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## NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, ST. JOHN'S, NEW BRUNSWICK.

SOME few months since we drew attention to a Masonic Fair which the brethren of St. John's, New Brunswick, contemplated, for the purpose of raising funds to enable them to build a Masonic Temple, to replace that destroyed by the fire of 1877, when the greater part of the City was laid in ruins. We now have pleasure in recording the success which has attended their efforts. Articles for sale were received from numerous friends, while others made it their duty to provide comfort and enjoyment for those who attended the Fair. The latter body must have had no light task, for we read in the official publication issued in connection with the Fair that as many as three thousand persons were present at various times. The ladies and others more intimately associated in the labour of the undertaking having consented, it was decided to continue the Fair for a second week, and at the conclusion of that time an evening Promenade Concert was arranged, as a compliment to the ladies who contributed so much to the success of the undertaking. At the time of closing the Fair the Committee found themselves still in possession of a number of articles, and they decided to remove them to a store, in order that, as far as possible, they should be disposed of in the ordinary way of business. It is proposed to continue the sale in this way until Christmas, when an auction will be held of the articles then remaining, and the whole matter cleared off. We hope when this shall have been effected the brethren will find themselves in possession of a sum worthy of the cause for which they have worked, and that for many years their Masonic Temple may stand, a record of what can be accomplished by hearty co-operation and united effort.

A few details of the building—which, from a drawing in THE VOICE OF MASONRY we imagine, when finished will be an elegant structure—may not be uninteresting to our readers, as they may serve to show the outlay necessary for such an undertaking, and may induce some of our brethren to undertake the providing of homes for the Craft in the mother country. The cost is set down at 80,000 dols., the plot of ground on which the building is situated has a frontage of 100 feet, with a depth of 200 feet. The adjoining plot is occupied by Trinity Church, which, standing about 100 feet back from the street line, allows an uninterrupted view of the side of the Masonic building, and affords in many ways advantages which could not otherwise have arisen. The ground floor is divided into five stores running from front to rear, three of which have warerooms over, the other portion of the second floor being set apart for Masonic business. The third floor comprises a hall 14 by 34 feet, at the further end of which is the entrance to the Blue Lodge or main room of the building; this room, which is 64ft. long, 33 wide, and 30 high, has the usual ante rooms attached, and is to be finished in first-class manner. On the opposite side of the hall is a room (30½ ft. by 42 ft.)—to be used by the Knights Templars—which has two large armouries attached. On the next floor accommodation is provided for Royal Arch Chapters, and a banquet hall, 33½ ft. by 22½ ft., takes the remainder of the space. Every improvement that can add to the comfort of the building is to be introduced, and we think when finished the brethren of St. John's will possess as handsome and spacious a Temple as they can reasonably desire.

As we have before announced, the sale of fancy articles continues until Christmas, so that, should any of our friends wish to assist their Transatlantic brethren in their laud-

able desire, ample opportunity is still open to them. Any contributions sent to Bro. J. W. Boue, care of Messrs. Faudel, Phillips and Co., Newgate-street, London, or to Bro. E. R. Kimpton, 3 Summer-row, Birmingham, will be faithfully applied for the benefit of the desired object.

## GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE last official abstract of proceedings of this grand body comprises particulars of a Special Communication held at Salem, on Thursday the 24th of June, and of the regular Quarterly Communication of September, which was held in the city of Boston on the 10th of that month. At the first named there were present Charles Alfred Welch Grand Master, Abraham H. Howland jun. Deputy Grand Master, and numerous Present and Past Grand Officers. The special objects for which the meeting was held were the celebrating the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist, and more especially for the commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the institution of Essex Lodge, and of the introduction of Masonry into Salem. Grand Lodge was opened at 11.45. At twelve o'clock a procession was formed in Washington-square, and proceeded, under escort of the Winslow Lewis and Newburyport Commanderies of Knights Templar, to the Hall of the Essex Lodge, where the Grand Master and other Grand Officers were received and escorted to the Universalist Church. Here appropriate services were performed, the Rev. Bros. E. C. Bolles, Fielder Israel, and Bartlett acting as Chaplains. An oration, having reference to the formation of Essex Lodge, and the establishment of Masonry in Salem, was delivered by Bro. Tracy P. Cheever, Recording Grand Secretary. At the close of the services in the church, the procession reformed, and the brethren marched to the banquet-hall, where a sumptuous entertainment had been provided by the entertaining brethren. Among the guests during this part of the day was the Mayor of the city, Henry K. Oliver. The customary toasts were given; the Grand Master took the opportunity of addressing the large assemblage on the peculiar significance of the day, and expressed the hope that those who would celebrate the next centennial of Freemasonry in Salem might be as happy as those engaged in that of 1879. At the conclusion of the banquet, the Grand Officers were again escorted to the Lodge hall, and in due course Grand Lodge was closed.

At the Quarterly Communication of 10th September, the Grand Master again presided. On this occasion he was supported by the Grand Officers of the year, numerous D.D.G. Masters, Past Grand Masters, Past Officers, and representatives from ninety-one of the Lodges under his jurisdiction. The records of the last regular Communication and of the special one held at Salem were duly confirmed, after which the bye-laws of various Lodges were presented for approval. A communication from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, requesting further consideration of the subject of their recognition, was referred to a committee, as was also a petition for a new Lodge at South Westport. The reports of committees which had been appointed by Grand Lodge on various subjects were brought forward and accepted. Satisfaction was expressed at the action taken by the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction in regard to the discharge of the debt of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master also congratulated the brethren upon the success of the movement which had

been commenced for the payment of that debt. Many of those, he said, who at first had expressed an adverse opinion to the method which had been adopted for raising the necessary funds, had, upon reflection, and more careful examination, become satisfied, and were now working with zeal and energy to carry it out. No further business offering, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

## THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATION OF FREEMASONRY.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

"WHERE in the Bible can I find the principles or groundwork of Masonry?" said Anthony Trollope to me one day, as the topic of conversation turned upon that thought.

"I am not aware that there is any particular point or part of the Bible that becomes its foundation more than another."

"I supposed that if it had a foundation upon the Bible it should point a particular command or fact."

"Have you ever found any place where it has been said by Christ or the Apostles, 'Thou shalt organise a church?'"

"No."

"Where do we find the organisation of the Christian church of the present day?"

"Upon a number of facts, viz.; the promise of a Messiah, the coming of Christ, His baptism, life, suffering, death, resurrection, and finally His command, 'Go ye into all the world,' &c. After that, the meetings of the Apostles, their organization into societies, and step by step until we have the Church in its present form."

"From this, then, I learn that you have no direct command, but a chain of circumstances and the growth of history."

"True, but I have never been able to find such a chain of circumstances as these to favour the organization of societies like Masons or Odd Fellows."

"To organize a society upon the Bible, does it follow that there must be a command? Certainly not, for that you have already developed. Does it follow that it must be a single thought or historic fact? No, for that is seen in the many that enter into the organization of the church. Must it be based on a certain principle? No, for one principle cannot embody all."

"That may be true, but in Masonry I do not find any chain of circumstances leading me back to the days of the Saviour, as I do in the church."

"Well you are aware of the claim for the ancient origin of Masonry."

"Yes, but I do not believe it."

"Well, I do not know that its ancient or modern origin is of any importance or value to the argument of a Bible origin. Suppose, in reading the Bible, I find a beautiful thought, allegory, parable, or historic fact, in which I see a principle which I can illustrate in a number of ways, and by which I can impress men in a way to do them good. I enter into the work of developing it, in doing which I bring out a set of forms, ceremonies and truths that make men better, and I gather a number of men together to assist in administering them to others, and after awhile find that I have quite a society around me, have I not founded that society upon the Bible?"

"Certainly, upon a principle taught therein."

"That being the case it does not matter whether Freemasonry is of ancient or modern origin; whether it was commanded or organized by Moses or Solomon, or some one of later date, impressed with some one or more truths found in the Bible, but as its foundation is upon principle and facts found there and nowhere else it is certainly founded upon that sacred volume. I have, then, no need of any argument of its antiquity to establish the evidence of its foundation."

"I see, but even then there must be something more than mere truth or principle; for I find that certain truths in the Bible were also the truths of ancient Greek and Roman philosophy, and if you have merely truth and precept it may be a relic of ancient heathenism, as is claimed by many of its opposers."

"But you have already agreed that a fact may enter into this organization as well as principle. If, now, I find a precept or principle common to heathen philosophy and Bible teaching, and then find a fact, or history, that is peculiarly biblical, I am justified in the assertion of its biblical origin."

"True, but the forms and ceremonies were things belonging to heathenism."

"But do we not also remember that the forms of worship, their ceremonies, sacrifices, circumcision and purifications, were inductive and sacred means attending the work of the Jewish Church? Was not baptism a means of induction into the Christian Church after circumcision was done away, and was not the sacrament of the Lord's Supper introduced as a means of worship in the later church? Because we find things of similar character in heathen religion we do not charge Christianity as being the relic of barbarism; we can, therefore, with no more reason lay that charge to Masonry. We therefore, do not have to point to any single thing or thought to establish a Bible foundation."

"I understand, then, that Masonry has for its foundation a number of facts peculiar to the Bible alone; that its principles, though found in the Bible and heathen philosophy, were taken because they were in the one without reference to the other; that your ceremonies are inductive and for the purpose of inculcating the divine principle; if that is so I cannot see any justice in the charge of its being a relic of barbarism. Am I correct?"

"You are."

"That being correct, where do you point to the facts? I cannot take virtue, because I find that in ancient philosophy; nor faith, for that is a natural principle evidenced in all men; nor charity, for I find that, in certain conditions, everywhere; nor love, because I find that a constitutional element in man and animals. To substantiate your statement you must produce other matters that I find only in the divine writings, and that must be a divine command or its result."

"I may direct you to the prayers to the Almighty, but you will meet the argument by saying the heathen prayed to their gods; but if I direct you to the words used in the work, 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! it is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion;' you have thoughts and references that are peculiar to none but God's word. If I refer you to the name Boaz, one of the pillars in Solomon's temple, you will not recognize it as belonging to any heathen, nor modern temple: nor if I refer you to its constant references to Jerusalem will you find any heathenism there, because that city was peculiarly God's city. I turn your thoughts, then, to the incidents of Ruth and Boaz, as being peculiar to the Bible, and Jewish customs; also to the constant reference to the many things connected with Solomon's temple. I grant that there were temples among other nations, but we are to bear in mind the fact that no temple reference in Masonry will at any time apply to any other than Solomon's, neither in its symbols nor facts. Then as to Freemasonry's acknowledgment of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, that can apply to nothing but the ancient Jewish thought. Although ancient philosophy recognized a great creative, unknown power, yet it was not so specific in its reference as what we find in this. Then, referring farther back in history to the crossing of the Red Sea by Moses and the children of Israel; to the character and work of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist; to the dream of Jacob where he saw the angels ascending and descending the ladder; to the plumb-line spoken of in the prophecies of Amos; to the valley of Jehosaphat, the wailing place of the Jews; to the altar in Solomon's temple, and to its middle chamber; to the character of its pillars; to the Jewish Sabbath year; to the crossing of the river where the distinction in pronouncing Shibboleth was the death warrant of the enemy in the Ephraimitic and Ammonitish war; to the character of Hiram of Tyre in his alliance with Solomon King of Israel; to the expressions of Ecclesiastes, 'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them. \* \* \*' and to the circumstances of the death of the masterbuilder of the temple. All of these take a wide range of Bible history, and a history that is found, nowhere else. Now, if these are the principal parts of Masonic organization, can it be denied that so far it has a foundation in Bible history, not to say precepts? for in this I have purposely omitted the precepts, because, as you have said, they may be found elsewhere. Now, if for its foundation Freemasonry has these facts, and the corresponding precepts and principles which are also found in that book, is any one justified in separating these and charging even a combination of biblical and heathen origin?"

"No, because the principles are perfectly consistent with the facts."

"We will, then, carry the thought a little further, and in the SAVIOUR'S parables we find the workman who began at the close of the day receiving the wages of him who had borne the heat and burden of the day; then we return again to the thoughts, 'The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof. \* \* \* Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? and who shall stand in His holy place. \* \* \* This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face, O Jacob! \* \* \* The LORD, strong and mighty; the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates,' &c. A perfect acknowledgment of GOD and the coming Messiah; besides numbers of other quotations from the written word. Then the representation of the holy fire that came down and consumed the sacrifices upon the altar of the temple. So we pass on to the admonition 'to be fervent in our devotions to GOD,' to the rebuilding of the temple, and on, in higher degrees, to the crucifixion and finally to the resurrection of CHRIST, embodying also the teachings of a life in immortality, or a faith in GOD, and the redeeming principles of a divine faith. Now, in all these, I have delineated only a part, a mere synopsis of the foundation principles of Masonry, and in none of them do I recognize anything that I find allied to the principles or practices of heathenism. I therefore, after a thorough examination and study, have been unable to detect anything but that which is taken from the Word, save only such forms or words as are necessary to connect the different words or facts for the purposes of the work."

