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LOCAL VOTING POWER IN THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

WE are indebted to Bro. Thomas Bowden, of Bristol, for the following Tabular Statement, taken from the Reports for the Year 1878, which shews the number of Votes held by the various Provinces in England in the Three Royal Masonic Institutions, with the number of Boys and Girls belonging to the several Provinces, and the number of Lodges in each.

When it is remembered that the compilation of this table involves the classification of about ten thousand names which appear in the Report of the Benevolent Institution, undivided as regards Provinces, the amount of work entailed may be imagined. As regards the Boys' and Girls' Schools, the labour is simply one of addition, an item in itself of considerable toil, but the task as regards the Benevolent Institution may better be imagined by any brother who attempts the subdivision of one page, and then takes into account the fact that there are 175 such to work upon. We have before expressed our opinion that this work should not be left to the enterprise of an individual, but should be issued officially by the three institutions. We are not in favour of abolishing the existing books, but think that an additional one should be issued, showing on one page the votes acquired by an individual in the three charities; in such a work it would

not be necessary to insert the addresses, as they could be found, when required, on reference to the respective lists, the name here being sufficient for all purposes. Were this list issued, it would be easy to discover the brethren who had qualified for one or other of the institutions, and a favourable opportunity would arise for soliciting his or her subscription on behalf of the others, in order to complete the circle of support to the three institutions. In this respect alone we believe the work would repay the outlay its production would entail, if it be necessary thus to justify a most necessary and useful addition to the information we are able to obtain of our Charities. We hope before long this matter will be brought before the respective Committees, and that the ideas of the subscribers on the point will be solicited. In the meantime all praise is due to Bro. Bowden, who, we are assured, will be proud to see an official list issued as an outcome of his exertions. Bro. Bowden desires us to state, that although he has used every care to render his figures correct, he is unable to guarantee their accuracy. This statement we think is quite unnecessary, we imagine that the totals are as accurate as it is possible for any one unconnected with the offices to supply them; but should any material error in any be discovered, we shall be glad to hear of it, as we feel certain will Bro. Bowden. The more brethren who interest themselves in verifying these figures, the more likely are we to have the desired information published officially.

PROVINCE	No. of Lodges	MALE		FEMALE		BOYS		GIRLS			
		Life Votes	Annual Votes	Life Votes	Annual Votes	In School	Life Votes	Annual Votes	In School	Life Votes	Annual Votes
Bedfordshire	5	18	6	8	6	0	23	2	0	15	4
Berks and Bucks	17	194	36	115	40	3	289	11	1	208	6
Bristol	8	100	215	68	163	1	124	22	2	74	17
Cambridgeshire	4	11	4	9	4	1	27	14	1	11	13
Cheshire	36	260	28	116	16	4	428	3	1	200	8
Cornwall	28	101	0	119	6	0	150	9	1	72	7
Cumberland and Westmoreland	19	55	14	58	2	3	235	9	2	95	2
Derbyshire	19	42	417	28	11	4	210	16	0	25	8
Devonshire	47	404	287	335	120	5	336	18	5	188	23
Dorsetshire	13	198	28	100	100	6	427	98	1	92	13
Durham	25	180	0	110	7	7	458	7	3	233	13
Essex	17	176	90	120	68	3	255	53	3	138	22
Gloucestershire	14	141	37	74	45	2	390	25	1	179	27
Hants and Isle of Wight	31	235	46	208	24	4	700	10	8	357	23
Herefordshire	4	34	2	26	0	0	23	3	0	22	3
Hertfordshire	11	158	235	138	153	1	114	18	1	109	26
Kent	43	651	207	573	143	10	944	60	7	657	35
Lancashire East	89	654	46	532	45	20	1868	32	9	640	40
Lancashire West	79	574	33	326	69	2	392	7	2	263	17
Leicestershire and Rutlandshire	10	23	0	53	0	2	160	4	1	67	38
Lincolnshire	20	154	17	70	29	4	334	15	8	241	26
Middlesex	29	183	27	167	23	0	298	15	4	217	34
Monmouthshire	8	92	6	80	2	4	76	68	2	89	6
Norfolk	15	76	11	66	11	4	121	42	2	92	22
Norths and Hunts	9	153	8	92	6	3	162	5	1	112	5
Northumberland	18	142	4	109	4	2	307	1	0	67	1
Nottinghamshire	9	37	24	17	16	0	98	30	2	42	27
Oxfordshire	9	119	27	97	42	1	189	8	0	121	26
Somersetshire	21	245	65	191	74	5	485	18	4	234	28
Staffordshire	21	167	174	56	39	4	434	9	4	236	16
Suffolk	19	216	33	163	38	2	184	16	4	159	21
Surrey	18	244	52	181	42	2	464	38	2	241	39
Sussex]	20	241	60	201	144	4	436	23	2	396	51
Warwickshire	30	151	23	361	46	4	981	28	8	400	16
Wiltshire	10	176	8	78	116	1	189	5	1	141	27
Worcestershire	10	70	6	50	6	0	112	8	1	57	17
Yorkshire, North and East	26	134	174	58	95	2	306	57	4	137	48
Yorkshire, West	66	809	434	875	99	16	2458	22	14	1419	45
Wales (North and Shropshire)	25	50	31	38	18	4	202	15	0	110	13
Wales S.E.	13	74	4	37	2	3	313	3	0	177	9
Wales S.W.	9	10	6	6	6	3	102	5	0	77	14
Channel Islands	11	20	4	2	4	0	48	1	0	24	1
Isle of Man	3	2	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
LONDON		9001	1904	7902	2084	60	11777	1045	75	11500	882
No Addresses		474	11	295	33		505			523	27

EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR JAMAICA.

WE have received from Jamaica the preliminary prospectus of a Masonic Charity it is proposed to form there, under the title of the Masonic Educational Fund of Jamaica. We have been requested to make the matter known to the brethren of the mother country, and we have much pleasure in placing the details before our readers, trusting that the brethren of the far East will receive the support they deserve in carrying out their desired object. After referring to the general principles of Freemasonry, the brethren of Jamaica point out that its great aim is Charity, and while they admit that theoretically the Craft presents much which calls for praise, practically, they urge, it appears to effect but little good in some places, among which they class their own colony. Having so far accused themselves of neglecting to properly discharge their Masonic obligations, our brethren deserve the greater sympathy in their present attempt to remove the stigma which, they say, rests on the Craft in their district, for it is well known that in many respects they deserve to be complimented on their exemplification of the principles of true Brotherhood.

Having decided on making an effort to remove the stigma which attaches to them, the brethren of Jamaica naturally first sought an object to which they should devote their charity; and we think they have acted wisely in determining to afford to the children of Masons the benefits of an education which the circumstances of their parents, from unforeseen calamity, may render it impossible to provide. The object of the Fund is described as being to assist in the education of the children of Masons, who, on application to the General Committee, shall be considered eligible. It is further stated in the Prospectus that it is not intended to form an independent single Masonic Educational School, but to provide, wholly or in part, for the education of a certain number of children of the Masons of Lodges in Jamaica in one or other of the established schools in the colony. By this step the brethren will be able at once to start their work of fraternal relief, and by a judicious expenditure of funds will be able to assist many cases; while, if they had decided to found an independent school, some years must have elapsed before the needful funds would be forthcoming, and the other arrangements completed.

