, and Ranger answered the questions before raising, very satisfactorily. After they had retired for preparation, Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the candidates were admitted and raised. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Glenister for the able and impressive manner in which he performed the ceremony. The W.M. thanked the acting Officers for their able assistance, and regretted so many of his regular Officers were absent. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.—At the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday. Bros. Halle W.M., Patrick S.W., Isaac J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Wing S.D., J. W. Smith J.D., Oliver I.G.; also Bros. Pelikan, Symons, Fox, Hallam sen., King, Butt, and others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pelikan candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, Hallam sen. the second, Isaac the third, Tolmie the fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bro. Oliver of the Duke of Connaught Lodge 1558 was elected a member. Bro. Patrick will preside at next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on the 27th inst.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 30th Sept. Present—Bros. King W.M., Daniel S.W., Hogarth J.W., Chicken S.D., Caton I.G., Hollands Sec.; Bros. Moss, Valentine, Poole, Maidwell. After preliminaries, Bro. Valentine answered the questions leading to the third, and was duly raised to the sublime degree. The W.M. rendered the ceremony in a very impressive manner; it was the first time he had attempted it. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the initiation ceremony, Brother Valentine candidate.

On Tuesday, 14th instant, Bro. Chicken W.M., Roberts S.W., King (27), J.W., Daniels S.D., Hamilton J.D., Caton I.G., Sayer, Pilson, Shadler, Wiseman, Soughton, Bone, Jones, &c. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pilson candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bone, who resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Chicken candidate. Bro. Roberts was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual banquet of this Lodge will be held at the above tavern on Tuesday, 18th November. Bros. King, Hollands, and Roberts have undertaken the duties of Stewards for the occasion.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—16th October, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Bros. John Skirving W.M., Isaac S.W., Watson J.W., G. Isaac Treasurer, J. G. Bond Sec., Nicolson S.D., Oakley J.D., Crabtree I.G., Ball, and others. The business comprised the rehearsal of the third ceremony, Bro. Ball candidate. The Lodge was closed in the three degrees. The proprietor of the White Hart (Bro. Isaac) having some time since obtained permission for the removal of his license, has undertaken the furnishing of a thorough Masonic Hall in the new building he has erected for the requirements of his business. The suite of Masonic rooms will comprise Lodge and banquet halls, retiring and preparation rooms, and in short every convenience that can be provided. We understand that the building will be finished in about six weeks, when both the Vitruvian Lodge and the Lodge of Instruction working under its warrant will meet there. Should any Lodge require accommodation in this district, we feel assured that Bro. Isaac will be pleased to give every information.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—At 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., on 13th October. Bro. Rhodes W.M., Bassington S.W., Peceval J.W., Hunt S.D., C. J. Peceval J.D., Gladwell I.G., Cottebrune Preceptor; Bros. Von Joel, Buck, Cross, Kohler, Allison, and several other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was

rehearsed, Bro. Foot candidate. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Von Joel candidate. Lodge advanced again, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kohler candidate. Three brethren were admitted members. Lodge closed, and adjourned till next Tuesday at eight o'clock, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday evening, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Bros. Thomas B. Biddle W.M., A. W. Smith S.W., J. K. Pitt J.W. and Sec., John E. Fells S.D., Fells I.G.; Past Master Bro. Thomas J. Barnes, Bro. G. L. Walker Preceptor; Visitor—Wm. J. Ramsay, Penge 1815. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fells candidate. Bro. Ramsay was elected a member.