"You have a larger groundwork than I thought."

"Yes, and you will also see that the same thing you showed to be a foundation of the Church, 'a number of facts,' is the groundwork of Freemasonry. The main principles are the same."

"Will you argue, then, that the organization of Masonry is by divine authority, as we argue for the church?"

"No, I will not take that ground."

"Will you argue that it is a church, and necessarily a form of religion?"

"No. Though there have been arguments that it was the ancient church, I will try nothing of the kind. I do not believe it to be a church, nor do I believe it a form of religion, and I think him mistaken who does. Nor do I think it a means of salvation, notwithstanding its beautiful precepts, teachings and examples; but I believe if a man desires spiritual salvation he must receive it through the medium of the church. I believe Masonry to be a voluntary organization of men, founded upon some of the grandest teachings of God's word and designed to lift men up into better lives, if they will follow what they are taught. I see men led into better thoughts, and, though they are not always better men in general practice, I find them better in their fraternal action, in taking a wider and deeper thought in charity."

"THE DAWN OF HISTORY,"  
AND  
OUR SO-CALLED  
"ANCIENT EGYPTIAN BRETHREN."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

VOLTAIRE wound up his *Philosophical Dictionary* as follows:—

"Given at Mount Krapac, the 30th of the month of Janus, in the year of the world—

According to Scaliger . . . . .	5722
According to Les Entrennes Mignonnes . . . . .	5776
According to Riccioli . . . . .	5936
According to Eusebius . . . . .	6972
According to the Alphonsine Tables . . . . .	8707
According to the Egyptians . . . . .	370,000
According to the Chaldeans . . . . .	465,102
According to the Brahmans . . . . .	780,000
According to Philosophers . . . . .	—

Had any one published the above in Switzerland, either before or immediately after the Reformation, he would probably have been burnt for doubting the orthodox belief in the age of the world. In a book before me, however, viz., "The Dawn of History" (by C. F. Keary), though the author does not try to guess the age of the world, yet he evidently believes the world to be much older than we were once taught to believe.

Evidences of the existence of man upon the earth exist as far back as the glacial period. At that time, the now British Isles formed part of the Continent. If I understand the author rightly, there was then neither an Irish Sea nor a North Sea. Scotland and Denmark in the north, and France and England in the south, joined each other alike. The Thames and other eastern rivers were then tributaries to a large stream, which bore through this Continent and up to the Northern Seas, where mingled the waters of the English rivers with those of the Rhine and other German rivers. Spain was then united to Africa, and Africa itself extended as far as the Azore Islands. The Great Sahara was then part of the Mediterranean, in which was embraced the Red Sea; and a great Mediterranean Sea existed then in Central Asia, of which the Caspian and Aral seas are merely traces.

The melting of the glaciers gave rise to enormous rivers, which flowed from every hill; the now little river Ouse, flowing through Norfolk into the Wash, was then, probably, many miles broad. Vast forests grew upon the river banks, which left their traces in the peat formations, and in those forests roamed animals unknown to us. The most notable of these was the mammoth, a huge elephant, whose skeleton and gigantic tusks are conspicuous in our museums, and who has given its name to this earliest age of man's existence, or what is known to us as such; it is called the "Mammoth Age." With the mammoth, too, lived other species of animals which are either now extinct, or have been driven away from our latitudes. The woolly rhinoceros, the cave lion, and cave bear, the Lutharian bison, the musk ox, the reindeer, and the musk ox. It is with the remains of these animals, in the beds of the great rivers, that we find the earliest tools and weapons made by human hands.

We can scarcely conceive how man could live through so many ages in this world of ours before he discovered minerals and metals. "The pen I write with" (says Mr. Keary) "is of metal, or if it were a quill the steel knife would have to shape it; the rags of which this paper is made had to be cut by metal knives," and so it is in almost every department of human wants. But the primitive man, who had no knowledge of the metallic treasures hidden in the earth, sought for his materials to make tools of on the surface of the earth only, and finding stone to be the hardest substance, so he made his implements out of stone. This period is called "The Stone Age," and its duration was very long. This age is divided into two distinct periods, viz., "the old stone epoch," so-called because the implements were never polished, and "the new stone period," called also "the polished stone age," and during the greater part at least of this stone period, the condition of life was the same as that of the arctic regions of the present time.

These stone implements are found associated with the remains of the mammoth and woolly rhinoceros, animals naturally belonging to the arctic or semi-arctic climates which succeeded the glacial era. But similar implements are also found associated with the bones of the lion, the tiger, and the hippopotamus, all of which, especially the last, are rarely living outside of the torrid zone. This shows that the drift implements sufficed for man's wants through a succession of changes of temperature—from that of the frigid to that of the torrid climate, and probably after the climate became again temperate; and under all these conditions, frigid, torrid, and temperate, man had to defend himself from the attacks of all kinds of animals with mere stone weapons, and not of the most improved make either. Surely, in those old times England could not have been for man "a happy land."

The author next introduces us to a little more advanced state of human civilisation. Thus, in caves generally formed in limestone rocks the most remarkable "finds" have been obtained in Devonshire; also in the department of Dordogne, in France; from caves in Belgium, and from a very remarkable cave in Neanderthal, near Düsseldorf, in Germany. But there is scarcely a country in Europe where some cave containing human bones and weapons has not been discovered. The rudest drift implements seem older than almost any found in caves, and on the whole the cave implements indicate an advance in civilisation from that of the drift period. Thus, in addition to stone, are found also implements made of bone, such as harpoon heads, with many barbs, arrow-heads made both of stone and of bone, they also found awls made of stone, likewise knives and needles made of bone. The author thinks that with the awls they pierced holes in the skins of animals designed for clothing, and the sinews of

the animals formed the thread to sew the skins with. Man then began to be a tailor, or, more properly, something between the tailor and the furrier. So he was then a manufacturer of stone implements, and of clothing too; he must also have formed wooden handles for his harpoon heads, which gave rise to the carpenter trade. But there is also evidence that the principle of political economy, viz., "division of labour," as well as that of commerce, was practised at that time. For in one of the caves was found such a large quantity of stone implements, as to leave no doubt that the owner of the cave made the manufacture of that article a speciality; and specimens of amber, which can only be found on the coast of the Baltic, were discovered in caves in Central Europe: thus, some exchange of the natural and manufactured productions of different parts of the country must have then been going on.

Poor as man's implements were in those days, he nevertheless actually found time to cultivate the *Fine Arts*, for both stone and bone implements were found on which were sculptured faithful imitations of heads of animals, as well as other objects; and in a cave of La Madeline, in Dordogne, was found a tusk of a mammoth, upon which was an engraving of the animal itself: thus proving that the mammoth was a contemporary of that man, for otherwise he could not have made a delineation thereof. All these facts demonstrate clearly that Voltaire's philosopher was right in not pretending to know how old the world was.

For obvious reasons, I cannot follow the author's narrative through the successive steps of man's further advance towards a higher state of civilization. It seems, however, highly probable that even during the stone age man must have hungered for some method to supply the deficiency of his memory. His first effort in that direction was probably to make a mark, and to tell his children what that mark meant to commemorate. Such mark, wherever or whenever made, may truly be called the embryo, or parent of our alphabet and literature, for we may naturally suppose that one kind of mark could not commemorate everything; hence additional marks had to be designed, and the meaning of them had also to be impressed on the mind of the younger generation. We will now suppose that the man who slew a mammoth wished to commemorate that event. In that case, the picture of slaying the mammoth, perhaps followed by a picture of the moon in either of her phases, with pictures of trees or flowers, to denote the season, would convey an idea to posterity of the event, and the time of the month and year. But be that as it may, it is certain that such picture writing existed in Egypt before the invention of the alphabet, which is called "Egyptian hieroglyphics." These are formed of pictures of beasts, birds, and fishes; also that of a hand, of a heart, of an eye, a circle, &c. Now, as our pictorial Masonic Manuals contain also the picture of a heart, an eye, a circle, &c., our Masonic luminaries jumped therefore to the conclusion that the ancient Egyptians had *speculative Freemasons*, and that the same symbolism they taught in their Lodges about the eye, heart, circle, &c., came down to us through successive generations of Masons, and hence they talk about "our ancient Egyptian brethren," and about an "affinity" between our mysteries and those of the ancient Egyptians. Our Scotch Rite, Memphis Rite, and other moonshine rites luminaries will even swear that there was then in Egypt Supreme Councils and *Thrice Illustriouses*. In our Boston Masonic Temple there is an "Egyptian Hall," wherein, by order of the late C. W. Moore, was painted on the wall Egyptian hieroglyphics, among which is the picture of a bird. I suppose it was meant for a *pelican* (which is a very important symbol in the A. and A. Rite), to show a connecting link between the symbolology of the Egyptian *Thrice Illustriouses* and the present ones.

The truth, however, is, no one knows anything about the Egyptian mysteries, but it is known that the pictures, or hieroglyphics, represent either words, sentences, or syllables; they were placed on the Egyptian buildings to commemorate certain events for the information of posterity, and these hieroglyphics were no more mysterious to the ancient educated Egyptians than the inscriptions in our churches and churchyards are mysterious to our grammar-school boys.

To make the idea of picture writing still more clear, I must remind the reader of a rebus, which is really in part picture writing. Now suppose a rebus was placed before an intelligent youngster, upon which was a picture of a pair of scales, followed by the word "of," and next to "of" was a picture of a judge, the child would guess that signified the scales of justice. The Egyptians, however, had no letters then to convey the idea of the word "of," so they had either to vary the picture, or had some other picture to denote the verb. Thus, a heart, drawn in a certain way, always stood for love, and, so far as I know, they may have called their lady loves sweethearts. An eye, with a tear on the lash, meant grief. Two hands, holding a shield, combine the verb and noun, viz.—to fight. A tongue meant to speak; a man, kneeling, denoted a conquered enemy. But here are pictures denoting only syllables—thus the word "Os," in the Egyptian language was used for throne, and it is meant an eye; hence the picture of a throne, followed by that of an eye, read Osiris, the name of an Egyptian deity; and, in like manner, a hand they called "tot," and a circle "tro." When, therefore, the picture of a hand was followed by a circle it stood for "totro," which was the name of one of their kings.

We see, then, that notwithstanding the ecstasies our luminaries manifest when talking about "our ancient Egyptian brethren," and about the affinity between our mysteries and those of the ancient Egyptians, &c., that there is really nothing in the Egyptian hieroglyphics to denote *mystery*, &c., and there is really not a particle of evidence that either Egyptian priests or Egyptian Masons regarded the pictures of the heart, the eye, the circle, &c., as either mystic, sacred, or what we call *Masonic*. And such being the case, I think it is high time for our luminaries to cease deluding themselves and others with the notion that our Speculative Masonry either originated in Egypt, or that it was ever known to the ancient Egyptians.