The names of the brethren who have already promised to support the foundation of the Fund are given with the prospectus, and comprise most of the influential Masons of the district, so that there is a fair prospect of an immediate start being made. At present, the efforts of the founders are mainly occupied in securing promises of support, and it is proposed that, as soon as the requisite organisation is called into action, a brilliant Masonic Fête will be given in the Asylum grounds, when all the members of the Provisional Working Committee, as well as the fraternity generally, will be urged individually and through the influence of their respective circles of private friends to aid in making the Fête financially a success.

The Committee have drawn up a proposed Code of Bye-laws for the government of the Fund, which we give below. At this early date it may perhaps be somewhat out of place to make any comment on these proposed laws, but as we presume the Committee are seeking for the opinions of their friends, we desire to offer a protest against law No. 9. The adoption of this law, virtually limiting the benefits of the Fund to old residents of Jamaica, would, we think, be a great mistake. Surely our brethren there do not wish Freemasonry to lose any of its cosmopolitan nature. We are taught that the charity of a Freemason should know no bounds—so far as nationality or distance is concerned, and therefore why enforce a limit which, in years to come, might act most detrimentally to some whom the brethren would desire to aid. Other points in the proposed Code we may refer to at a later period.

The following have been put forward by the founders of the Fund as the

PROPOSED BYE-LAWS.

1. It consists of a Patron or Patrons, President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary, and an unlimited number of Life Governors, and Annual Subscribers.
2. The General Committee shall hold Special Meetings on and at such other times as they may deem necessary, for the purpose of considering applications, and for fixing the days of election.
3. The mode of Election is by means of Voting Papers issued by the General Committee.

4. Every sum of Five Shillings per annum subscribed to the Educational Fund gives the Subscriber one vote at a single election.

5. A donation of Five Guineas, in one or more payments within twelve months, gives five votes for Life at every election, and constitutes the donor a Life Subscriber.

6. A donation of Ten Guineas, in one or more payments of not less than Five Guineas each, gives twelve votes for Life at every election, and constitutes the donor a Life Governor.

7. A donation of Twenty Guineas, in one or more payments of not less than Five Guineas each, gives Twenty-five votes for Life at every election, and constitutes the donor a Vice-President.

8. Similar privileges are acquired by Lodges of the Colony, on payment of double the above amounts.

9. No applicant shall be eligible for election unless the Father has been for at least three years a Subscribing Member of some Regular Lodge in Jamaica, and be a subscriber of at least Five Shillings per annum to this Fund for the same period, unless the Father shall have died before the inauguration of this Fund.

10. No child shall be admitted to the benefits of this Fund who is under or above years of age, nor continue a recipient after the age of

11. No candidate shall be placed on the list until approved of by the General Committee.

12. Every petitioner shall produce a certificate, signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge of which the father has been a subscribing member, together with a certificate or satisfactory proof of the date of the birth of the applicant.

13. A list of all approved candidates, together with such particulars as the General Committee may deem necessary, shall be sent by the Secretary to every subscriber at least days before the day of election.

14. As a condition of a grant from the Fund, a quarterly report of the progress, conduct and health of every child assisted by this Fund, shall be required from the head of the educational establishment where the child is placed, and the General Committee shall take such other steps as may be practicable, for ascertaining the progress made by the child.

15. The General Committee shall have the power to increase, decrease, or rescind at any time, any grant in aid, if in their opinion it be deemed desirable to do so.

16. A bye-law will be prepared, showing the mode of election to a seat in the General Committee, and the qualifications which are necessary therefor, say to be confined to the Life Subscribers, Life Governors, and Vice-Presidents. In the case of a Lodge subscribing such a sum as will qualify for a Life Subscriber, Life Governor, or Vice-President, the Lodge to elect annually a representative for a seat on the General Committee.

"HOW TO RULE AND GOVERN A LODGE."

FROM THE "MASONIC REVIEW."

THIS excessive hot wave we are just at this time passing through, brings up the thought, that, perhaps, if a little attention were given it, the cause of a very large proportion of the difficult matters that have to be met and overcome in our Lodge organizations might be discovered.

Nature in her efforts to counteract the deleterious influences with which mankind appear to be surrounded, no doubt does much, but then she cannot do all. A sudden change in the atmosphere occurs, nature becomes weakened, if not wholly exhausted, in her efforts to maintain a proper equilibrium throughout the system, and, in consequence, we become more or less bilious, feel irritable, ill-natured and all out of sorts, and in no proper frame of mind to transact the business in our Lodge rooms, in that cool, calm and deliberative manner which the precepts of Masonry enjoin.

Under circumstances like these—and they frequently occur in our assemblies, especially where our Lodge rooms are not sufficiently ventilated—if the W. Master is not an experienced hand at the business, with a cool head on his shoulders, we are very apt to have a little excitement, and perhaps hot contention, with some unbrotherly feelings before the meeting is over, out of which come contention and trouble that frequently take time to heal up and reconcile. Again, the Master may feel a little out of sorts, and not quite competent to govern himself, much less his Lodge, and then a fuss is apt to occur before the business is through.

In one of our Lodges, a few years since, at a time when the hot wave—as it is sometimes called—was passing over the section of country, the Lodge meetings came. The members assembled, but it soon became evident that many of them did not feel as pleasant as was desirable. Among the first business presented for consideration was some half-dozen applications for advancement. Of course the ballot was severally passed, and every last one rejected by from two to six negative votes.

Here was trouble, you may be sure, and it required a cool head and steady hand to guide the Lodge safely through. Excitement ran high, and soon became hot as the atmosphere in which they were sweltering. Each demanded to know why his particular friend had been rejected. Fortunately, however, the Master, who was an experienced hand in his place, and knew how to keep himself in order at such times, promptly ruled all such matters out of order, and would allow no such inquiries to come before the Lodge.

When, by a little vigorous use of the gavel he had got matters quieted, he arose, and in a pleasant manner and tone of voice remarked that he thought they had just finished a most magnifi-

cent day's work, although occupying but a few moments of their time; and as it was extremely hot and disagreeable, and perhaps, like himself, many of them had become more or less bilious, and of course not in a condition to overtax themselves with any further business at present, he thought they had better take a holiday for the rest of the evening. He should therefore proceed to close the Lodge.

This, however, appeared unsatisfactory to some who wanted to fight it out right then and there. The Master was unyielding, the Lodge was closed; the combustible element dispersed, and of course the fire died out. The next Lodge night came on; all met in harmony; the several applications were renewed; all passed clear, and a happier lot of good fellows never appeared together in a Lodge room.

Now, all who have had any experience in matters of this kind can readily see what it might have resulted in had it been otherwise managed. There was combustible element in it enough to have destroyed more Lodges than one.