On Wednesday, 15th instant. Bros. Thos. B. Biddle W.M., W. Sayer S.W., John E. Fells J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., A. F. Lang S.D., T. W. Bone J.D., A. W. Smith I.G., Johnson. Visitor—J. Smith Confidence 193. The third ceremony was rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bone, who desired to work the ceremony of installation, which he did to the satisfaction and profit of the brethren present. Bro. Sayer was appointed W.M. for next meeting. Bro. J. Smith was elected a member.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, on Saturday the 11th inst. Present—Brothers Brasted W.M., D. Moss S.W., McMillan J.W., Pearcey Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Giller S.D., Carr J.D., Lorke I.G., also Bros. Lorkin, J. A. Powell, Garrod, W. Williams, Slaiter, Davis, Mackay, Vizzard, C. K. Killick sen., &c. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Williams candidate. Bro. Garrod gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Pearcey worked the first and second, Bro. Moss the third and fifth sections of the lecture. Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. D. Moss was elected to preside at the next meeting. The sum of £5 5s was ordered to be placed on Bro. Pearcey's list, he going up as Steward on behalf of the R.M.B.I., after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 25th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lardner, of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1625.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 14th October. Present—Bros. Greenwood W.M., Clark S.W., Fleck J.W., Butt S.D., King J.D., Quay I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bro. Wooding was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Garrod gave the lecture of the second tracing board in a very able manner. Bro. C. Lorkin assisted Bro. Moss in the fourth section of the lecture, which was worked very creditably. Lodge was called off, and after resuming its Masonic duties, P.M. Wallington assisted Bro. Moss to work the third section of the third lecture. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, Wooding 1306, Lanton 538, were elected members. Bro. Clark was appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Bro. P.M. Wallington proposed, and Bro. Fleck seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, it being the first time the W.M. had filled the chair. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday evening, 28th Oct., at seven o'clock, when Bro. Moss will preside. In addition to those already mentioned, Bros. Langton, Garrod, Polak, Moss, C. Lorkin, Brasted, Brand, Cohen, Baker, Christian, Westfield, Carr, Wardell, Dallas, Forss, and others, were present.

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972.—On 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury, Bros. Moulding W.M., Crump S.W., Price J.W., Miskin S.D., Vile J.D., Secra I.G.; also Bros. Pileher P.M., Welsh P.M., Rossiter, Wiltshier, H. Pringuer, E. Beer, Hyde, S. F. Pringuer Sec. After preliminaries, Bro. S. F. Pringuer worked the first and second sections of lecture in second degree. Lodge was called off, and resumed. Lodge was opened in third degree, and afterwards closed in due order. The sections will be continued on the 22nd inst.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, 1306.—The opening meeting of the season was held on the 8th inst., at Bro. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, Wapping. Bro. W. H. Hayward W.M. opened the Lodge in due form, assisted by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. C. Veal S.W., J. Magrath J.W., T. Wooding S.D., Horsley J.D., Carrociero I.G.; also Bros. Past Masters W. Coleman I.P.M., Beck, Poore, Mortlock, Hayward, and Bros. T. Tyers, Tarling, Willetts, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. Bowron P.M. 933 and G. H. Stephens I.G. 1623. The minutes of the previous regular and an emergency meeting were read by the Secretary, Bro. H. T. Hardy, and were confirmed. The business on the agenda paper could not be carried out, owing to the unavoidable absence of the candidates for passing and initiation. This, however, furnished ample time for the brethren, on the opening night of a new season, to re-establish that *entente cordiale* which is so pleasant a feature in our Lodges. The brethren, after partaking of some light refreshment, paid the customary tribute of respect to the usual loyal and Craft toasts, in proposing which Bro. Hayward displayed great tact. The Visitors, Bros. Bowron and Stephens, were duly honoured, and both brethren briefly replied. The toast of the Past Masters, heartily received, elicited replies from several of that body. Bro. L. Beck thanked the brethren for the hearty reception of the toast. He was glad to see it had been a small quiet meeting, free from too much business. Bro. Poore also returned thanks, and said he had been greatly pleased to see the W.M. do his work so well, and to be quite able to do without his Past Masters,