Boston, U.S., 3rd October 1879.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

THIS Lodge held its Installation Meeting at the New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, E.C., Bro. Butt, proprietor, on the 8th Oct. The reason of this Lodge leaving its old quarters is, that the Knights of St. John require the exclusive use of the Lodge rooms at St. John's Gate, thereby compelling Bro. Gay, reluctantly, to part with the Lodge, of which he is a member and Officer. Bro. Hunter W.M. opened the Lodge in the usual form, Bro. Simmonds S.W., Bro. T. Goode J.W., Bro. Rothschild S.D., Bro. Millward J.D. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of two emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report was received and passed. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, Bros. Mount, Keiller, Gilbert and Scull being candidates for raising. The W.M. having put the usual questions, the brethren were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and the brethren were raised in the W.M.'s usual impressive style. The Installation of the W.M. elect Bro. T. Goode was the next business; Bro. Dr. Hunter being Installing Master, Bro. P.M. Maples D.C.; the ceremony was performed most creditably by Bro. Hunter. The brethren being admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed, the following received the collars of office:—Bro. Simmonds S.W., Rothschild J.W., Millward S.D., Calderwood J.D., Pigott I.G., Gay D.C., W. Goode J.W.S. The addresses having been given, the W.M. proceeded to take the ballot for the following gentlemen for initiation:—Messrs. James Fletcher, W. Aynsley, J. H. Budden, and Edward Lenard. This proving satisfactory, the W.M. performed the ceremony, for the first time in the Crusaders Lodge, in a style that augurs well for his year of office. Business being finished, the brethren, nearly seventy in number, adjourned to the spacious Hall recently built by Bro. Butt, where a *recherché* banquet was provided, which did great credit to mine host of the New Market Hotel. The usual toasts followed. The banquet was enlivened by a selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of our experienced Bro. Millward. Among the visiting brethren were Dr. Barringer P.P.S.G.W. Herts, Terry P.P.J.G.W. Herts, E. Bowyer Prov.S.G.D., Dr. Carpenter P.M. 1196, Price P.M. 1288, Percy W.M. P.M. 228, and many others.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their anniversary on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. J. R. Foulger P.M. Nos. 177 and 613, who was assisted by W. H. C. Sharpe S.W., Cownie J.W., Sharpe Treas., H. H. Hodges P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Sec., Stollard S.D., J. C. Innes D.C., C. N. Harvey P.M. Steward, and Nowell Tyler. Among the Past Masters were Bros. J. Finch P.M. 173 and 180, Deacon, Ludovici, G. M. Williams, and others; while Bros. Drew P.M. 890, Jeffrey 891, Reed, and J. Greenfield Treas. 1602 comprised the Visitors. At the appointed time Bro. Foulger regularly opened the Lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was brought into requisition on behalf of Bro. T. B. Linscott S.D. 55, who was a candidate for joining, and the result proving in his favour, he was formally enrolled a member of the Lodge. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed that the Lodge, notwithstanding its charitable grants, was in possession of a considerable balance, was then presented and adopted, and this concluding the minor business of the day, Bro. W. H. C. Sharpe was presented as W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. This portion of the day's proceedings was ably conducted by Bro. Finch P.M., who was especially thanked for having come forward to perform the ceremony on very short notice, the brother who was to have installed the Master being absent, in consequence of a domestic affliction. The W.M., in due course, invested the various Officers for the year, and then proceeded to close the Lodge in solemn form. During the interval before the banquet, the brethren had an opportunity of enjoying the lovely scenery of the locality, and the effect of the particularly cold day on the appetites of the brethren was presently visible in the heartiness with which they enjoyed the many good things provided, in plain but enjoyable and orderly form, by Bro. Deacon. Later in the evening the W.M. tendered the thanks of the brethren to the host, and congratulated him on the arrangements he had made for the comfort of his guests. The meeting was especially interesting from the fact that the Lodge this day attained its majority, and also that the W.M. was received into Freemasonry by the members of No. 795. In the course of the evening the W.M. invested the I.P.M. with an elegant jewel, which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Foulger. In consequence of the much regretted death of Bro. Blake, the toasts were limited, but some able speeches were made, especially those of the W.M., who expressed his gratitude at having reached the summit of the ambition of every initiate in his Mother Lodge, and Bro. P.M. Finch, the Installing Master, to whom the brethren especially tendered their thanks through the W.M. Bros. P.M. Drew, Stollard, and Jeffrey having sung some excellent songs, particularly a sentimental one by the former, the brethren returned to town by an early train, in time to enable every member to reach his home by eleven o'clock. The arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of the brethren by the Great Western Railway Company, who provided a saloon carriage to and from town were most commendable.

## ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

THIS young but thriving Lodge, consecrated only so lately as 1876, held high festival on Wednesday, the 15th inst., on the occasion of the commencement of its fourth year of existence, and the installation of Bro. William Vincent into the chair of K.S. Its members assembled at an early hour, in the spacious and lofty Assembly Room of the Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-square, Pimlico, which, notwithstanding its dimensions, was during the progress of Masonic work well filled by Metropolitan and Provincial brethren, attracted thereto by the high repute for able working and hospitable entertainment which this Lodge has attained during its short career, and from what we had the fullest opportunity to notice, none had reason for disappointment in either respect. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. C. Flattely W.M., supported and assisted by the following officers, viz.: Bros. D. H. McLeod I.P.M., W. Vincent S.W., Samuel Jones J.W., Isaac Isaacs Treas., A. W. Beckham Sec., J. G. Fisher S.D., G. Powell J.D., W. G. Moorman Org., C. Tayler I.G., C. Thomas Tyler, H. J. Johnson D.C., J. Tapp Steward. As will be observed, each Officer was in his place, thereby not only paying a fit and proper compliment to the presiding Master, but ensuring that perfection of work which can never be thoroughly exhibited except where such attention to duty and voluntary engagements is found. This fact alone speaks well for the welfare of the Eccleston Lodge, and such an example ought never to be lost upon those who have been newly appointed. Amongst the members present during the evening, in addition to the before named Officers, were Bro. Coulton P.M. and Preceptor of the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, E. J. Hood, E. Patol, J. Playford, E. Pokor, H. Scott, R. Bottle, L. Bertrand, F. Bond, C. Hunt, W. H. Burrows, J. W. Ray, E. King, W. Leary, A. D. Renshaw, W. Carter, E. W. Fisher, E. Peacock, R. J. Crow, T. Conlthard, C. Naylor, R. Cullingford, J. Morgan, G. Breokles, R. L. Fry, E. Horn, S. Chitty, R. H. Burnham, W. Ritter, C. Watkins, F. Thomas, A. G. Thomson, S. J. Pettor, W. J. Beazley, G. Slingsby, A. Walmsley, F. Arnold, J. R. Jones, B. Newnham, J. Webb, A. A. Johnston, W. Ballard, T. S. Thwaites, W. H. Beams, J. Ashbourne, A. V. Fryer, &c., &c. A goodly number of Visitors also attended, amongst whom were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 1426 The Great City, A. Barfield W.M. 35, J. I. Cante W.M. 1257, T. Simpson W.M. 1178, F. J. Wray W.M. 1604, C. Pulman P.M. 720, J. H. Boyd P.M. 157, R. A. Steel P.M. 1194, J. Wire P.M. 1314, T. C. Pratt S.W. 957, T. Cross J.W. 1194, W. Carrington I.G. 1791, J. Easton 27, J. Williams J.W. 1791, J. C. Bond jun. I.G. 1314, W. Honeyball J.D. 1681, S. Nash 241, J. Penn 1257, J. Snook 1604, G. Hamilton 1641, G. Egerton 1319, J. Henley 1348, F. A. Kelly 1524, G. H. Atkinson 594, J. H. Hawkins S.W. 65, T. F. Davies 87, W. E. Golding 1671, J. A. Reynolds 19, C. G. Glover 511, J. C. Hall 1348, W. Dyke 141, S. Cooper 1017, C. Armfield 1201, C. T. Green 1567, &c. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was presented, with a very favourable balance sheet, and both were received and adopted. We are pleased to notice the adoption by this Lodge of an arrangement which is rapidly growing into general favour, namely, the setting aside of a per centage of all receipts, whether of subscriptions or initiation fees, for the purpose of forming a Benevolent Fund, to be applied, should ever unfortunate occasion arise, to the assistance of decayed members of the Lodge. It is a very proper arrangement, and one which, prudently guarded, cannot fail to be of advantage. The Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Scott was duly passed to the degree of F.C. The W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Vincent was then presented to Bro. J. C. Flattely, who proceeded to complete his admirable Masonic work by installing his successor. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, Past Masters Wire and James Stevens occupying the Wardens' chairs, and, with the usual ceremonies, most ably administered, Bro. Vincent was placed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Flattely, and received the hearty greetings of the several rulers in the Craft then present. On the re-admission of the brethren the ceremony was completed, and the Officers for the ensuing year were invested, the newly installed Master addressing each brother in appropriate terms, with the charges pertaining to their respective offices, and in the following order, viz.:—Bros. J. C. Flattely I.P.M., S. Jones S.W., J. G. Fisher J.W., A. H. Beckham Sec., Isaac Isaacs Treas., E. Powell S.D., C. Tayler J.D., W. E. Moorman Org., H. J. Johnson I.G., D. H. McLeod P.M. S.D.C., Wilson J.D.C., J. Tapp W.S., R. Bottle Assist. W.S., R. H. Barham A.T., Thomas T. The appointment of Bros. Tapp and Bottle to the respective Offices of Senior and Junior Stewards gave rise to some little merriment, in connection with the appropriateness of their names to the duties they would have to perform. The Installing Master, Bro. Flattely, then crowned his perfect work by a faultless delivery of the beautiful addresses which complete the ceremony of Installation, and took his seat as I.P.M. amidst the never better deserved commendations of all who had had the good fortune to listen to him. The W.M. Bro. Vincent at once gave evidence of his fitness to rule the "Eccleston" by Initiating in admirable style Mr. Egbert Grant Hooper, after which ceremony, the disposal of a few matters of routine business, and the uprising of quite a flock of Visitors, bringing "hearty good wishes," the Lodge was closed, and three hours of splendid Masonic work were brought to a conclusion. At the banquet which followed over one hundred brethren sat down, and the two newly appointed Stewards, Bros. Tapp and Bottle, found their work well out for them. We may say *en passant* that if their names are appropriate to their Offices, their ability is equally in harmony with their duties, and the liberality of the Lodge to its guests found in them most admirable exponents. A word of praise is also due to Bro. A. W. Beckham, of Ebury Street, the caterer on this occasion. He seemed to know how to "scatter plenty o'er a smiling land." On the clearance of the cloth, after grace, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and were accompanied by the National Anthem and other songs, which, together with a well selected programme of vocal music, given during the evening, were, under the direction of Bros. W. E. Moorman Org., sung by

Bros. J. Ion Cantle, T. Davis, C. Tayler and Laurence Fryer; Bro. G. R. Egerton accompanying each on the pianoforte. In proposing the toast of the Grand Officers, the W.M. expressed his regret that Bro. Hyde Pullen, who had assisted at the Consecration of the Lodge, had found it impossible to be present on this occasion, and this regret was shared in by his hearers. The health of the W.M. Bro. Vincent was ably proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. Flattely, and his very happy and truthful remarks as to the services and abilities of the W.M. met with a cordial reception. In contradistinction to many speeches we frequently hear, having for their subject the presiding Officer, this of Bro. Flattely's was free from fulsome laudation, which it is equally surprising that some amongst us should offer, and still more surprising that others should receive. The plain unvarnished truth is best for all, and the few reliable facts which Bro. Flattely referred to told a more honorable tale, and were far more complimentary to Bro. Vincent than any high flown language not based upon truth could have been. The W.M.'s responso was characteristic of the man, and briefly and modestly expressed thanks for past support and hopes for the future. The toast of "the Past Masters" afforded the opportunity for presenting to Bro. Flattely the "Tertius" jewel of the Lodge, which he received with thanks. Bro. McLeod also responded, in a very able manner, and concluded a forcible address by a most appropriate quotation from John Fletcher—

"Our acts our angels are, or good or ill,  
Our fatal shadows that walk by us still."

Bro. Hooper, the initiate, in returning thanks for his health, exhibited a modest confidence and reliance on his own powers of address which augurs well for his progress in Freemasonry. With the toast of the Visitors Bros. James Stevens P.M. 1426, J. Wiro P.M. 1314, A. Barfield W.M. 35, and J. I. Cantle W.M. 1257, were named to represent the thirty-six brethren present in that capacity, and each briefly responded, Bro. Stevens taking occasion to express his high personal appreciation of the working of the Lodge, and his hope that at no distant date the Lodges generally throughout the kingdom would be required to work after the same system, or, if not exactly that, one which should be uniformly approved of and adopted. His remarks were listened to with considerable attention, and his brief arguments in favour of the project were accepted with much satisfaction. The Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion an evening which, for thorough enjoyment, and the exposition of the sublime principles of Freemasonry, it would be difficult to improve upon.

### THE HEMMING LODGE, No. 1512.

COMMENCED its sixth year of existence on Thursday, 16th Oct. By half-past five a goodly number of brethren had assembled at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, and shortly after Bro. Fox W.M. opened the proceedings, assisted by Bro. J. Hammond I.P.M., Jessett S.W. and W.M. elect, T. W. Ockenden J.W., Walls S.D., Kent J.D., Hiscox I.G., and Moody M.C. The minutes of the last meeting, in March, were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Jessett was presented by Bro. W. Hammond, the father of the Lodge, for the benefit of installation. After the Lodge had been advanced, Bro. Fox handed the gavel to Bro. John Hammond P.M. 201, &c. P.G.D. Middx., Bros. Hopwood P.G.S.B. Middx. Treas. and T. C. Walls P.G. Org. Middx. were entrusted with the care of the West and South respectively, and Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey P.M. 452 was appointed Master of the Ceremonies. The necessary exodus was made, and in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, Bro. Jessett was inducted to the chair of King Solomon, and, on the re-admission of the brethren, was saluted according to ancient custom, and proclaimed (sixth) Worshipful Master of the Hemming Lodge. The following Officers were then invested for the year ensuing:—Bros. C. W. Fox I.P.M., T. W. Ockenden S.W., T. C. Walls J.W., E. Hopwood Treas. (re-elected), W. Hammond Sec. (re-appointed), F. W. Kent S.D., J. W. Hiscox J.D., T. Moody I.G., H. Tagg D.C., Day and Knowles Stewards, J. Gilbert P.G.T. (re-elected, sixth time) Tyler. The W.M. accompanied each investiture with a few appropriate remarks. The Installation ceremony was splendidly rendered, and a very hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. John Hammond for his services. The W.M. presented the retiring Master, in the name of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, for which Bro. Fox expressed his acknowledgments in a few well chosen words. This worthy brother has had a very successful year of office, and was warmly cheered at the conclusion of the presentation. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and Bro. Fox is to be congratulated that he hands the funds over in so flourishing a condition to his successor. There was a balance of from £60 to £70 in hand, and arrears due to the amount of about £20. In proportion to the total of subscriptions this latter is a small item, and we hope the brethren concerned therein will reduce it considerably before the next meeting. The sum of five guineas was voted from the Lodge funds for a brother in need. A letter was read from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett P.G.M. Middx., regretting his absence, through severe domestic bereavement, and this sad intelligence was received by the brethren with much concern. All further business having been transacted, the meeting was declared adjourned until Thursday, 20th Nov., and the brethren retired to the banquet room. There was a considerable list of Visitors, including Bros. the Rev. C. H. Gem 321 P.P.G. Chaplain Cumberland, C. Hopekirk 179, Albert Marvin Lodge of Progress 1768, J. Robinson 784, A. Theokatz 754, H. McClelland 901, H. W. Linton W.M. of the Brownrigg 1638, T. Pinckney 1638. After the removal of the cloth the W.M. at once addressed himself to the toast list. For the P.G. Officers Bro. W. Hammond responded. The health of the Installing Master was drunk with great enthusiasm, and Bro. John Hammond, in replying, made especial reference to the great obligations he was under to his old and esteemed friend Bro. H. E.