Again, another source of trouble and disquiet in our Lodges arises from the want of ability to discriminate between duty and privilege. Whatever is a duty should be performed, and at the proper time; but a simple privilege may or may not be performed, just as the party may think proper. And here we might remark as we pass along, that the doctrine which is being so energetically promulgated by many of the Masonic writers of the present day, that custom, or what is usually called "ancient usage," has not only become law, but an unalterable landmark, is causing more contention and difficulty in our Lodges than there is any necessity for. How often we hear these expressions in our Lodge meetings "ancient usage," "old regulations," "common custom," &c. Such expressions are always used as knock-down arguments—the raw head and bloody bones that are to silence all opposition, when the truth is, "ancient usage," "old customs," &c., however beautiful and appropriate they may have been, were but privileges, and as such, can never become law, much less unchangeable landmarks. Were it otherwise, Masonry would be changing every hour. The Masonry we of the present day shall hand over to our successors will be altogether a different affair from what we received from our predecessors.

Take an example: A Lodge, young, vigorous, and prospering, had fitted up their Lodge rooms appropriately, and procured a fine set of jewels, with velvet collars for their officers, all in good taste, just as it should ever be. Their Master, by the way a good fellow, but a little exacting, must have every thing just so, and stood much upon custom, usage, &c. One sultry evening, the Master observed the Senior Deacon without his jewel. Calling his attention to the fact, he peremptorily ordered him to put it on. Now it being exceedingly hot, as before stated, this arbitrary order of the Master had naturally a tendency to stir up the superabundance of bile. The Deacon felt that somehow his privileges were being tampered with, and without proper reflection, absolutely refused to obey the order of the Master.

Here, of course, was trouble. The Master for a time lost the control of himself, and of course, the control of his Lodge; the members became more or less excited; "old regulations," "ancient usage," "common custom," with all their raw head and bloody bone arguments, were hurled at the head of the Deacon, with profusion, until finally, he became exceedingly angry, threw off his apron, and left the Lodge, declaring he would never enter it again. This of course made matters worse; a resolution was introduced to at once expel him for his contumacious refusal to obey the order of the Worshipful Master. This for a time was discussed pro and con, but not in a proper spirit. All had become too much excited for that; some insisting that as the facts were all before them, the Lodge could adopt the resolution, and expel the brother without any notice or form of trial whatever. Better counsel, however, prevailed, and the matter was laid over until the next stated meeting.

In the meantime the Worshipful Master, realizing that a great wrong had been perpetrated somewhere, but not knowing just where or how to get hold of it, wrote to the Grand Master, giving a detailed statement of the whole case, and asked for advice, what to do, and how to proceed. This was a fortunate step. In due time the advice asked for came, which was in substance that the Deacon, in contumaciously refusing to obey the order of the Master, had laid himself liable to discipline by the Lodge; his remedy against the order of the Master, if he thought it improper or oppressive, was by an appeal to higher authority; but as the Master himself was the first aggressor, in that he had attempted to compel his Deacon to perform as a duty that which was but a privilege, he should at once go to his Deacon, let him read the communication from the Grand Master, and then take back his improper order, apologize for what had been done, and courteously request him to come back and resume his place in the Lodge, and then let the matter drop. This advice, so appropriately given by the Grand Master, was carried out to the letter. The next Lodge meeting came on; both Officers appeared in their appropriate stations; the Grand Master's letter was read, and then the Worshipful Master arose, acknowledged his error, and handsomely apologized to the Lodge, and asked for forgiveness.

The Deacon, feeling that he could be as generous as his Master, candidly acknowledged his error, pledging himself never to be caught in the like again, and as apologies appeared to be the order of the hour, the members caught the spirit, and thus a general love feast ensued, and all got happy; and that was the last ever heard of that difficulty. The circumstance occurred less than sixteen years ago, the Lodge, as before stated, was at that time quite young, having been organized but a few years, and located in a new place, yet it has gone on and prospered, until in addition to the Lodge, there are now located in the same place, a Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and all are prospering finely.

The customs, usages, and privileges of our predecessors 50, 100 or 200 years ago, are no more binding on us of to-day, than will our customs, usages, and privileges be upon our successors, 100 or 200 years hence. The stability and perpetuity of our time-honoured institution can rest in safety nowhere else.

MARK WELL!

FROM THE MASONIC NEWSPAPER.

AFTER many month's labour in the editorial field, and having a week by week presented to the fraternity The Masonic Newspaper—for their information, instruction and amusement,—it is proper that we should survey the scene of our toil, examine the past, and carefully review the work that has been done. We have performed this duty as we believe conscientiously, and with the desire of detecting errors, if committed, to the end that they might be corrected, and avoided in the future. We have been prompted to more careful scrutiny and most severe examination by the partial censure of some of our contemporaries. Our exchanges have, in one or two instances, brought to us the intelligence that some supposed, that in the discussions and suggestions that we have from time to time made, in reference to the Grand Lodge and its wasteful extravagance in paying representatives, that we have been wanting in proper respect for that most worshipful body, and for the venerable brethren who illumine the East in the character of Past Grand Officers. Willing to believe that such a charge would not be insinuated or expressed unless there was foundation for it, we have taken the lantern of scrutiny, and with it carefully examined all our productions in that respect, and we do not find anything that will, in our humble judgment, justify such reflections. On the contrary, we have expressed our highest reverence for the M.W. Grand Lodge and all its Officers past and present. We have dealt tenderly with many things that might have been severely criticised, for the reason that we did not see how remedy could be applied. We have made it a rule not to find fault unless we could suggest some beneficial change. In our various articles on "How to do it," we have called the attention of the Craft to the existence of a system which is working as, we believe, greatly to the injury of the Grand Lodge, and dishonouring the fraternity in the State. We see that a burden is now borne for obligations already incurred. We see that the Craft are severely taxed to reduce this debt, and at the same time that an enormous sum is annually expended to pay the expenses of the Grand Lodge, that the greater part of the expenses arises from paying members for their attendance at the Annual Communications. We see that the labours of the sessions are actually small, and certainly insignificant, compared with the sum spent. We see the disbursements for charity confined within such narrow limits and in amount so small that the bare mention of it has startled all, and awakened by astonishment the indignation of our neighbours, who, educated under the same banner and in the same principles, exemplify their faith by works, while we are content with faith alone. Seeing all this, and feeling that we stood in the position of advisers to our readers, we gave them various suggestions for correcting the evil and relieving the Craft from both the burden of taxation and the unpleasant reflections cast upon their work. In these suggestions we have proposed various remedies, all tending to reduce the enormous expense. We have advanced the idea of reducing the number of representatives, and as part of that made mention of the Past Grand Officers and others, as some who could well be spared without injury to the successful working of the Grand Lodge. As to the reduction of the number of representatives, we but echo a proposition already made in Grand Lodge. As to dispensing with Past Grand Officers, we but follow a precedent which was set in 1849, and which has since proved satisfactory. We certainly are not to be blamed for this, or to be charged with lack of respect to our "elders" and those more experienced. In furtherance of relief, we discussed the propriety of *triennial sessions*, and consolidation of Lodges. And at length settled upon the plan of *dispensing with the pay system in toto*, as the proper method of removing the evil. And we have urged this upon the brethren with all the ability we possess, and shall continue so to do until the work is accomplished.