although they were there to render any service the Lodge might require. He was sure it was most gratifying to the brethren, and to the P.M.'s in particular. Bro. Mortlock returned his thanks. He had known the Lodge a long time, although not a P.M. of the Lodge, which he wished he had been, he had, first as a constant visitor, and now for some time past as its caterer, endeavoured to do all in his power for the welfare of the Lodge, and should continue so to do. The Officers' toast followed. This, the W.M. said, was a very important toast. No Lodge, whatever degree of perfection may be possessed by its Past Masters and W.M., can hope to be a good working and successful Lodge unless it has Officers who not only know their duties, but whose hearts are in their work. Good Officers are essential, and keep the Lodge in trim. Unfortunately this evening he had not had the pleasure of witnessing what his Officers could do, but at their future meetings he was sure they would find nothing wanting. Our S.W. Veal is a brother full of zeal, and no doubt will, when he attains the position of W.M., do his work admirably, and be a pattern Master. The J.W. Magrath is a promising Officer, and will do credit to any office he may be called upon to fill. Our S.D. Wooding is a first-rate member, and is coming forward in his working. If I can credit the whispers I hear, we shall find him a fitting brother, and wish we had had an opportunity of witnessing his work. The same remarks apply to our J.D. Horsley, who, we all know, to be qualified to do higher work than he at present has to perform. I hope it will not be long before he attains the highest position. The I.G. Carraciero's duty, although it may appear a small office, yet is a most important one, and I hope the brother who holds that office may work his way up to the highest post. In mentioning the Treasurer, Bro. P.M. Hayward, the W.M. said he felt very bashful, as his son, in proposing his health. Without him he should never have been able to fill his position, and it gave him great joy to see him in their midst. He has won the respect and esteem of all in this Lodge. Our Secretary, Bro. Hardy, has been called away through sickness, but we all know how he discharges his important duties. The toast was heartily received. Bro. S.W., in returning thanks, said he was afraid the W. Master's account of him was highly coloured. He was doing his best, and hoped to do the duties he might be called upon to perform with credit. Bro. Magrath also returned thanks. He was only a young member, but the Lodge might be sure of his best endeavours. Bro. Wooding endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers, and would endeavour to acquit himself with satisfaction to the Lodge. The other Officers also replied. The meeting, which was not large, was a most successful one, and a pleasant augury for the work just commenced. Bro. I.P.M. Coleman again performed excellent service on the piano, and also accompanied some good singers. Among the songs were, "Happy be thy dreams," and "The Wreath of Roses," from Bro. Poore; "Welcome, brothers, welcome friends," from Bro. Mortlock; "The Father's Love" (Larline), Bro. G. H. Stephens; an old song of Sheridan's, "The Bottle," from P.M. Beck; Henry Russell's stirring "Ship on Fire," from Bro. Willetts; Bro. Tyers also sang, and Bro. Veal contributed two humorous songs, causing great enjoyment. Thus the time sped happily on, and the brethren retired at a reasonable hour to seek their homes.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 14th October. Bro. Shepherd 1349 W.M., Johnson S.W., Pavitt J.W., Brownson S.D., Power J.D., Keable I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Mastro Preceptor; also Bros. McDonald, Peterken, Fyfe, Watkins, Smith, Andrews, Sadler, White, and P.M. Myers. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the five sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Johnson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. As already stated, the Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on the 25th instant.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 13th inst., at York, when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors, the Lodge room being quite filled. Amongst those present were Bros. J. S. Cumberland W.M., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., T. B. Whytehead I.P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Asst. Sec., M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner Asst. M.C., G. H. Simpson Organist, J. Blenkin I.G., W. Hill and G. H. Hebblethwaite Stewards, J. Ware, W. P. Husband, Girling, Jackson, Dyson, Marshall, Atkinson, Clark, Briggs, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Hanley W.M. St. Patrick's Lodge, J. Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G. Reg., and several brethren of the York and St. Patrick's Lodges. A successful ballot for a candidate having been taken, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. Davies was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. W. G. Carter was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the ceremonies being throughout worked in a perfect manner by the W.M. The Lodge was then lowered to the first degree, and on the proposition of Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., seconded by the W.M., Bros. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., A. M. Broadley, D.D., G. Master of Malta, and Charles E. Meyer P.G.H.P. Pennsylvania, U.S., were elected honorary members of the Lodge; Bro. Whytehead referring, in high terms, to the services rendered by these brethren to Masonry, and to the honour which would accrue to the Lodge by their names being enrolled on the list of honorary members. This being the first meeting of the Lodge since the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge under its banner, votes of thanks were moved by the W.M., and passed, to the Dean of York for the use of the Minster; to Bro. Dr. Monk, Mus. D., for the musical arrangements; to the Lord Mayor of York for the use of the Guildhall and Mansion House, as well as his great hospitality; to Bro. Major Shaw-Hellier and the Officers of the 4th Dragoon Guards for the use of the Band