Frances, who had taught him all he knew of Freemasonry. Bro. Fox gave "The Worshipful Master," which was greeted with excellent fire. The W.M. assured the brethren he felt he was entering on his year of Office with perhaps brighter prospects than any of his predecessors, for however well things had succeeded in the past, no previous Master could boast of a better officered Lodge. The I.P.M.'s toast met with a hearty reception, and Bro. Fox expressed himself highly satisfied with the success attending his year of office. The Rev. Bro. Gem acknowledged his sense of the hospitality extended by the W.M. as his uninvited guest that evening. Bro. Marvin, the first initiate of the Sister Lodge (Wolsey 1656), responded in felicitous terms, and after some of the other visitors had returned thanks, the W.M. proposed the health of the Officers. Success to the Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Walls. The Tyler's toast terminated one of the most enjoyable meetings the Hemming brethren have ever celebrated. Bros. Hurst P.M., Walls, Raw, Knowles, &c., very much contributed to the harmony of the evening by vocal efforts. Appended is a list of the brethren present not already mentioned:—Bros. H. Potter P.M., W. C. Davey, D. Papworth, W. Bartlett, J. Chilcott, W. Beauchamp, C. Finch, T. Wheeler, R. M. Axford, A. D. Tozer, E. Andrews, Grosvenor Phillips, W. L. Carpenter. Ere we conclude this report we may add that the Lion Hotel has just changed hands. Mr. Ballard is the new proprietor, and on this occasion he used every effort to make his guests comfortable. We wish him success in his new enterprise.

### WINDSOR CASTLE CHAPTER, No. 771.

IT is now more than two years since we have had an opportunity to attend this prosperous Chapter, and our visit on the occasion of the Installation of Principals on Thursday, the 16th inst., was full of interest. The beautiful and almost unique Temple in which the Windsor Castle and Etonian Lodges, and the Windsor Castle Chapter meet, had always a vivid remembrance in our minds as one of the choicest homes for Freemasonry with which we are acquainted. Its special M.M. chamber, stalls, and organ are so many additional attractions, and fitting accompaniments to the serious work done within its walls, and whilst it has never since its erection been ill kept, it was always just such a place as one would delight to adorn and decorate. It therefore caused us much pleasure, and created but little surprise when we found, on our visit last week, that a recent work of artistic decoration had been carried out at a considerable expense and with judicious care. It would occupy more space than we can afford to enter into all the details of the ornamental improvements, and we must be content to refer only to the general effect as being such as merits the inspection of all members of our Order desiring to see for themselves what the arrangement of a suite of Masonic rooms should be. The appearance of the Temple, when set out for the performance of the Royal Arch Rite, is far in advance of anything we have met with elsewhere, and will at any time repay a visit. The Windsor Castle Chapter was founded in 1835, by a number of well known Windsor Companions, amongst whom were Comps. Jos. Devereux, Joshua Nunn, the late Joseph Cotterell, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and Sir C. J. Palmer, and prospered well until the latter end of 1868, when, from some unexplained cause, its regular meetings ceased. In 1872 Comp. James Stevens P.Z. undertook, at the request of the then remaining members, to resuscitate the Chapter, and, with the assistance of several London Companions, succeeded in re-establishing its regular meetings, and retained his position of M.E.Z. for three years, at the end of which period the former zeal and activity of the Royal Arch Masons in the locality were resumed, and their laudable exertions have now resulted in producing one of the most perfect and best working Chapters in the Order. Towards effecting this happy result the influence of artistic surroundings has contributed a large share, and it is well, therefore, that the Chapter should have joined the Lodges in "beautifying and adorning" their place of meeting. The Chapter was opened on the 16th inst. by Ex-Companions G. W. Dixon M.E.Z., G. H. Powell II., W. S. Cantrell J., with Ex-Companions James Stevens P.Z., J. S. Tolley P.Z., E. Grisbrook P.Z., H. H. Hodges P.Z., and Rev. R. J. Simpson P.J. and P.G.P.S., assisting, and the following Companions were present, viz:—J. O. Carter N., R. Roberts P.S., R. G. Barton, J. Ashby, L. Bryett, Cox, Davey, Nicholson, Nowell, J. Watson, J. Stedwell, J. Johnson, R. Silver, J. H. Reid, Legge, &c. The minutes of the preceding convocation having been confirmed, Comp. James Stevens, as Installing Principal, addressed the Principals elect, and subsequently Installed Ex-Comp. G. H. Powell as M.E.Z., who then Installed Ex-Comp. W. S. Cantrell as II., and J. O. Carter as J. Companion Powell's work was thoroughly perfect, and gave assurance for the faultless manner in which the ceremonies of the ensuing year will be conducted. On the re-admission of the Companions the Installing Principal conducted the salutation, and presented the warrant and other appurtenances of the Chapter to the newly Installed Principals. The following Officers were invested, viz:—Ex-Comps. G. W. Dixon I.P.Z., E. Grisbrook P.Z. Treas., J. S. Tolley P.Z. S.E., R. Roberts S.N., R. G. Barton P.S. (who appointed Comps. J. Ashby First Assist., and L. Bryett Second Assist., Cox D.C., Davey and Nicholson Stewards, and Nowell Janitor). The Auditors' report was read, and a very favourable balance sheet was produced. These, on the proposition of Comp. Stevens, who expressed the gratification felt by himself and all present at the almost unexpected progress of the Chapter, and the brilliant prospects before it, were received and adopted. Propositions for advancement and joining were made, and ordered to be placed on next summons. It was decided to pay off the balance of the decoration account, which did not exceed seven guineas, from the funds of the Chapter. A very handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Dixon I.P.Z., in most suitable terms, and was as suitably acknowledged as it was well deserved. The Chapter was then closed with solemn prayer, made more than usually im-

pressive by the subdued organ accompaniment skilfully introduced by Comp. J. S. Tolley. The Banquet was provided at the Castle Hotel, where all the Companions shortly after assembled. After grace the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Rev. Comp. R. J. Simpson responding for that of the Grand Officers, and expressing his pleasure at finding the Chapter in so flourishing a condition; tendering a mood of praise to Comp. Stevens for his former exertions, and to the present Officers, especially to his old friend the M.E.Z., for their present efforts in maintaining its position. The responses of the M.E.Z., the I.P.Z. and P.Z.'s of the Chapter, to the toasts severally proposed in their honour, were brief but forcible, as expressive of a strong determination to uphold the character of the Chapter for good working qualities and careful supervision of its internal economy. Comps. H. and J. also endorsed all the promises and determinations of their predecessors, and were followed by Officers who are equally resolute and agreed on all points. The proceedings were enlivened by the excellent instrumental and vocal abilities of Comps. Tolley, Cox, and other members of the Chapel Royal; Comp. Stevens recited "Masons' Vows" in a style far beyond his former attempts, evidently stimulated by the enthusiasm which surrounded him. The Janitor was summoned, and an agreeable evening terminated shortly after ten, in order that trains should not be lost by the many Companions who had to reach distant destinations.

#### LEWIS LODGE, No. 1185.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, 18th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green. Bro. Thomas William Bone opened the Lodge at three o'clock, when he was supported by his Past Masters, Officers, a fair attendance of members, and the following visitors:—Bros. T. J. Lawrence 22, R. Farquharson 99, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, E. A. Sidbury 656, W. Bradshaw 1411, T. Franklin W.M. 1662, W. H. Gimmingham 1707, R. Harris S.D. 1728. This Lodge meets in the district where the Royal Masonic Boys' School is situate, and the members, the majority of whom reside in the immediate vicinity, naturally take a deep interest in "Our Boys." The Lodge is recognised as a staunch supporter of our Charities, and moreover the members, it is well known, never turn a deaf ear to any deserving appeal for their help. The business of Saturday, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, comprised the balloting for a candidate for initiation, Mr. Edward Bond Nash, who was proposed and seconded by Bros. James Henry Murray and P.M. William Sayer. The result was unanimous, and the candidate was introduced and initiated into our mysteries by the W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. James William Berrie, was then presented to Bro. Bone by P.M. Bro. Durrant. Bro. Berrie took the obligation, and all brethren who have no claim to wear the levels were requested to retire. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Bone proceeded with the ceremony. After the new W.M. had received the congratulations of those who participated, the Board of Installed Masters was closed. The brethren were re-admitted, and in due course the W.M. appointed the following Officers:—George Downs Hooper S.W., Charles Edwin Lloyd (named as) J.W., Alfred Durrant P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Howes Turner P.M. Secretary, Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D., Chaplain, Thomas Harrison S.D., James Robert Tollis J.D., Frederick Charles Pelton D.C., James Henry Crowther Steward, Alfred Charles Gomm I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler. Bro. Bone then completed his day's work by giving the customary addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren; and on taking his seat as I.P.M. was congratulated on the way he had conducted the ceremony. The next business was to receive the report of the Audit Committee. This showed the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition, with a fair balance in hand. On the Worshipful Master rising for the usual inquiries, Bro. Past Master Durrant remarked that it was with great pleasure he had seen in the daily papers an announcement, on the authority of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught had sent a donation of £20 towards the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. Personally he was gratified to see the progress the Fund was making; he cordially concurred in the objects contemplated by the promoters, and deemed the project worthy of the support of the Lodges. Under these circumstances, he would move that their Lodge vote a sum of £5 5s towards the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. This proposition was most cordially received, and found a seconder in Bro. Dr. Conolly, who referred to the exertions that had been made to assist one of the late pupils—Robert Bryant. This young man had obtained a scholarship, and had been most successful in the progress he had made; at the same time, consequent on his want of means to meet the charges for board, tuition, commons, &c., he had been compelled to give up residence at Cambridge. This youth had received substantial help from the Supreme Council 33°, and Dr. Morris had exerted himself most strenuously, but beyond some slight aid he had received from the Lewis Lodge his exertions had been fruitless; in fact he (Bro. Conolly) thought their worthy Chaplain had somewhat exceeded discretion in the liability he had incurred. This case was one, he thought, would come within the scope of what was contemplated, and he was surprised that no move in this direction had not sooner been made; he strenuously urged the brethren to sanction the vote. On this being put by the W.M. the proposition was carried without a dissentient voice. Routine business followed, and then the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served up by Bro. Genshade, who displayed throughout every desire that the guests should be made comfortable, and in this he was eminently successful. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Berrie, who is a capital President, proceeded with the toasts. In proposing The Queen and the Craft, he said in Her Most Gracious Majesty are embodied the best principles of Government. He had great pleasure in offering this toast for their acceptance. The next, the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, was ably initiated by Bro. Berrie, after which, in quick succession, the Pro Grand

Master, and the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers Present and Past. The abilities of these brethren were universally recognised; in fact, it was scarcely necessary to allude to their qualities, so well were they known. He would not occupy valuable time, so would at once offer the toast for their acceptance. After a song, most artistically given by Bro. Burgess Perry, Bro. Bone rose to propose the health of the W.M. Bro. Berrie was worthy of all the honour they could bestow upon him. The Lodge might consider itself singularly fortunate in having a brother to preside over them who so well understood his duties. Bro. Berrie suitably acknowledged the compliment, and then proposed the health of the Past Masters, to whose labours he referred in most graceful terms. He presented, on behalf of the Lodge, the I.P.M. with the jewel that had been voted by the Lodge, and trusted he might have many years of prosperity before him. This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Bone, and other of the Past Masters, and then the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bros. Lawrence, Farquharson, and Morgan. The Treasurer and Secretary next came in for their meed of praise, and then the Officers were complimented. Replies were in due course given, and when the time came for the W.M. to summon the Tyler all agreed the hours had passed most pleasantly.

**Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79.**—A meeting of the members of this Chapter was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Thursday, the 16th inst., when there were present:—Comps. R. Dussee M.E.Z., W. Kipps H., H. Roberts as J. (owing to the unavoidable absence of Comp. Dr. Chittenden), H. W. Partridge Scribe E., S. P. Catterson N., Batchelor P.S. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous Convocation were read and confirmed; after which Bro. M. Luck of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, was introduced, and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being rendered throughout in a very impressive manner, each Officer having a perfect knowledge of his duties. The Chapter was closed in form, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet-room, where a *recherché* repast awaited them, which was followed by a social evening, enlivened by some choice music and songs. Companion Kipp, assisted by Comp. Dowsett, presided at the harmonium both in the Chapter and the banquet room. Visitors—Comps. Williams M.E.Z. of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, West of the Wellington, and Pooley of the St. George.

**King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. W. M. Stiles opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. J. Michael I.P.M., J. T. Briggs P.M. 157 S.W., H. Stiles J.W., F. Saintsbury Sec., H. Higgins S.D., Lewis Solomon J.D., B. Kaufmann D.C., Leon Jacobs I.G., C. B. P. Iland Steward, F. W. Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent P.M., J. Daly Tyler; A. Hubbard, W. R. Yates, John M. Broughton, J. Patterson, F. Fletcher, W. H. Baker, &c. The Lodge was regularly advanced, and Bro. John Northidge Broughton was admitted to the benefits of the F.C. degree. This ceremony completed, Messrs. Alexander Pawson and William Henry Baker were initiated into the Order. This completing the business of the evening, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge; before doing so he announced that he had undertaken to represent the King's Cross at the next Festival of the Girls' School, and he hoped the brethren would come forward and assist to place the Lodge in the foremost rank of supporters of the Charities. He stated that up to the present time he had received twenty guineas towards his list, which amount he hoped would be materially increased before the day of the Festival. It was also mentioned that Bro. Senior Warden had decided to serve as Steward during the coming year on behalf of the Boys' School, and hopes were expressed that at each of the Festivals the Lodge would occupy a proud position. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet hall, where, after they had enjoyed the good things provided, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The W.M. said he was proud of having two members of Grand Lodge among his visitors, and would call on Bros. Buss and Adams to respond. Bro. Buss was the first to answer to the toast. The Grand Officers were, he said, ever ready to do their utmost to further the interests of the Craft. He was pleased to find that the King's Cross Lodge had settled down in such a firm Masonic habitation as their present place of meeting. Bro. Adams was surprised, but very pleased, to see so young a Lodge produce such an assembly as that he then witnessed. It appeared to him that the Lodge would speedily occupy one of the first positions in the Craft. He was also glad to listen to the perfect rendering of the ceremonies which had been performed, more especially as he looked on the several members of the Lodge as his pupils in Freemasonry. He trusted the Lodge would continue to prosper, and that its reputation for good working would ever continue. Bro. Michael now proposed the health of the W.M., which was heartily received. Bro. Stiles thanked the members. He had always endeavoured to carry out his duties in such a way as to reflect credit on the office he held. He considered that any who had instruction from Bro. Adams could not fail to materially advance in their knowledge of Freemasonry. To the health of the Immediate and other P.M. of the Lodge, Bros. Michael and Knight responded. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Bro. James Willing jun., who in his reply explained his seeming opposition at the time the Warrant for the King's Cross Lodge was applied for. In the course of a long speech he begged to thank the Lodge for their hospitality, but was not allowed time sufficient to express himself fully on that point. He finally stated that he looked upon the King's Cross Lodge as affiliated to the Metropolitan—most of the brethren of the former, including the W.M., having been initiated in the latter. The two Initiates each said a few words in reply to the toast proposed in their honour, and "The Officers" brought the evening's enjoyment

to a conclusion. Among the Visitors were Bros. H. Farren 534, A. J. Barclay 1767, T. M. Ormiston 1507, M. Little 1507, T. A. Adams 23 P.G.P., J. Cooper P.M. 733, E. F. Pierdon 948, G. Clark jun. S.W. 1777, J. C. Edmonds 1507, J. Walters 188, F. Silvester 193, G. Read P.M. 511, A. Kent 1425, H. G. Buss Asst. G. Sec., W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, Jas. Willing jun. P.M. 177, 1507.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

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. Percy W.M. 228 Preceptor. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Giller, J. Lorkin, W. Burtle, 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 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, Bro. Butt's, The New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, 27th October. Bros. R. G. Tolmie 861 W.M., Hallam 1349 S.W., H. P. Isaac W.M. 1693 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. C. Patrick, F. W. Sil'is, S. B. Halle, W. Lucy Jen'ns, D. Moss, H. R. Hallam, H. Sadler. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. J. B. King, E. Pelikan, C. S. Fox, H. P. Isaac, A. W. Fenner. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. A. Wing, G. G. Symons, J. A. Powell. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely.

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. 1524 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 Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday next. Bro. Andrews W.M. 1227 will preside. Bros. Musto P.M. 1349 S.W., Shepherd W.M. 1349 J.W., B. Myers P.M. 820 and I.P.M. 1115. The following brethren will assist. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Pobeus, Watkins, Pallen, Barker, McDonald, Pavitt, Stephens. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Rawe, Johnson, Musto, Smith, Worsley. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Myers, Job, Shepherd. Lodge will be opened at six precisely.

At the Burdett Counts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, Salmon and Ball Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, on Wednesday, 29th October. Bro. Wm. Musto P.M. 1349 will preside. Bros. Webb P.M. 1107 S.W., Christian 860 J.W., Hogg P.M. 1349 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Clarke, Woodding, Chitson, Christian, McDonald, Webb, T. J. Barnes. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Veal, Moss, Forss, Cundick, Stephens. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Cohen, J. Taylor, West. At seven o'clock p.m.

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. Cleghorn I.G. 1287 S.W., G. West W.M. 1287 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Cane, Jupe, Tribbel, West, Staton, Kerill, Christie. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Reed, Burgess, Forbes, Cleghorn, Adair. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Henning, 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.

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### "UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If Bro. Stevens' letter of the 13th inst. is a correct version of the change of opinion of your contemporary, the *Freemason*, since he first originated the movement for "Uniformity," (and I see no reason to doubt it), I, for myself and many other brethren, consider that he has not been fairly treated by that journal. I am not at all surprised that he should express his indignation at being charged with "zeal which outruns his discretion." As far as many of his friends and supporters can judge, such a charge is not warranted by any act or writing of his, and we are pleased to find that he remains firm to his original intention in respect of the movement. He may rest assured he will not want hearty support when the fitting time for rendering it shall arrive.

It is all very well for certain brethren to declare the impossibility of carrying out his suggested Board, or Grand Lodge of Preceptors, but can they really see anything impracticable about it? Let the obstructives stand aside, and trial be made of it before they give judgment. If, as they say, it can be of no use, that fact will soon declare itself, and at least no harm can come of the attempt.

I have read Bro. Stevens' work with much interest and profit, and commend it to the attention of every brother really anxious for the well being of the Craft. It is a capital *résumé* of the work of many years towards securing what is now almost universally considered as necessary to preserve the purity of Masonic working, and abounds with information on many disputed points in our Ritual.

From a former letter I gather that he has taken the proper steps to secure the further discussion of his original proposition at the ensuing

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and am rejoiced to think that the opportunity will then be forthcoming for others than himself to express their opinions on the subject, in full agreement with his own.

Yours truly and fraternally,

PROGRESS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have perused with much pleasure the admirable little book just published by Brother James Stevens, on "Uniformity of Masonic Ritual and Observance." It is a subject on which, in common with all Masons who wish to keep the Craft up to a high standard, I have for some years held rather strong opinions; being satisfied that it is most desirable that our Ritual should be preserved even to literal exactness and conformity in the working of every Lodge under the English Constitution. Bro. Stevens' book is a step in the right direction, and I hope it will be carefully studied by every Freemason, that when the subject shall again be brought before Grand Lodge, that august body may find any action it may be disposed to take in the matter supported by the unanimous opinion of the brotherhood it rules. I heartily wish Bro. Stevens the success his zealous endeavours deserve, and am,

Yours truly and fraternally,

W. H. GULLIFORD,

I.P.M. Montefiore 1017.

11 Caroline-street, Bedford-square, 22nd October 1879.

## BANQUETS, JEWELS, &c.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see my several remarks on banquets, jewels, &c., have been misunderstood. In suggesting help for the Charities, and in promoting the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, I prefaced my remarks as to the urgency of such an appeal with a few illustrations as to how small matters would easily lead to large results.

I mentioned that if every Worshipful Master were to give up his jewel about £6,000 would be raised—that *one banquet* given up by each Lodge, and the proceeds given to the Fund would raise at least £10,000—a very pretty and handsome sum to start the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund with. These and similar illustrations have been, I hear, misunderstood. I am not an advocate for the doing away with the convivial board; on the contrary, I think it is right and proper brethren should refresh themselves after labour, as it helps to bring men together as friends, which the strict routine of Lodge duties could not possibly promote. I do think many Lodges are spending more than they are justified in banquets, and I feel sure a more frugal repast would answer all requirements. Certainly many Masons indulge in banquets which may scarcely be considered as fitting to their usual mode of living. I hope you will fully understand I am not an advocate for no conviviality, *au contraires*, I invariably enjoy my refreshment; I simply wished to illustrate what *small privations* would assist us to a big Charity fund.

I hear a good deal said of the munificence of Masons—that £40,000 is a large sum. Still, when we consider Masons spend annually on banquets and regalia over £140,000, £40,000 is not a large amount to spend in Charity, representing as it does only about 5s per head. On this topic I hope to address you more fully shortly; in the meantime, please to dispel a misunderstanding, and oblige,

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLIFFE.

FOR A BURIAL.—It is announced that an aged Mason of a New England State has just made arrangements for the expenditure of one hundred dollars in the entertainment of the Knights Templars who may attend his funeral whenever it occurs. He became a Knight Templar solely that his funeral might be conducted with all the impressive ceremonies of the Order. It may be commendable in him to desire and thus arrange for the Templar service at his burial, but, if an ALEXANDER WHITE is to be Eminent Commander, he should GUARANTEE AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EXPENSES, and then take a bond in double that amount, as an assurance that the service contracted for will be performed. In this way he may secure the attendance of a goodly number of hired mourners at his funeral, and afford them a fine entertainment beside. He may also lay the foundation of a Masonic Funeral Insurance Association, which just now, seems to be a necessity. May it never thus be taught us that Freemasonry has departed from its high plain of Charity and become a merely beneficiary institution.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The moral lesson conveyed by the working tools of the three degrees is of such a nature as to render an intimate acquaintance with them most desirable. Were it possible for a man to act in accordance with the lessons these nine implements teach, he would reach perfection; but, unfortunately, such a standard cannot be attained. As, however, we may all improve ourselves, and avoid vice by acting up to what we are taught, so may we improve our minds by a study of the symbolism embodied in the working tools. With this object miniature sets are being made, which form a handsome appendage to the chain, either of a brother or a lady; in the latter case it must be admitted the moral teaching of the several articles may be lost on the wearer, but their presence would recall to the beholder the lessons of the Lodge-room, and, we trust, serve as an incentive to him to act up to and enforce what he is therein taught. These sets are made in gold by Bro. E. Pelikan, of 102 St. John-street-road, London, E.C., to whom we refer our readers for any further particulars they may desire.

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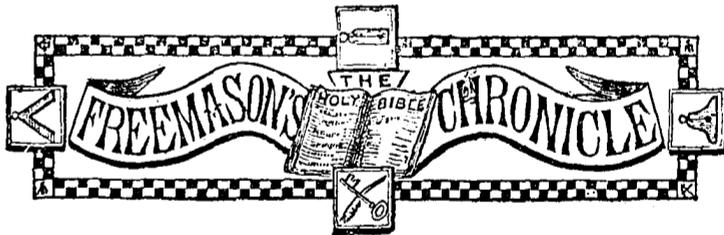
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By Bro. the Rev. J. SIDNEY BOUCHER, P.G.C.,  
P.M. Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Carnarvon.

THE appearance of a new house, whose site, style, or surroundings, are of special beauty and appropriateness, naturally leads the beholder to speculate upon the character and condition of the owner. And the consecration of a new Lodge-room seems equally to call for remark upon the time-honoured Institution which is here to have its home.