We would have been unworthy the favour of all Masons, and recreant to our editorial duty had we done less. Our best efforts we feel have been imperfect, but we know that our intentions and desires were honest, and that the achievement of the plan of repeal would be to the honour of the M.W.G. Lodge and of every Mason who hails from the jurisdiction. Let our readers mark well the words that we have written, and let them carry forward the work until the end is attained. They must not remain idle or be intimidated by the suggestions that they are reflecting discredit upon the Grand Lodge or dishonouring its Officers,—far from it! On the contrary, all who take up this labour are working for the honour, glory and reputation of our time honoured institution; are striving to remove the clouds which obscure its lights, and restoring to the Grand Lodge of New York its ancient and well merited standing as a peer among the Grand Lodges of the world.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at th^o King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, 13th November. Present—Bros. Legg W.M., Powell S.W., Lane J.W., Patrick S.D., Hine J.D., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec., Gieseko I.G.; also Bros. Andrews, Clark, Hambach, Trewinnard, Wilson, Stroud, Percy, and Bromet. The usual formalities were duly observed, and then the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Clark candidate. Bro. Legg vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Trewinnard, who worked the ceremony of Installation, Bro. Fenner being the Master Installed. The Lodge was closed in the third degree, and resumed the first. Bro. Powell was appointed to preside at the next meeting. Bro. Trewinnard was elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for the very able manner in which he had worked the ceremony of Installation, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROYAL LEBANON LODGE, No. 493.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, in the ancient City of Gloucester, on Tuesday, 4th inst., the W.M. Bro. A. V. Hatton P.G.J.W. occupying the chair. Present—Bros. G. K. Prowse I.P.M. P.P.G.S.D., S. Moss S.W. W.M. elect, G. Haynes J.W., J. Brook-Smith P.G. Treasurer Installing Master, Baron de Ferrieres P.G.R., W. A. Sole W.M. No. 82, J. Walker W.M. 246 P.P.G.S.W., J. Bryan W.M. 839 P.G.J.D., T. Taynton P.P.S.D., H. W. Braton P.P.G.S.D., T. Nelson Foster P.P.G.S.W., Rev. H. G. Layton P.P.G.C., Geo. Roberts P.P.G.S.B., W. Roberts W.M. 1005, W. A. Hill P.P.G.S.D. (Herefordshire), F. Fisher P.P.G.S.W., E. S. Joseph P.P.G.J.D., E. D. Worsley P.P.G.S.W., E. G. Woodward P.P.G.O., W. B. Stoker P.P.G.J.D., E. Browne P.P.G.S.B. Wilts, F. J. Blake W.M. 855 P.G.S.D., C. S. Atkins, G. Norman, E. Lawrence, E. Gregory, J. Bruton, T. H. Chance, J. Barnard, J. Weston jun., C. Taynton, G. Buchanan, W. Fream, T. White, E. T. Chipp, W. H. Rew, W. J. Lifton, Dr. F. Canisimo (America), E. Horlock P.M., T. Leader, J. Powell, G. R. Shemalt, W. R. Baker, C. E. Quilter, Dr. Peacock, W. C. Heane, G. Horton, T. Hunt, E. George, R. Matthews, D. Buokle, J. A. Matthews, J. Cooper, W. Curtis, T. Robinson, J. Knight, J. Murrell, R. Shileton, E. W. Pickard, D. J. Newman, T. J. Pooley, T. Price, O. G. Clark, J. Poytress, H. Winfield, J. M. Webb, C. Hooper, J. R. Haviland, J. R. Andrews, G. H. Edwards, J. Heastie, E. Niblett, W. Renwick, T. H. Daniels, W. Gardner, B. Shadgett, S. Aitken, T. Steeds, T. Wood, &c. The Lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of last regular meeting confirmed, Bro. J. Brook-Smith then duly installed Bro. S. Moss into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. The W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. V. Hatton I.P.M., G. Haynes S.W., R. Matthews J.W., E. D. Worsley P.M. Sec., T. White Treas., J. A. Matthews S.D., D. Buckle J.D., G. K. Prowse P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. Kelly I.G., B. Doyle Tyler. After which the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a repast, embracing all the delicacies of the season, was provided by Bro. G. H. Grogan, which gave universal satisfaction. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts—the first being the Queen and the Craft, —Solo by Bro. R. Matthews—“God save the Queen.” Then H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. G.M.; in doing so he remarked that we had a Grand Master at our head whom we not only admired and loved, but all Masons throughout the universe respected, as the Prince of Masons. Solo by Bro. Lifton—“God bless the Prince of Wales.” Prov. Grand Master Lord Sherborne, D.P.G.M. Bro. Newmarch, and Prov. Grand Lodge. After speaking in eulogistic terms of Lord Sherborne and Bro. Newmarch, the W.M. coupled with the toast the names of Bro. A. V. Hatton P.G.J.W., and Bro. Baron de Ferrieres P.G.R., who suitably responded; the latter brother giving some of his experiences in regard to the Charities. It is worthy of record that the brother in question is a Vice-patron of the three Institutions, and so much has he the welfare of the Order at heart that the Province is exceedingly proud of him. In giving the health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. Brook-Smith, the W.M. remarked that no words of his could express his thanks for the kind and efficient manner in which Bro. Brook-Smith had conducted the ceremony. It may here be said that one and all of the brethren were exceedingly delighted with the masterly and able manner the Installing Master did the work; seldom, if ever, had they seen it done so well. The brethren having drunk the toast heartily, the Installing Master responded, thanking the brethren of the Royal Lebanon for the hearty reception he had received at their hands, and saying that what he had done he considered was only a duty. In his observations he impressed upon all present the necessity, in these days of gigantic strides in the Masonic world, to admit none into our Lodges who would not bring credit and honour with them, so that when we meet in Lodge we may truly say we are a band of brothers, and all good fellows. The Installing Master then asked the W.M. for his gavel, when he proposed the health of the W.M., remarking that he was convinced the brethren had made a wise selection in choosing their Master in the person of Bro. Moss, to whom he wished a prosperous year of office. The W.M. briefly responded, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. Then followed the toasts of the Visitors, Charities, Officers, and Tyler. The evening was spent harmoniously, and the proceedings were enlivened with songs from Bros. R. Matthews, Lifton, Kelly, Woodward, Aitken, Worsley, and Clarke. Bro. Horton furnished a great treat, viz., a solo on the oboe, which was fully appreciated. The Royal Lebanon Lodge can look back upon its installation night with a degree of pride. May it ever continue the same.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, No. 1507.

THE members of this Chapter inaugurated their second year on Thursday, 6th November, when Comp. J. R. Stacey was installed into the first Principal's Chair. The Chapter was consecrated in July 1878, and for a time the gatherings were held at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road, where likewise the Metropolitan Lodge was wont to hold its meetings. Consequent, however, upon the great accession of members to the Lodge, the brethren had to seek fresh fields and pastures new, and they are now located at Anderton's Hotel. The Metropolitan Club has lately changed hands, and the members of the several Lodges and Chapters who were in the habit of assembling under its roof have had to migrate. The meeting on the occasion it is now our province to record was held at Anderton's Hotel, where the Companions assembled at 4.30. Comp.