without expense; to Bro. W. S. Smith, Bandmaster, for his services to Lieut. Col. York and the Officers of the West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers for the use of seats, &c., and to several brethren of the Lodge for special aid on the occasion, as also to the W.M. and brethren of the York Lodge for the loan of several objects of Masonic interest on view at the Conversazione. It was then determined that the sum of ten guineas, being a proportion of the collection at the Minster on the occasion, should be placed on the list of the Brother who should represent the Lodge at the next Benevolent Festival. Ten guineas from the Charity Fund of the Lodge was also voted as the nucleus of a list for the next Festival of the Girls' School. Thus the Lodge will be well represented at the next year's Charity Meetings. During the evening it was mentioned that Bro. Sir James Meek P.M. was announced to act as Steward at the Benevolent for the York Lodge 236, and that that Lodge had voted ten guineas to his list, and also that Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett would represent the Zetland Chapter 236, so that the City of York was setting a good example to the whole Province. A satisfactory report from the Treasurer was received, and laid upon the Secretary's table. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the unanimous choice of the Lodge fell upon the S.W. Bro. Christian G. Padel, who returned thanks to the Lodge for the honour done him. Bro. G. Balmford P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Paul Pearson was also re-elected Tyler, the W.M. taking the opportunity of thanking Bro. Pearson for his uniform and unwearied attention at all times. Bro. J. S. Cumberland was then re-elected as the representative of this Lodge in the Provincial Charities Committee, and sincere wishes were expressed in the Lodge that during the coming year the Charity Organisation might be thoroughly completed and placed in working order. Bro. G. Ayre P.M. 1416, Thirsk, Prov. J.G. Deacon, was then proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. Padel presented to the Lodge a Masonically bound copy of Pader's Organ March Book for the use of the Lodge, Bro. G. H. Simpson presented a copy of the Freemason's Pocket Companion (17—), and several other minor gifts were mentioned, for all of which hearty votes of thanks were returned. The Lodge was then closed. The Installation Ceremony will take place on the 10th November.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—

At the meeting of this Lodge held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 2nd October, there were present—Bros. J. Green W.M., Gasson S.W., W. Seward J.W., Coop S.D., Tink Brown J.D., J. Wells I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, T. Kingston, H. Kasner, J. W. Woolmer, W. A. Batho, E. C. Porter. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Woolmer candidate. Bro. J. Green vacated, and Bro. Coop occupied the chair. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. E. C. Porter proved himself an efficient F.C., and was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed; the traditional history being given by Bro. Preceptor Tucker. The Lodge resumed, and Bro. W. E. Batho, of Clifton Lodge, No. 703, was elected a member of the Lodge.