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exciting topics of debate, such as religion and politics, so as not to disturb the harmony so essential to the successful accomplishment of the grand work of Temple-building, which was being carried on by the diverse nationalities of Judæa and Phœnicia in conjunction. With the prestige of a lofty origin like this, and its necessary connection with the liberal arts and sciences, such as painting, sculpture, and the rest, the Masonic Association rapidly developed and extended to every quarter of the civilised world.

A powerful organization of this kind, with its ever-accumulating stores of knowledge and experience, could not fail to produce extensive and important results. And, accordingly, we cannot be surprised to learn that to Freemasonry we are indebted for the wonderful structures—beautiful even in their ruin—erected under Greek and Roman auspices before the Christian era: and in especial, for the magnificent mansions, castles, churches, and cathedrals, that sprang up everywhere in Great Britain and the Continent, during the comparatively quiet period of the eleventh and four following centuries. Nor can we wonder that men of other trades and professions, even kings and princes, eagerly sought admission into an Order of such high renown, for the sake of companionship with the illustrious masters of art and science who ennobled it, and whose splendid labours did so much to enhance the national pride and glory.

By degrees, however, these "speculative" Masons, who by special favour were admitted to the freedom of the Craft, so far outnumbered their "operative" brethren, that, cuckoo-like, they ousted the original owners from the Masonic nest, and stayed in it themselves; retaining the outward shape and form of the ancient Guild, with its working tools and badges: its stringent vows of secrecy, fidelity, and obedience; its elaborate and impressive Ritual; and its oral Triadic instruction;—but turning all into parable and metaphor; so that, as we have it now, it is simply a "beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols;" a system possessing many important secrets and valuable privileges, and a history of unquestionable fact, embroidered with a variety of curious myths or legends, to furnish a plausible explanation of passwords, signs, and tokens, whose real origin and primitive significance have in all probability passed away from us for ever.

Such is Freemasonry in the past. What then are its claims upon us in the present? and why are we here to-day, doing our utmost to perpetuate it in the future?

Now, to answer these inquiries, we must call to mind, that Masonry may be viewed under two aspects, a lower and a higher; viz., (1) as connected with Lodges here on earth, and their members as citizens of the world; and (2) as connected with Grand Lodge above, where the world's G.A. lives and reigns for ever.

In its lower aspect, it has three special claims upon our attention and regard, viz., as—

(a.) A bond of union and brotherhood between all the widely separated families and classes of humanity.

(b.) A neutral ground of meeting, for free and social intercourse, among less widely separated neighbours and acquaintances.

(c.) A universal letter of introduction to entire strangers; and a special medium for assisting the needy and distressed.

In its higher aspect, it is still more worthy of the eulogies and encomiums that have been lavished upon it by the brethren in every age. As one of our Fraternal Charges well expresses it,—"'Tis not mere blind fanatic zeal that prompts the brethren of the mystic tie to speak thus highly of the Mason's Craft. For well they know that it is the best and truest handmaid to religion that ever man devised, and admirably fitted to assist him in his search for light and knowledge, through all the various stages of this mortal life, from the cradled helplessness of infancy, to the final darkness of the grave. It is founded on a triad of deep mysterious truths, connecting earth with heaven,—the eternal existence of a Triune god, the resurrection of the body, and the Immortality of the Soul. It inculcates the purest principles of piety and virtue; and teaches plainly, in the First Degree, to measure all our words and actions by the gauge of rectitude and justice; to shape our conduct in the second, by the square of morality and honesty; and, in the third, to circumscribe our passions, with the compass of propriety, and keep them strictly within the limits of the circle of our duty to God and man. Hence we learn to be upright, just, and true, to our fellow-men; humble, meek, resigned to the will of God; so that the Mason, who has thus discharged his duty as a true and faithful brother of the Craft, may calmly wait that awful moment, when his heart shall cease to throb, and his soul, released from the burden of the flesh, shall wing its upward flight to the boundless unexplored expanse above."

Truly then is Masonry a noble thing, and nobly should it be enshrined among us! It is a precious jewel, which demands a goodly setting. And we congratulate the brethren of this Lodge upon the admirable hall which is consecrated to its use to-day, as our first Grand Master King Solomon congratulated himself and his people when his building at Jerusalem was completed;—"I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord; for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of Israel, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit His Temple."

Being, then, what it is, we might naturally expect to find Freemasonry everywhere held in the highest and most reverent estimation, and, like a powerful magnet, drawing into it irresistibly all that is great and good now, as it did in days gone by. But is it so? To some extent no doubt it is, and in proof of this we point with pride and pleasure to such an assemblage as is gathered here to-day. Yet is it not the case, that our influence and numbers are not nearly what they ought to be—that, in fact, they might, and ought to be far larger than they are? And, if so, where lies the fault? Have we any one to blame for it but ourselves? Speaking from my own experience, I should say, that Masonry is far from popular with women, as a body; that wives dislike it for their husbands, mothers for their sons, and that many men who take an independent stand in thought and action fight shy of it for themselves and their belongings. And why? Because there is a wide-spread feeling that

men become Masons not from high, but low motives—to increase their business connection, perhaps, or enlarge their jolly-good-fellow circle, and that their moral tone is not improved thereby, but the reverse; that Masonry, in fact, is little more than a costly knife and fork society, fond of idle dissipation; and Lodge meetings merely a convenient excuse and cloak for wasting ill-spaced money upon extravagant eating and drinking, especially drinking. That this opinion may have sad foundation in the conduct of some few past and even present brethren, cannot be denied. Nor is the reason far to seek. In the great majority of our town and country districts no large and suitable room for meeting can be found, except at the public inn, where temptations to excess present themselves to every comer. And, accordingly, it is their misfortune, not their fault, if Masons, thus unhappily situated, have from time to time made lapses from their high profession. For it is not the orderly Masonic banquet in Masonic clothing, nor the modest Lodge refreshment with Masonic checks and guards on every side, that does the mischief, but the un-Masonic lounging at the bar, and the alcoholic convivialities there indulged in before the Lodge is opened and after it is closed. Hence it is that unseemly scandals have at times arisen, that solemn vows of initiation have been forgotten, that the mysteries of Masonry have more or less been blabbed by drunken lips to the scoffing outer world, and grave discredit cast upon the whole Fraternity.

Freemasonry, however, cannot justly be condemned, any more than Christianity, for not doing its proper work of making all its members worthy; or than the Legislature, for not making every one sober and religious by Act of Parliament. Much, however, may be done in this direction by diminishing the temptations to vice and the facilities for getting drunk, and an immense stride will have been taken towards the exaltation of Freemasonry among ourselves and the world at large, when every Lodge has a place like this set apart for Masonic purposes, where the most fastidious may assemble as in an ordinary well-kept reading-room, without hesitation on their own part, or suspicion on the part of others, where evenings may be often spent, not drearily and wearily in merely getting through a dull routine of "work," but pleasantly and profitably in "lectures" and discussions upon interesting topics of art and science, thus fulfilling the special obligation, to "make continual advancement in Masonic knowledge."

And this is unquestionably the right and proper thing. For what says an Ancient Charge? "A Mason's Lodge is an emblematic representation of the Universe, the magnificent temple of that G.A. whom we all revere and adore. Wisdom, strength, and beauty are the pillars of His throne, and manifest in all His works. His wisdom is infinite, His strength omnipotent, and His beauty shines through all creation in symmetry of form, grandeur of proportion, and glorious harmony of colour." Here is a grand ideal! But how can it possibly be realized in a public-house, with un-Masonic sights and sounds at every turn, with cowans and intruders in every corner.

Very cordially, then, do we reiterate our warm congratulations to the Madoc and St. Onbi Lodges for the Temple building they have done. Very heartily do we say to you, go on and prosper, as you well deserve! This structure has been raised in perfect unanimity and concord; long may it so continue. May the proceedings of to-day serve but to forge another link in the chain of brotherly love and good fellowship by which you are already united. May your children and your children's children rejoice in these auspicious solemnities. May you enjoy within these walls every satisfaction and delight that disinterested affection and Masonic intercourse can afford. And may the good report of this Lodge so tend to exalt and enhance the reputation of the Craft at large, that Masonry may flourish here, as in every other quarter of the globe, and be assisted to fulfil its noble mission, by diffusing the light of wisdom, aiding the strength of reason, displaying the beauty of virtue, and diminishing the aggregate of human vice and misery. Being thus established firmly by the high character of its friends, it may laugh to scorn the malice of its foes, and rise superior to all the opposition of the outer world, like the lofty summit of the mighty Snowdon, that bares its breast with dignified composure to the tempest, and fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm.

## MEETING OF LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn Senior Vice-President, Jas. Brett Junior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., presided. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. W. Dodd also attended from Grand Secretary's Office. There was a very full attendance of brethren, among whom were Bro. S. Rawson, Col. Somerville Barney, James Kench A.G.P., W. Stephens, W. Mann, H. Garrod, W. H. Perryman, Griffiths Smith, A. Middlemass, G. P. Britten, W. J. Murli, C. E. Hogard, Charles Atkins, Charles Dairy, W. H. Dean, Charles Daniel, P. A. Nairne, A. McMillan, W. J. Stride, S. H. Parkhouse, Thomas Edmonston, N. B. Headon, E. W. Devereux, and J. F. Knight-Smith. After confirming recommendations made at last meeting to the amount of £310, the brethren entered on the new cases. To twenty-one of these they recommended and made grants, to the amount of £775, and deferred six cases, which were not complete.

Howland's Pills are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which beset mankind when warm summer weather suddenly gives place to chilly autumnal days. In fact, these Pills offer relief even if they fail of proving an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of digestion, circulation, and nervous tone which occasionally oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the genial, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by this excellent medicine the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation is rendered perfect. These Pills possess the highly estimable property of cleansing the entire mass of blood; which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength and vigour to every tissue of the body.

## 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, 25th OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.  
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1686—Faxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham (Installation)  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 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  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottons, Eastwood  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

## MONDAY, 27th 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)  
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1439—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)  
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gt. Heath  
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge  
 498—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
 467—Tador, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 930—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York (Emergency)  
 R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

- Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4  
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 92—Moria, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.  
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 861—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1011—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's Hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (Inst.)  
 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester  
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)  
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Darford  
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon  
 573—Perseverance, Shestone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 980—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton  
 1566—Elkington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Chesham  
 1600—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 R. A. 724—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

## WEDNESDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 784—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1283—Pinsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1763—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

- 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 129—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 337—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno  
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)  
 996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
 1083—Towaley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester  
 1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester  
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite  
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex  
 M. M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 R. C.—Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Chester  
 K. T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## THURSDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vicarious, 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.)  
 751—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.)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth  
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1576—Dec, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction).  
 R. A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 M. M. 31—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
 834—Hanelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)  
 902—Eurgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1288—Pinsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1365—Chapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)  
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
 R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.  
 78—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Pastthorpe, Mirfield  
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

## SATURDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cranon-street, E.C.  
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 1152—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 23rd inst. Present:—Bro. A. Ellis W.M., C. H. Webb S.W., Gimmingham J.W., Valentino I.G., T. J. Barnes I.P.M., L. Norden Secretary, and a large number of brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture: First section, Bro. Valentine;

second section, Bro. Da Silva; third section, Bro. Veal; fourth section, Bro. Macdonald; fifth section, Bro. Moss; sixth section, Bro. Macdonald; seventh section, Bro. Webb. Second Lecture: First section, Bro. J. B. King; second section, Bro. Forss; third section, Bro. A. G. Grammer; fourth section, T. J. Barnes; fifth section, Bro. Musto. Third Lecture: First section, Bro. I. P. Cohen; second section, Bro. Maidwell; third section, Bro. West. A vote of thanks, likewise honorary membership, was accorded to Bro. Ellis for the very able manner in which he had presided over the meeting. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the sections. Bros. Boddy 1475, Allen 898, and West 933 were elected members. Bro. Webb was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At Bro. Butt's, the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 20th inst. Present—Bros. Patrick W.M., Symons S.W., Pelikan J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Kidder S.D., Wing I.G., also Bros. Fox, Hallam sen., Gladwell, Green, Gyer, &c. Lodge was opened with the usual ceremonials, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pelikan resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Kidder, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, the traditional history included, Bro. Fox being the candidate. The ceremony was performed in an admirable manner. Bro. Pelikan worked the first, Bro. Fox the second, Bro. Fenner the third sections of the lecture. Bro. Gladwell of Old Concord Lodge 172 was elected a member. Bro. Symons (the W.M. of the Mother Lodge) was appointed W.M. for the next fortnight, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Monday next, the 27th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Tolmie the Preceptor of the Lodge.

**Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.**—The regular Convocation was held on Thursday, 9th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. There were present:—Comps. J. C. Mason M.E.Z., M. D. Loewonstark H., W. Smeed P.Z. J., F. Walters P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex P.Z. S.E., J. W. Baldwin P.Z. Treasurer, B. Isaacs S.N., W. H. Goodall P.S., J. S. Swcsey jun. First A.S., and others. The only visitor was Companion J. Stevens P.Z. 720 and 771. The Chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals. The Companions were then admitted. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. William Pennesfather P.M. S.W. 1623, and being unanimous in favour of his admission, was duly exalted, the ceremony, as usual in this Chapter, being well rendered. Some important notices of motion were given, and the Chapter was closed. The usual banquet followed.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Stockport.**—The regular monthly meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge was held on Monday, the 13th instant, at the Lodge Rooms, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport, when about fifty brethren were present. In the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the W.M., Bro. W. Harrison P.S.G.D., the Lodge was opened by Bro. Herbert Finch P.M. P.G.D.C., who was supported by Bros. H. Collier S.W., C. Pearson P.M. as J.W., W. W. Skelmerdine Treasurer, T. Bullock Secretary, W. Booth Prov. Grand Steward S.D., G. Balfie Org., E. Stevens Prov. G. Steward I.G., H. W. Mather and J. Fox Stewards; Past Masters Schofield, Kirk, and Lieut.-Colonel Wilkinson P.P.S.G.D. The Visitors included Bros. J. L. Vaughan P.M. 1030 (Mayor of Stockport), Oswald Wilkinson S.D. 1030, C. E. Steward W.M. 336, S. P. Bidder P.M. 993, J. Worsnup W.M. 322, L. Bradbury J.W. 322, W. Alcock J.D. 322, T. Wilkinson P.M. 1126, J. Leigh J.W. 287 Prov. Grand Steward, R. Johnson 281, &c. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been ratified, letters of apology for inability to attend were read from the W.M. and Bro. J. Beresford P.M. P.P.S.G.D. The ballot was then taken for Major Francis Preston, C.E., as a candidate for initiation, which proving favourable, he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Masoury by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Wilkinson P.M. P.P.S.G.D., his proposer. The remaining business consisted of a passing and a raising, the chair being occupied during the former ceremony by Bro. Finch P.M. P.G.D.C., and during the latter by Bro. C. Pearson P.M. All the ceremonies were conducted with an impressiveness and finish which betokened careful study and rehearsal on the part of the Officers concerned in them, and which, at a later period of the evening, called forth the highest eulogiums from the visiting brethren. On the motion of Bro. Finch P.G.D.C., seconded by Bro. Collier S.W., two questions were referred to the General Purposes Committee of the Lodge for consideration and report, viz., the desirability of having a paid Secretary of the Lodge, and an increase in the annual subscription, the Committee's report to be included in the next Lodge summons. Heartly good wishes having been expressed by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed, and a couple of hours afterwards spent in a most enjoyable manner at the festive board, the performances of the Lodge choir enhancing the pleasures of the evening to no inconsiderable extent.

**Macdonald Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 104.**—Held its autumn meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Friday, the 17th inst., and was well attended. The W. Bro. George Ward Verry W.M. opened the Lodge at five o'clock precisely, V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M. as S.W., W. Bro. F. H. Cozens P.G. Org. J.W., W. Bro. R. P. Spice G.S.B. as M.O., Bro. J. K. Pitt R.M. J.O., V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy P.G.S.O. P.M. Treasurer, W. Bro. William Worrell P.G.O. P.M. Secretary; Bros. W. Johnston S.D., Theodore de Leliva J.D., T. W. Simons I.G., T. B. Humphrey Steward; W. Bros. R. Berridge G.D.C. P.M., Alfred

Williams P.G.S.D. P.M., Bros. W. Grant and J. Rawles Tylers, and several other brethren; Visitors—Bros. A. Haynes S.D. 198, and A. Hubbard 813. After confirmation of minutes, ballots were taken for Bros. Arthur Mead, of Nos. 276 and 1719 Craft, Joseph Manwaring, of No. 1719 Craft, Matthew Mildred, of Nos. 1326 and 1719 Craft, and Louis George Reinhardt, of No. 766 Craft, as candidates for advancement. These proving unanimous, the brethren named were severally introduced, and advanced by the W.M. in a most admirable manner. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the W. Bros. C. Hammerton, A. Walton, T. W. White, and North Ritherdon, Past Masters of the Lodge; and Bros. F. Moody, W. P. Collins, George Yaxley, T. Distin, and other brethren. After disposal of several matters of routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner. The evening was passed in the usual genial and enjoyable manner characteristic of the Macdonald Lodge, which was aptly described by one of the Visitors, in his response to the toast in honour of the guests, as not only the "nursery of Mark Masonry," but a chief exponent of the moral and social principles of the degree. That his remarks are just, and that such qualities are recognised in the highest quarter, the great number of Present and Past Grand Officers amongst its members bears ample testimony. In the course of the evening the musical and reciting abilities of Bros. F. H. Cozens, T. W. Simons, A. Hubbard, and James Stevens were called into requisition, and materially increased the enjoyment of a gathering which demonstrated that the Lodge still retains its original prestige. The company separated at an early hour, delighted with their Masonic work and subsequent entertainment.

**Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.**—The first regular meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street. Bros. G. T. H. Seddon W.M., C. H. Webb (P.M. 1607) S.W., George Jones J.W., S. Rawley P.M. Treas., John Newton P.M. Sec., F. Brown (P.M. 1607) S.D., J. S. Fraser J.D., Miller Steward, A. H. Brown I.G., J. Verry Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Appleby, Charles Lacey, Barlow, Savage, E. Moore, &c. Visitors—Bros. H. G. Buss A. G. Sec., C. G. Hill 1366, Robert Thomson 1273, Thos. J. Davy 1471, Augustus Percival 1607, John Tyler 1625, C. Veal S.W. 1306, W. Giller 1607, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. S. Sequerra 141. The Lodge was opened at 5.30, when the minutes of the last regular meeting, and those of an emergency meeting held on the 18th June, were read, confirmed, and signed. The first ceremonial business of the day undertaken by the W.M. was the passing to the second degree of Bro. R. N. Keable. This candidate fully sustained his claim for preferment, and Bro. Seddon gave a careful rendering of the ceremony. The ballot was taken for Mr. William Gayton, M.D., proposed by Bro. W. Stirling, seconded by Bro. Newton P.M.; for Mr. Benjamin Joshua Grimes, proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. Miller W.S.; and for Mr. Henry Richard Yates, proposed by Bro. J. Miller W.S., seconded by Bro. J. Newton P.M. The result was favourable, and the three gentlemen were introduced, and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a very satisfactory and deeply impressive manner, reflecting credit on each and every Officer who took part in the proceedings. A notice of motion that would make a formal procedure of what had hitherto been accepted by the members as a matter of custom was then discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that an addition should be made to the bye-laws of the Lodge which would embody the sentiments of those who deemed it necessary to bring this matter forward. The S.W., Bro. Webb, announced that he had undertaken a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the members unanimously voted a sum of £10 10s for his list, which compliment Bro. Webb suitably acknowledged, and assured the brethren he felt they would individually extend to him the same liberal support which had always characterised their Lodge. Routine work followed, and the appeal of a distressed brother was discussed, with the conclusion that it was a case the members could not entertain. Lodge was then closed. The brethren and their visitors now partook of a well-served banquet, where the proceedings were characterised by a hearty spirit of enjoyment throughout. The W.M., in introducing the toasts, adopted commendable brevity, and the several replies were well considered and direct to the point. Bro. Buss replied for the Grand Officers. He thought we had the right men in the right place. He was pleased to be present in the Sincerity Lodge, where he was always sure to meet many very old friends, and where he always felt he was a welcome guest. Our genial Bro. Buss took a retrospective glance; this was the first Lodge he had ever visited, now some thirty-three or thirty-four years back. One Capt. Oman was then a shining light in the Lodge, and to this worthy Mason he (Bro. Buss) was indebted for some early lessons. The Sincerity Lodge had ever been consistent supporters of the Institutions, and he was sure to appeal the Senior Warden had made that evening would receive the consideration it deserved. The next toast was the health of the initiates, Bro. Seddon expressing the hope that they would make good and reputable members of the Order. After a cornet solo by Bro. Davy, of the Islington Lodge, Bro. Gayton thanked the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had spoken; he would endeavour, to the utmost of his ability, to advance the Order and to merit the good opinion of the members. The other initiates also tendered their thanks, and then Bro. I.P.M. Appleby proposed the health of the W.M. This compliment was briefly but heartily acknowledged, and then came the toast of the Visitors, which elicited replies from Bros. Hill, Veal, Morgan, and others. The other toasts comprised Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, replied to by Bro. Webb; the Past Masters, Bro. Appleby responding; the Officers, for whom Bro. Webb replied. A special toast was made on behalf of Bro. Hill, who is about to leave this country, and this was acknowledged by Bro. Hill, who stated that on his return to his native land he hoped again to have the pleasure of meeting the members of Sincerity. The Tyler then gave his toast, and his "song," after which the brethren separated.

**Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.**—A meeting, the first of the winter session, was held on Monday, 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, London, E.C. Present—Bros. George Pare W.M., Bailey S.W., F. Croaker J.W., John Constable P.M. Treas., Philip Levy Secretary, T. W. C. Bush S.D., George Bilby P.M. Org., S. Barnett Steward, A. Staley I.G., Potter Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. H. Ross, J. D. Barnett, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss, Saul Solomon, M. Harris, E. Gottheil, N. Gluckstein; Visitors—Bros. C. D. H. Jacobs P.M. 27, G. B. Chapman S.W. 27, F. H. Tibbitts S.D. 59, Albert Eskill P.M. 73, Sprake 201, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, E. W. Page (New Zealand) W.M. 348 I.G., George Moss J.W. 1201, G. Adamson P.M. 199, 1208, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, E. Terry I.P.M. 1319, G. J. Joseph St. George's G.R.C., Henry Bleck Temple Bar, Henry Cohen Peace and Harmony, Southampton, Woodward Temple Bar. The Lodge was formally opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, Mr. Joseph Levy, proposed by Bro. Woolf, and Mr. Mortimer Hill, proposed by Bro. A. Solomon; in each case Bro. Philip Levy acting as seconder to the respective candidates. The result was favourable, and the two gentlemen were separately introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry; Bro. Pare giving careful readings of the ceremony. The Committee of the Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge announced they had made a grant of £25 in aid of a late member of the Lodge, who was in distressed circumstances, and the members formally gave their assent to the proceeding. Some matters of home interest were discussed, after which Lodge was closed. A most liberally supplied banquet was then served, and the brethren assembled did ample justice to the repast. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Pare briefly introduced the toasts, which were received most loyally. After that of the Queen and the Craft the National Anthem was sung. The toast of the M.W. the G.M. was followed by that of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The W.M. had now the pleasure of proposing the health of the initiates. Both their new members had been highly recommended to them, and he hoped that each would tread in the footsteps of the many worthy brethren who had preceded them in the Lodge. Bro. Levy was the first who replied; he trusted the members would excuse him when he expressed a fervent hope that it might not be many years ere he occupied the Worshipful Master's seat. Bro. Mortimer Hill assured the brethren he would endeavour to carry out to the best of his ability the precepts so forcibly commended to his attention during the evening; he thanked the brethren for accepting him as a member of their distinguished Order. The W.M. on rising to propose the next toast, regretted that he did not feel quite up to the mark. However, he had now to give a toast which was always well received in the Lodge of Tranquillity. Bro. Pare then, on behalf of his Lodge, tendered a hearty greeting to each and all of the Visitors present; he referred to the advantages to be derived from an interchange of visits, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Adamson, Jacobs and Chapman. These brethren all replied, and their remarks were supplemented by several others—Bro. Page of New Zealand, Bro. Henry Cohen of Grignaland, &c. In the absence of the I.P.M. Bro. D. Posener, Bro. Saul Solomon the senior P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. In such a Lodge as that of Tranquillity a W.M.'s duties were very heavy. Bro. Pare had entered the Lodge almost a stranger, but from the assiduity and industry he evinced he soon won the good opinion of the members, and had worked up to his present position, where he could boast of possessing the affection and esteem of all. Personally he (Bro. Solomon) was convinced the members had not done wrong in so elevating Bro. Pare, and he was sure he echoed the sentiments of one and all when he stated that when the time came for their Worshipful Master to leave his chair he would carry with him the best wishes of all with whom he had been associated in the Lodge. Bro. Pare on rising, again referred to the slight ailment he was afflicted with; he felt what little breath he thought he possessed had been taken away by the many kind things Bro. Solomon had said of him. He thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast. When he undertook the duties of the chair he made up his mind to do the work thoroughly, and the knowledge that he had so far succeeded was most gratifying. He trusted the same happy future was before their brothers initiate of that evening. Bro. Pare concluded by observing that what he had done in the past he would strive to improve on in the future, and again thanked the brethren for the reception they had given him. To the toast of the Past Masters Bro. J. D. Barnett replied. In responding to the toast of "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge," Bro. Saul Solomon P.M. gave a slight sketch of its establishment, and briefly explained its working, giving details of several cases in which substantial help had been rendered by means of the Fund. He was happy to inform the members that their capital amounted to nearly £1000. The assistance given was never offered in a niggardly spirit, and secrecy and silence characterised the proceeding. It was this secrecy that lent a charm to their acts; the recipient might take his seat in Lodge the same evening, and beyond the few members who comprised the Committee no one would be aware of what had been done. This had been the idea of those brethren who had established the fund, and personally he strongly urged that this should be carried out in its entirety. The initiates of the night had liberally contributed in aid of the fund, but he hoped the day was far distant when either they or any other member present would be necessitated to make application for its benefits. After a few words from Bro. John Constable, the W.M. proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and in the course of his reply, Bro. Levy announced that he had that day seen a brother who some time since had been assisted by the members. This brother had told him (Bro. Levy) that his prospects had since brightened, and he desired that Bro. Levy would inform the members that this was the case; likewise he requested him to become the medium through which he might recoup the amount that had been so generously awarded him in the time of his distress. Bro. Bailey

S.W. replied for the Officers, and then the Tyler was summoned for the parting toast. During the evening a capital selection of songs was given. Amongst them Bro. Bailey contributed "Phyllis is my only joy," and "The lark has left her dewy nest;" Bro. Child, "Sally in our alley;" Bro. Ross, "Blue Alsatian Mountains," and "Mignonetta;" Bro. J. D. Barnett, "The flowing tide rolls in;" Bro. Constable, "Let brotherly love continue;" Bro. Mortimer Hill, "Tom Bowling," and "Come into the garden, Maud." Bro. J. D. Barnett greatly assisted the vocalists by his accompaniment, and at the time of departure received the thanks of all assembled for his kindness.