T. A. Adams P.Z. acted as installing Principal, and he was assisted by Comp. James Terry P.Z., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Principals elect were Comps. J. R. Stacey M.E.Z., W. J. Ferguson H., and W. M. Stiles J. The two former have already passed the Chair in R.A. Masonry, and in their case the ceremony was necessarily curtailed, but the installation of Comp. Stiles gave the veteran Comp. Adams an opportunity of displaying the marvellous aptitude he has for conducting Masonic ceremonies. The Officers were appointed as under:—J. Willing I.P.Z. Treas., C. W. Hudson Scribe E., J. Douglas Scribe N., H. Stiles P.S., T. J. Hyland 1st Assist., W. Cook 2nd Assist., W. S. Daniel D.C., W. Side W.S., T. C. Edmonds Assistant Steward, R. E. Barnes Janitor. The agenda paper contained the names of no less than six candidates for exaltation, but unfortunately neither of these were in attendance; consequently, after the transaction of routine business, the Chapter was closed. A capital banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Comp. F. H. Clemow, who evidenced his desire to study the exigencies of the occasion by forestalling the time set down by half-an-hour, thus avoiding the wearisome interval that would have occurred consequent upon the non attendance of the candidates. This forethought enabled the M.E.Z. to go through the toast list without that amount of rushing and scrambling we are getting almost too much accustomed to. On the removal of the cloth, Comp. Stacey, who is a most genial President, said that he should make his remarks concise, and as brief as possible, therefore, without further preface he would call on them to do honour to the first toast—“The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry.” This was most heartily received, and then the M.E.Z. gave, in quick succession, “The Prince of Wales, the First Grand Principal,” “The Pro Grand Principal and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present.” Comp. James Willing jun. now rose with very great gratification to propose the health of their esteemed M.E.Z. He referred to the estimable qualities of Companion Stacey, from whose ability as an instructor, both in Craft and R.A. Masonry, personally he had derived much benefit. Companion Stacey spared no amount of labour, and his election must inevitably tend to the advancement of the Metropolitan Chapter, and he was sure the Companions, one and all, would join with him in heartily drinking the toast. Full honour was done by all present, and then the M.E.Z. rose: He would elect to take the royal road, and at once get out of his present difficulty. He was eminently gratified at the kind way in which Comp. Willing had spoken of his exertions. This was not the first chair he had filled, and so long as he was so well received he trusted it would not be the last. He assured the Companions that every exertion should be made by him to further their interests, and concluded by again thanking Comp. Willing and the members for the hearty reception they had given him. The next toast that was offered was the health of the I.P.Z., whose exertions had met with such favourable results. A very handsome P.Z.'s jewel had been presented by the members which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to Comp. James Willing,
By the Members of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507,
As a token of esteem and respect, and in recognition of kind and
able services,
As Founder and first M.E.Z.
6th November 1879.

Comp. Stacey, in offering the toast, dilated eloquently upon the zeal and ability Comp. Willing displayed; for the advancement of their Chapter as its Principal he had exerted himself most strenuously, and now, as a member, he (Comp. Stacey) was assured he would be none the less zealous. After a song—“Eily Mavourneen”—by Comp. F. Clemow, the I.P.Z. replied. He felt he was surrounded by an assemblage who would sympathise with him, and appreciate all he had to say. Unquestionably throughout his year the time had passed most pleasantly, and the gatherings had been characterised by good fellowship. He had had, both in Lodge and Chapter, some most pleasant meetings in the establishment conducted by Bro. Cox; but events had transpired which necessitated their removal, and individually he did not think they could have secured better quarters than where they were now assembled. Anderton's Hotel seemed to be the recognised place for Masonic gatherings, and he was sure the Bros. Clemow would strive might and main to make them comfortable; he thought both Lodge and Chapter might be congratulated on this point. Comp. Willing then expressed his indebtedness to Comps. Terry and Adams, who, in the formation of the Chapter and in the conduct of the early portion of its affairs, had both rendered excellent service. He also expressed his deep obligations to his Officers; the support they had given had materially tended to ensure the success that had been achieved. The jewel the Companions had presented him with would ever be highly prized, and he trusted their present happy relationship would long continue. The next toast was the health of the Installing Officers of the evening—Comps. Adams and Terry, whose many qualities the M.E.Z. gracefully commended to the Companions. Previous to the reply of these worthy Past Principals, the M.E.Z. called on Comp. Morgan for a reading. The selection made was a little poem entitled “Brought to Light,” which was given with much dramatic feeling, intensified by an intimation Comp. Morgan said he had that morning received of the death, at the age of eighty-one, of the old lady with whom he had identified some of the main incidents of the story. Comp. Adams then briefly acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him, and he was followed by Comp. Terry, who assured the M.E.Z. and Companions that anything he could do to forward the interests of Freemasonry, whether in Craft or Royal Arch, it would ever be his desire to do. Comp. Terry strongly urged that to make our ceremonies impressive they should be rendered with dignity and solemnity; this would make those who listened to them for the first time the more deeply impressed with the importance of what they were undertaking. To him it was intensely gratifying to see the Chapter so well conducted. In proposing the health of the Companion Principals, and Officers of the Chapter, the M.E.Z. said that the Haggai and Joshua were both competent Royal Arch Masons, and both were capable of imparting

knowledge to the younger members. Moreover, the other offices were filled by Companions who felt a deep interest in all matters they undertook, and the continued advancement of the Chapter might thereby be considered almost a certainty. Comps. Ferguson and Stiles acknowledged the compliment, and then came the toast of the Visitors, all of whom spoke a few words expressive of the gratification and pleasure they had derived from their visit. Several other toasts were honoured, and eventually that of the Janitor was called for. The Companions were much entertained during the evening by the vocal efforts of several of the members, notably we may mention Comps. Storey and Clemow. Comp. Hudson was very effective in his recital of "My Lord Tom Noddy."

EARL OF CHESTER LODGE, No. 1565.

THE annual meeting was held on 6th November, when the picturesque village of Lymm, Cheshire, was *en fete*. The meetings of the Lodge are held at the Masonic Hall, and on the above occasion, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the W.M., Bro. J. H. Evans, was supported by a large number of members and visitors from neighbouring Lodges. Among those present we noticed Bros. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Rev. — Hodgson P.P.G.C., E. G. Parker S.W. W.M. elect, Balshaw Sec., John Sudlow S.D., James Kenworthy J.D., J. Lewis I.G., G. G. Wootton P.M., Coxhill W.M. 758, Siddeley 1045, John Young W.M. 148, D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G. Dir. Cers., Capt. Little 120, Bradbury P.M. 1357, Kenyon P.M. 1045, Smith P.M. 1009, E. G. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.D., Rohmer P.M. 633, Groves, Bradford, Wallington, P. Pearse, Griffin, Thompson, W. L. Stone, Crompton W.M. 1588, Barber W.M. 1730, Ryder W.M. 1357, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes were confirmed, and the auditors' report received. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when, in the absence of Bro. E. Simpson, a distinguished member of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire, Bro. Bowes was requested to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Evans presented Bro. E. G. Parker W.M. elect for the benefit of installation. The preliminary portion of the ceremony being completed, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and subsequently a Board of Installed Masters was completed in ample form, W. Bros. Finney and Siddeley presiding over the West and South respectively. Bro. E. G. Parker having been placed in the East, according to ancient custom, the congratulations usual in well-ordered Lodges followed, the Board being "called off" *pro tempore*. Labour resumed, the Board was closed "in the name and fear," and the members and visitors of the three degrees admitted in due course. The usual proclamations, salutations, and greetings followed, and then the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year. The Installing Master addressed each brother on the meaning of his emblem of office, his situation in the Lodge, and the nature and importance of his duties, after which he addressed at length the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren generally, and thus completed the interesting ceremony of the day. After the reception of some propositions and the discharge of some routine business, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bowes for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for a brief interval, after which they re-assembled at the banquet table. The W.M. presided, and after the cloth was withdrawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasures of the evening were enhanced by some excellent music.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