Thursday, 9th October, was the night appointed for the Officers of the Mother Lodge to fill their respective posts. Accordingly, the Lodge was opened with Bros. Thos. Kingston W.M., H. Kasner S.W., A. J. Barr J.W., J. Green S.D., S. Dyer J.D., W. Seward I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary; J. W. Fisher, E. C. Porter, Gasson, W. E. Batho, A. Jones, H. Stephens, J. S. Wright, T. J. Arnold. The minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Kasner took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Gasson candidate. The Lodge was opened in second degree, and advanced to third degree, and the ceremony of raising was very well rendered by the W.M. Bro. Arnold being the candidate. Bro. T. J. Arnold, of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, was elected a member. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to 16th October, Bro. Gasson to preside.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, E.C. The business before the Lodge was to initiate a gentleman into the Order who had been several times unable to attend the regular meetings, owing to being engaged at sea. Bro. J. Howes P.M. W.M. opened the Lodge punctually at 3 o'clock, and was supported by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. T. Butt as S.W., W. Malthouse J.W., E. Mallett P.M. Sec. T. M. Butt S.D., H. J. Lardner J.D., G. H. Stephens I.G., Egbert Roberts Organist; also Bros. Greenwood, W. Smith, W. Butt, S. Renaut, W. H. Smith, C. H. Smith, W. Silver, &c.; Bro. W. Smyth Tyler. The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary. The candidate, Mr. Edmond Pettett, now being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries of the Order in a very impressive manner. After the ceremony the W.M. addressed to Bro. Pettett some appropriate remarks upon his leaving England, and gave him some good advice. Two brethren were then tested, thus proving satisfactory, Bros. C. H. Smith and W. H. Smith were duly passed to the second degree, and Lodge was closed. There was no banquet, but the W.M. invited the brethren to spend a short time with him. The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and the initiate was paid the usual compliment. The W.M., with much humour, gave the toasts of the "Officers," of whom he spoke highly, and the "Lay Members." The whole of the proceedings were of a most enjoyable character which was due partly to the genial influence of Bro. J. Howes, who is an old and experienced P.M., and the excellent musical efforts of Bro. Egbert Roberts, Organist, who is a great acquisition to the Lodge, which possesses several musical members.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—The closing meeting for this year of this prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th instant, at 5 p.m., at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. The following brethren were present:—Bros. John G. Horsey W.M., S. Davison S.W., Chas. Sawyer I.P.M. and Sec., C.W. Nehmer P.M., J. G. Calway J.D., W. Harwood, I. Cooper, C. Firbank, G. W. Holmes and Mark Ovenden. Visitors:—Bros. A. W. Thorpe S.W. Caveac 176, S. Harrison P.M. Carnarvon 804 and P.P.G. Supt. of Works Hants and Isle of Wight, I. Hopkinson Union 38, and Jos. Iriuth 1507. The Lodge having been opened in the first and second degrees Bros. Christopher Firbank, G. W. Holmes and M. Ovenden replied very correctly to the usual questions before raising, were then entrusted, and retired. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, they were re-admitted and raised in a very impressive manner

to the sublime degree of M.M. Upon the conclusion of this ceremony the Lodge was resumed to the second and first degrees, when the W.M. referred to a letter he had received from Bro. Head J.W., giving as the cause of his absence the death of a very near relative. Upon the suggestion of the W.M. the brethren unanimously agreed that the Secretary should write Bro. Head expressive of their sympathy with him in his affliction. The Secretary then read letters of regret at being unable to attend from Bros. P.M. Noke, Dickman, Woolgar and Pile. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony and the brethren afterwards assembled in the spacious Market Room of the Hotel, and did full justice to a substantial repast, served by Bro. Ovenden, at which all the usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured. At about eleven o'clock the W.M. brought the proceedings to a close.

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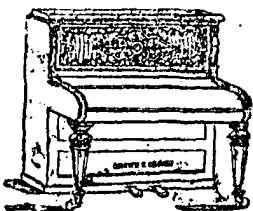
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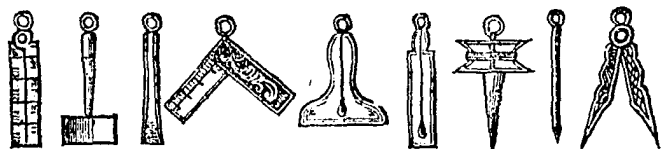
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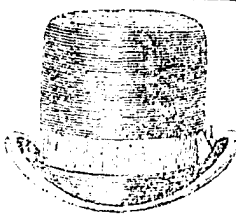
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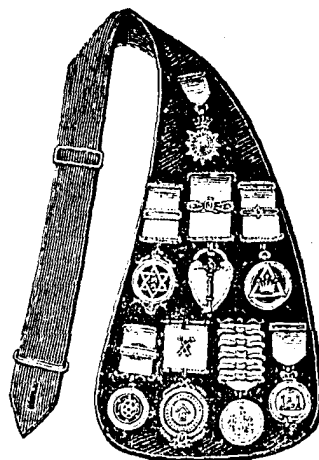
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