**Era Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 176.**—The installation meeting of this Mark Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Friday, 10th inst. Bro. T. Horton W.M. presided. The minutes of the last regular meeting were unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. W. Hammond S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed and invested his Officers. Business ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned, to meet on Friday, 13th February 1880. There were present Bros. J. Stevens P.M., T. Poore P.M., F. Walters P.M., W. Pennofather Secretary, and others.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday, the 18th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present:—Bros. D. Moss W.M., Giller S.W., McMillan J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Carr S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Parkes I.G.; also Bros. Kidder, J. A. Powell, Mallord, J. Lorkin, Valentine, Byot, Gibbs, Halford Treasurer, Fysh, Mackey. All formalities were duly observed in opening, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Valentine being the candidate. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the W.M. worked the first section of that lecture, assisted by the brethren; the third by Bro. McMillan; Bro. Percy the second, assisted by the W.M. The W.M. afterwards worked the first section of the first lecture, assisted by Bro. Giller. Bro. Giller was appointed to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had filled the chair. Lodge was then closed. Brethren will please take notice that the Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on 25th inst., and all the members and their friends are invited to attend.

**Kingston Mark Lodge, No. 222, at Tunis, in North Africa.**—The first meeting after the summer vacation took place on the 11th October. Present—W. Bro. Pontecost W.M.M., R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.G.M. I.P.M. and Hon. Sec., Bros. Dr. Perini S.W., Professor Souiller J.W., P. M. Paleologo M.O., J. E. Gessel as S.O., M. Le Gallais J.O., D. Enriquez R. of M., L. Carletto as S.D., A. Bekobsa J.D., N. Paleologo Steward, G. Barsotti I.G., J. Eymon Tyler; and other Mark Masters. A ballot was taken and proved favourable for Bros. General Elias Musali Sub-Director of the Foreign Office of H.H. the Bey of Tunis, Dr. Pace-Williams of Lodge 1717, and Emmanuel Avvocato and Alfred Solal, Consular Agents at Sfax in the Regency of Tunis, for the Kingdoms of Italy and Sweden and Norway respectively, of Lodge 1835. The R.W.P.G.M. assumed the gavel at the request of the W.M.M., and duly advanced the above-named brethren to the Honourable Degree of M.M. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned till the 8th November.

**York Lodge, No. 236.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday, presided over by the W.M. Bro. A. Buckle, who was supported by Bros. Sir James Meek P.M. P.P.S.G.W., J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R., F. Rawling P.M., T. B. Whythead P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. C. Baskett S.W., W. H. Gainforth J.W., and the rest of the Officers, with a good muster of members and Visitors. The business consisted of a ballot for a candidate, and the initiation of a candidate previously elected. During the evening Bro. Sir James Meek announced that his Steward's list for the Benevolent Festival was open, and a goodly number of subscriptions were booked before the close of the Lodge. At the subsequent meeting, at refreshment, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, Bro. J. Todd Treas. responding for the Provincial Officers of North and East Yorkshire. The health of the W.M., proposed by the S.W., was most cordially received, and the Visitors, given by Bro. T. B. Whythead, was responded to by Bro. J. T. Foster, who gave some account of Masonry in Japan, where he had resided for some years. This Lodge is likely to send up an excellent Steward's list in February.

**Beadon Chapter, No. 619.**—The Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, 16th Oct., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Comp. D. Jacobs, who has recovered from his severe and dangerous illness, occupying his position as M.E.Z., Comp. Wyer II., and Comp. H. Thompson J. The minutes of the last Convocation were read by Comp. Green P.Z. and S.E., and confirmed. The next business was the election of a M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, and the ballot was unanimous in favour of Comp. Wyer. A ballot was equally unanimous in favoring Comps. Thompson as II., and Sharrett as J., and Comp. Dodman as S.N. Comp. Jeaman P.Z., in a few well chosen observations on the efforts of the M.E.Z., Comp. Jacobs, proposed that a jewel of the usual value should be presented to him on the completion of his year of office, he having won the good opinions of every member of the Chapter. The motion was seconded by Comp. Green, and put and unanimously agreed to. The Audit Committee was then appointed. The Chapter was closed in due form and the Companions adjourned to a banquet, served in Comp. Cox's best

style; it embraced all the delicacies of the season. The usual Royal Arch toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z. and responded to, and the evening was spent in a most harmonious manner. The Janitor's toast brought a very happy meeting to a close at about eleven o'clock.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 21st inst. Bros. Clark W.M., Carr S.W., J. King J.W., Polak S.D., Hammond J.D., Baker I.G., C. J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Dallas, Brasted, Westfield, Johnson, Carr, Collins, Williams, Margate, Greenwood, C. Lorkin, Forss, Moss, I. P. Cohen, Quay, Giller, Cusworth, Christian, Hand, Weige, Call, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Westfield candidate. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. P.M. Wallington occupied the chair, and Bro. Westfield was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a very able manner, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Brasted assisted Bro. Moss to work the third section of the lecture. Bro. Clark then resumed the chair, and Bro. Margate of 1572, was elected a member. Bro. Carr was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked next Tuesday, at seven o'clock. Bro. Moss will preside.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday evening, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Andrews W.M., Westfield S.W., Hine J.W., Wallbrecht Secretary, Patrick S.D., Gieseke J.D., Peary I.G., &c. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Wallbrecht answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed. Lodge was closed.

On Thursday, 23rd Oct. Present—Bros. J. Westfield W.M., Hine S.W., Patrick J.W., Wallbrecht Sec., Fenner Preceptor, Clarke J.D., Gieseke S.D., Legge I.G., also Bros. Hambach, Andrews, Bromet, Wilson, Stroud, Smith, and Peary. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Westfield vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lyons, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Bromet candidate. Bro. Andrews worked the 1st section of the Lecture, assisted by Bro. Patrick; the 2nd and 3rd, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bromet of the Excelsior Lodge No. 1155, and Hambach of the Mother Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Hine was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 21st Oct. Bros. Johnson W.M., Pavitt S.W., Power J.W., Smith S.D., Barker J.D., Norman I.G., Worsley Sec., H.M. Myers Preceptor; also P.M. Cundick, Fyfe, Andrews, Watson, and Spencer. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Andrews worked the three sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Pavitt was elected W.M. for 4th November. On Tuesday next the Fifteen Sections will be worked.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.**—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., R. Olley S.W., Grist J.W., Aspinall S.D., Goddard J.D., Garrod I.G., P.M. Stephens Treas., C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. McMillan, High, Conbro, Blunt, Jacob, Jones, Martin, Shepherd, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. McMillan candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. High answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. R. Olley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—Held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 16th inst. Present:—Bros. A. Jones W.M., J. W. Fisher S.W., J. Wells J.W., J. J. Clarke S.D., W. E. Batho I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor; Bros. M. Wyville, H. Kasner, J. C. Roe. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. M. Wyville offered himself as a candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation; Bro. Fisher delivered the charge in a very able manner. Bro. J. C. Roe took the chair, and Bro. A. Jones answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jones candidate. Bro. A. Jones again took the chair, and the Lodge was closed in the second degree. The hearty good wishes of the brethren were accorded to Bro. W. E. Batho, who is leaving England shortly for India. Bro. J. W. Fisher was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction.**—The weekly meeting of this Chapter of Instruction was held on Tuesday evening, 21st October, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Comp. Brown (the Preceptor of the Chapter) Z., Comps. Lee H., Davis J., Catterson P.S., Walker N. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. H. J. Lardner of 997 being the candidate. To those who are acquainted with Comp. Brown, as a Royal Arch Mason, it is needless to say how the ceremony was performed, and to those who are not, and are desirous of qualifying themselves for preferment in this exalted degree, they cannot do better than attend at this Chapter and receive the instruction that is so readily and cheerfully

afforded. Comp. Lardner was afterwards proposed and admitted as a member, and the Chapter was adjourned to Tuesday evening, 28th October.

**Wellington Lodge of Instruction.**—The Fifteen Sections were worked on Monday last, the 20th inst., at the Lodge House, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. The chair of W.M. was occupied upon this occasion by Bro. Martin D.C. of Southwark Park Lodge No. 879, and the other Officers were Bro. Stephens P.M. 879 as S.W., Bro. Catterson J.W. 518 as J.W., Bro. Hutchins J.W. 169 and 1531 as S.D., Bro. Hassall 13 as J.D., and Bro. Lefevre 1531 as I.G. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, and resumed in the first, the sections appertaining thereto were worked as follows:—The first by Bro. Ross D.C. 700, the second by the J.W., the third by Bro. Milbourne 13, the fourth by the S.D., the fifth by Bro. Moss 1275, and the sixth and seventh by the S.W. The Lecture in the second degree followed, the first section being worked by Bro. Gloster W.M. 1531 S.D. 1326, the second by Bro. Jenkins 1475, the third by Bro. Taylor W.M. 753, the fourth by Bro. George Andrews P.M. and D.C. 871 and Preceptor of the Royal Oak and Star Lodges of Instruction, and the fifth by Bro. Taylor. The Lodge having been resumed in the third degree, the remaining sections were rehearsed—the first by Bro. Gibson 1531 Hon. Sec. to the Lodge, the second by Bro. Griffin P.M. 933, S.W. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, the Preceptor of the Lodge, and the third by Bro. Davis 879. The business of the evening having been thus brought to a satisfactory termination, the Lodge was in due time closed, after the passing of an unanimous vote of thanks to the W.M. and the brethren who had assisted him in the working. As a further recognition of the services of Bro. Martin, and of the ability displayed by him in fulfilling the duties of the chair, he was elected an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. It may be added that the working of the sections was completed in a few minutes less than the stipulated time—three hours—which is usually allotted for the purpose, a fact which speaks well for the ability and promptitude of all concerned.

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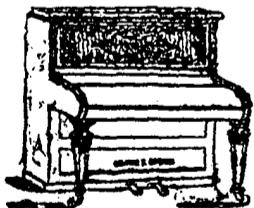
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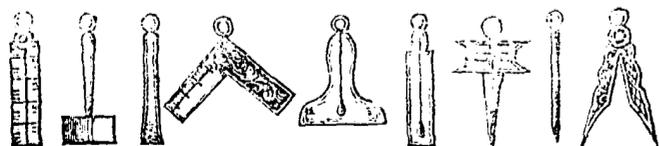
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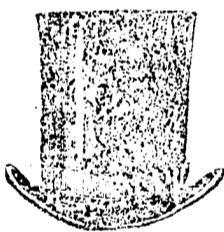
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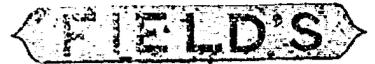
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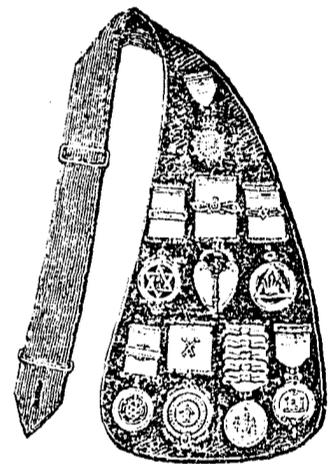
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