THE annual Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Trinity College, Weymouth-street, W. Lodge was opened by Bro. Prof. E. M. Lott P.M. 245 P.P.G.J.W. Jersey, P.G. Org. Surrey W.M., who was supported by Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., P.M. 1635, P.G. Chap. Middx. (W.M. elect) S.W., E. Passawer J.W., Lt.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D., R. W. H. Giddy Dist. G.M. Griguland, J. E. Turner Treas., John Stedman Sec., J. A. Hammond S.D., H. J. Stark J.D., E. J. Hoare Organist, Bradbury Turner D.C., Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt I.G., F. Droege Steward, George Harrison Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Lt.-Col. W. S. Somerville Burney P.P.S.G.D. Essex P.M. 1615, H. C. Levander P.M. 1415 Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, M. A. Caffee Sec. 63, G. P. Hazelgrove P.M., John Chynoweth P.M. 4, W. W. Morgau jun., George Hastings J.W. 1718, A. Cumner 1426, George K. Emmett jun. 1635. After the customary formalities had been observed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Matthew Robson, who was a candidate for initiation. Resulting in his favour, that gentleman was regularly introduced and initiated by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the J.W. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented to the Lodge. From this we learn that all claims against the Lodge have been settled, the only debt now owing being a comparatively small balance to the Treasurer. The brethren of the Lodge are to be congratulated on the financial state of their affairs; very few Lodges can boast a complete set of furniture and other necessaries paid for after so short an existence. One other item deserves special mention, we refer to the fact that here a fixed proportion—five per cent.—of all receipts is set aside for the purposes of charity. We have often urged the adoption of this principle, and hope, ere long, to see it more generally carried out. The report of the Audit Committee having been formally received, the Lodge was advanced, Bro. Shadwell Clerke assumed the gavel, and in due course obligated and installed Bro. Dr. Robbins into the chair of the Lodge. That brother having been regularly proclaimed and saluted, appointed the Officers for the year, the following being regularly invested:—Bros. E. Passawer

S.W., J. A. Hammond J.W., Turner (named as) Treas., Stedman Sec., Rev. G. T. Handford Chaplain, Stark S.D., Bonavia-Hunt J.D., Droege I.G., E. M. Lott I.P.M. Director of Music, A. W. S. Hoare Organist, Hammond D.C., Hoare and Bradbury Turner Stewards, Harrison Tyler. A notice of motion, relating to the future days of meeting, was then brought forward and carried unanimously. Previous to closing the Lodge, the W.M. stated that his first duty as Worshipful Master was one that could not be improved upon during the whole time that he might rule the Lodge. It was to present to the I.P.M. the jewel which had been so unanimously voted to him by the members. Were he to attempt to interpret the feelings of the brethren, he felt he should but divert their sentiments. He hoped their I.P.M. would live long to adorn the jewel which he would ever do, far more than the jewel could adorn him. Bro. Lott, in reply said it could not possibly give the W.M. as much pleasure to present the jewel as it did him to receive it. He looked upon it as a present of priceless worth, it being really a gift far beyond the value of any amount of money. After receiving the congratulations of the Visitors, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge, when the brethren adjourned to the Criterion to banquet. The company here had an opportunity of inspecting the suite of apartments recently fitted up by Messrs. Spiers and Pond specially for Masonic purposes. The appointments of the Lodge are as near approaching perfection as anything we know. We hope on a future occasion to give a more detailed account of the Masonic home which the enterprise of Messrs. Spiers and Pond has added to the Lodge accommodation of the metropolis. The banquet was served in the new Dining Hall adjoining the Lodge room, and everything reflected great credit on the caterers. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung by Bro. Stedman's choir of boys, and was quickly followed by the usual preliminary toasts, each of which were heartily given and received. In proposing the Grand Officers, the W.M. coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Arnold, Giddy, and Shadwell Clerke. Bro. Rev. C. J. Arnold, in reply, after thanking the brethren, referred to the heartiness with which mention of the Grand Officers was always received. He regretted he was unable to be with the brethren in the Lodge: notwithstanding his personal absence, his heart was with them. In his capacity of Deputy G.M. of Surrey, he had that day presided at a meeting at Croydon, and had there performed the ceremonies of the three degrees; and thus the brethren could imagine with what appetite he came among them to partake of refreshment after labour. He had long looked forward with pleasure to attending the meeting, and hoped the Lodge would become one of the most prosperous in the metropolis. Bro. Lott now proposed what he considered the premier toast—that of the W.M. Bro. Robbins. He felt certain the brethren could not have selected a more suitable Master than they had. Bro. Dr. Robbins briefly replied, thanking the brethren very much and very sincerely for the compliment they had paid him. In proposing the next toast the W.M. expressed his regret that he had so short a time at his disposal; it was the question of time which alone prevented his giving the toast the full consideration it so justly deserved; still, it was a toast that required no colouring. The Lodge would not have been in existence but for Bro. Lott, while their musical programme without him would have been unorganised. The W.M. considered that Bro. Lott had founded a most promising Lodge. The toast having been heartily received, Bro. Lott rose to reply. He felt greatly the honour of his position. The W.M. had just stated that the Lodge was founded by him (Bro. Lott), but if he had not had the assistance of the Trinity College men the Lodge could never have been started, while without the aid he had received from the Officers it could never have reached its present position after so short an existence. Bro. Lott next proposed the health of the Installing Officer, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke; it was a task that gave him great pleasure. Part of his duty that evening was to instal his successor; but, as they all knew, music was his forte, and he was not proficient in anything else. He therefore had to find some one to take his place as Installing Officer. He was not long in deciding on the brother he should most prefer to perform the task, and had no hesitation in asking Bro. Clerke to undertake the work. He had so materially helped the Lodge during its formation, and at its consecration, that he felt no more suitable Brother could be found. The brethren had seen how heartily he had undertaken the work, and now he called upon them to drink his health. Bro. Clerke, in his reply, said he considered it quite unnecessary to confer this further honour on him after the very high compliment that was paid him in being selected to usher the Lodge into existence. He had been especially interested in its welfare. When the I.P.M. suggested that he should occupy the chair on the occasion of the first installation meeting, he readily assented, especially as the W.M. was a brother who had been known to him for many years. He felt sure that, under the rule of Bro. Robbins, the Lodge would prosper. In conclusion, he hoped the little plant he was privileged to put into the ground last year, and which had already advanced to a hardy shrub, would, ere long, rise to be a forest tree, and far overshadow even other Lodges in the district. The W.M. now proposed the toast of the initiate. He was aware that, in many Lodges, it was considered the principal one of the evening, and justly so. He had no doubt but that the initiate had been fully impressed with the ceremony he had gone through. He hoped Bro. Robson would learn that Freemasonry was not a society formed for enjoying good eating, drinking and society, but that it was a bond of good-fellowship—aye, and even higher; but to that he must not at present refer. After a suitable reply from the initiate, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors." Without visiting, the W.M. considered Freemasonry would be but of little worth. The Trinity College Lodge would ever respect that charge which enjoined brethren to entertain guests. Bro. Chynoweth tendered his thanks for the very handsome entertainment provided during the evening. He had no doubt but that his brother Visitors would agree with him that they had enjoyed a most pleasurable evening, both in Lodge and at the banquet table. Bro. Cousins followed, to a similar effect. Bro. Levander was also called upon. He felt that the other visitors could

but be as pleased as he was himself at witnessing the progress the Lodge had made since its foundation. The W.M. next gave the Charities. He considered Charity was a very important item in Freemasonry—in fact, they were told that it was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. Even those who had lately professed to disclose the secrets of the Order—with how much truth those who listened to him were aware—had one and all admitted that the first aim of English Freemasonry was Charity. Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. replied to the toast. To the toast of the Officers Bro. Passawer the S.W. replied. It would take him too long to fully express the feelings of the Officers. He would simply tender their thanks, and state that whenever they might be called upon to assist in anything for the welfare of the Lodge, their co-operation might be relied on. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was proposed by the I.P.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Turner. As Treasurer, he had always striven to receive as much, and pay as little, of their funds as was possible. He regretted the balance was not on the other side of the account, but at the same time considered the Lodge was in a very good position. The Tyler's toast was now given and the proceedings terminated. We have already mentioned that Bro. Stedman's choir of boys was present, but we think a word or two more of praise is due to him for the pains he took in conducting the music of the evening. Bro. Lott's services at the piano were a valuable adjunct; but Bro. Stedman's work of looking after a small family is no light task. Everything passed off well, and the result of the day was a grand success. We may mention that in addition to the P.M.'s jewel already referred to, the I.P.M. was the recipient of a miniature jewel, which it was thought would sometimes be preferred by him.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 13th inst., at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, W. The W.M., Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, opened the Lodge, supported by the Officers, together with numerous members and Visitors. Lodge was advanced, after the usual preliminaries, to the third degree, when a board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Parkhouse proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Edward M. Lander, the late S.W. That Brother, having been regularly placed in the chair of the Lodge, was saluted and proclaimed, and then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his Officers for the year:—S. Smout senior S.W., Darby Reade (named as) J.W., Dr. Pocock (being invested as his Deputy), P. M. Holden Chaplain, G. Penn P.M. Treas., W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., S. Smout junior S.D., F. Frye J.D., J. Bartle I.G., F. Delevante Organist, S. H. Parkhouse I.P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. Woodmason A.D.C., W. W. Buckland and J. H. Wood Stewards, R. Schofield P.M. Tyler. Bro. Parkhouse then completed the installation ceremony, and the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Before doing so he presented to the I.P.M. an elegant P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted unanimously by the members of the Lodge. In doing so Bro. E. M. Lander said: Brethren, we all know the good working of our late W.M. Bro. Parkhouse, and I have great pleasure in now placing on his breast this Past Master's jewel. Every member of the Lodge esteems him, I may even say loves him, for his services during the past year have been such as to call for the highest compliments. Never was there a better Mason at heart. I could go on speaking of his ability, but will now merely add that his conduct is such that we may all copy, both in Lodge and in outer life. I trust that he may live for many years to attend the Lodge and wear the jewel I now have the pleasure of placing on his breast. Bro. Parkhouse in acknowledgment said: I have to thank you, Worshipful Sir and Brethren, for the compliment you have paid me. I do not feel that I deserve all that has been said by the W.M., however, I cannot but express how greatly I appreciate the jewel which you have presented to me. The brethren then partook of banquet, which was served in first-rate style by Bro. Linscott, the proprietor of the hall. At the conclusion of the repast grace was said by the Chaplain of the Lodge, and then the W.M. gave the usual Loyal toasts—the Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The National Anthem, sung by Bro. Pushman, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. A. Kent, followed. In introducing the next toast, the W.M. said the members were aware it was customary to honour the Pro Grand Master with a special toast. He trusted this special toast would always be heartily proposed and received in the Lodge. He should have been greatly pleased to have seen their noble brother present at their meeting. With the next toast—that of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers—the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Steward, who, in acknowledging the toast, after thanking the brethren, said he conceived it a very high honour to have his name coupled with so distinguished a toast as this. He considered the Grand Officers were a body of men who deserved the highest compliments. Bro. Parkhouse, the I.P.M., gave the health of the W.M. He proposed the toast with very great sincerity. His remarks emanated from the bottom of his heart. He felt that what he said would be endorsed by all present. A better hearted man, or a more genial Englishman than the W.M. never existed. Bro. Lander is a thoroughly good-hearted Mason, one who has supported the Lodge in every way that lay in his power, ever since the time of its consecration. After a concertina solo by Mr. Rudderford, the W.M. tendered his thanks for the hearty reception the last toast had met at the hands of the brethren. He believed when the brethren responded so heartily as they had just done that they meant what they expressed. He should endeavour to fulfil the duties of the chair to the best of his ability, although he could not hope to carry them out as well as the I.P.M. had. Bro. Parkhouse's working during the year had been something grand, and it had been a pleasure to listen to him. He hoped to discharge his duties efficiently, and he felt that he might rely on his Past Masters for assistance, if at any time he

was obliged to seek it. The next toast proposed by the W.M. was that of the I.P.M. Bro. Parkhouse. The W.M. felt that this was a toast that would be heartily received; he could not possibly recount the good qualities of the brother on his left. In the name of the Officers of the Lodge, he had especial pleasure in presenting an illuminated address which his co-workers intended as a slight token of the regard they entertained for their Past Master. The address, which was handsomely illuminated, was in the following terms:—

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.
Presented, together with a P.M.'s Jewel, to
Bro. SAML. H. PARKHOUSE,

By the Brethren of the above Lodge,
As a mark of regard and esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the services rendered during the time in which he fulfilled the various offices, but more especially during the year in which he presided as W.M.

Edward M. Lander, W.M.
Samuel Smout, S.W.
Darby Reade, J.W.
George Penn, Treasurer.
W. J. Murlis, Secretary.

November 1879.

Bro. Parkhouse assured the brethren that it was with heartfelt thanks that he responded to the toast. He felt that the jewel which had been presented to him was as great a compliment as any that could be paid, and—from the fact of its bearing the arms of the Earl of Carnarvon, who as a Mason had earned the regard of every brother in the land—was of priceless worth in his estimation. He had accepted the office of W.M. with a great deal of nervousness, and throughout the year he had felt nervous. As far as his humble abilities allowed, he had carried out the duties consistently. He desired to thank the brethren for the reception they had always given him, and for the attention that had always been paid. He specially urged on the brethren at all times to respect the gavel of the Master, as by so doing they would deserve respect, and show their ability as Masons. He had to tender special thanks to his Officers for the assistance they had given him. He should at all times be pleased to do his best for the Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Initiator, who, in reply, said he felt very proud at being a member of the Lodge, and having a seat among the brethren. The brethren had all been placed in a similar position, and therefore knew his feelings. No one ever sat there with greater pride than he then felt, or have a greater wish to occupy that chair which was now so near to him, and yet so far away. He felt that a few words of thanks were due to Bro. Parkhouse for the way in which he introduced him to the members on the evening of his initiation. He stated that he never thought that Freemasonry comprised so much good feeling as he had found it did. He should regularly attend the Lodge and the Lodge of Instruction, and hoped he might become a star in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He also hoped that in years to come his proposer would be able to look back and feel that not only had he paid him a great compliment, but that he had done something—however small—for the welfare of the Craft at large. The toast of the Visitors was one, the W.M. said, that was always warmly received in the Lodge. He desired to thank each one for attending, and tendered to them a hearty reception. Come when they might there would always be a welcome. Bros. Levander, Bryett and Isaacs responded. Bro. Levander said, in a very few words he desired to thank the W.M. and members of the Lodge for the hearty reception that had been accorded the visitors. He had had the pleasure of receiving,—and the pain of not being able to accept,—several invites to attend the meetings of this Lodge. He had to congratulate the members on the great progress the Lodge had made. As a guest, and on behalf of the other visitors, he felt it was his duty to refer to the charitable feeling that had been evidenced by the Lodge. He could but congratulate the members on the results they had achieved. Bro. Bryett thanked the members for their hospitality. The members of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge, of which he had the honour of being first W.M., heartily appreciated the co-operation they had received from the members of the Earl of Carnarvon, who had so kindly recommended their petition to the Grand Lodge. Bro. Isaacs could only travel over the old road, and say how pleased he was to again number himself among the guests at the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He highly complimented the Installing Master, who he said deserved the greatest praise for the way in which he had performed the task he had so fully carried out that day. The W.M. now proposed the Charities. This was a toast always received and responded to most heartily in the Lodge. He intended to uphold and maintain the Charities, as his predecessors had done. He would just remind the brethren that the I.P.M. was a Steward for the next Festival of the R. M. Benevolent Institution, and leave further comment on the toast in the hands of the two representatives of the Institutions who were present. Bros. J. Terry and F. Binckes replied, thanking the brethren for what they had done in the past, and urging them to do as much as they could to maintain the Charities in the future. The list of Bro. Parkhouse was circulated among the brethren during the evening, with a very satisfactory result, the amount promised up to the present time exceeding two hundred guineas. To the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. Parkhouse briefly responded, followed by Bro. Murlis, who assured the brethren that he looked upon the success of the Lodge with the greatest pride. Every year he witnessed the installation of a W.M. he felt more and more grateful for the support he had received when, as first Master of the Lodge, he laid the foundation from which the Lodge had arisen to its present grand position. He trusted the Lodge would always be to the front in the cause of Charity. It had always been his wish to impress on the members to give liberally, but not to exceed the limits they could reasonably afford: so long as they did that, he thought the Lodge would merit the respect of the Craft. Bro. Penn followed. It gave him great satisfaction to see the way in which the work had been done. It would be the endea-

your of the Past Masters to show that the Lodge was able to maintain its position, and continue to advance with the times. In giving the toast of the Officers, the W.M. said the members who had been appointed were brethren who he knew would fulfil their duties properly. He trusted that next year, at the corresponding meeting, he should have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Smout occupying the chair of W.M. Bros. Smout sen., Dr. Pocock, and Smout jun. replied, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Some excellent music was provided during the evening, occasionally being "disagreeably" accompanied by some brethren who assisted, so far as nut-cracking and other pleasantries would count. Among the Visitors were Bros. Geo. W. Dixon P.M. 209 865 P.P.G.D. of Cer. Berks and Bucks, T. Brown P.M. 780, E. Arrowsmith J.D. 733, C. J. Biorn 733, C. Veal 889 P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, John O. Carter 209 P.P.G.D. of Cer. Berks and Bucks, G. Bennett, H. Manchester 1201, P. Marson 1194, W. Gabb J.W. 813, W. C. Williams 1585, S. T. Williams 1261, J. J. Michael P.M. 1732, W. R. Lister S.W. 145, G. Davis S.W. 167, C. Davey W.M. 30, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, Lewis H. Isaacs P.M. 795, John Healey 1348, S. J. Humfress 733, W. Butcher P.M. 558, W. Handover P.M., H. C. Levander P.M. 1415 Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, W. Coombes 892 P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, F. Binckes (Secretary R.M.I.B.), P.M. G. Stewards, T. Fisher 733, S. Dowling S.D. 167, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, L. Bryett W.M. 1828 P.P.G.S. Works Berks and Bucks, F. A. Kelly 1524, J. H. Pearson W.M. 1567, A. Kent 1425, J. S. Badkin P.M. 1365, H. Stevens 1732, John T. Bolding 173, M. Spiegel W.M. 188, &c.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—On Thursday, 13th November, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Gimingham W.M., Valentine S.W., Higgins J.W., C. H. Webb Preceptor, Norden Sec., Maidwell S.D., Moss I.G. Business—The Lodge was opened, and preliminaries duly observed. Bro. Norden answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Norden as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Valentine was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—On 13th November, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. W. Stuart W.M., De Solla S.W., Kohler J.W., Isaac Treas., J. G. Bond Sec., Browne S.D., R. Taylor J.D., P. Sambell Tyler; Bros. Rumbold, Oakley and others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Isaac candidate. The W.M. then worked the ceremony of Installation, Bro. De Solla being placed in the chair of K.S. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. De Solla was elected to preside at next meeting. This Lodge of Instruction will hold its first meeting at the new building on the first Thursday in December, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 11th November, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill. Comps. Brown Z., H. Thompson H., W. H. Lee J., J. C. Goldsmith P.S., G. L. Walker N. The following Companions were also present—A. H. Lilley, G. P. Gillard, G. J. Row, H. J. Lardner and F. Brasted. The minutes of the last Chapter having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Brasted of Chapter 1524 being the candidate. Comp. F. Brown performed the ceremony with his usual ability. Comp. Brasted was afterwards elected a member. The Officers for the next Convocation were then appointed, and the Chapter adjourned until Tuesday evening, 18th November.

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY.—As Exeter Hall will not be available for musical purposes after October next, this Society has announced a final series of Concerts in Exeter Hall, and has issued a very interesting prospectus for the coming season, comprising an excellent selection of works from the Society's repertoire. The forty-eighth season will commence on Friday, 5th December, when Handel's "Judas Maccabeus" will be performed. Next in order will be the ante-Christmas performance of the "Messiah." The first Concert in the new year will be on 16th January, when Rossini's Grand work, "Moses in Egypt," will be given; following this comes Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" and Spohr's "Last Judgment," a combination which must give general satisfaction. "Elijah" and "St. Paul" are to be heard during the season, also Haydn's "Creation" and Costa's "Eli." The final performance will consist of Handel's Grand Choral work, "Israel in Egypt." The names of the following eminent artistes appear in the list of principal vocalists:—Mesdames Sherrington, Anna Williams, Osgood, and Emma Thursby (Sopranos), Patey, Julia Elton, and Enriquez (Contraltos), Messrs. Rigby, Cummings, Maas, and Lloyd (Tenors), Santley, Lewis Thomas, Bridson and Chaplin Henry (Basses). The orchestra will, as heretofore, consist of the leading members of the profession, under the distinguished guidance of Sir Michael Costa, the Society's able conductor. Mr. Willing again presides at the organ. Under the exceptional circumstances of these performances every possible effort will be made to render them specially memorable in the history of music, no less than in that of the Society itself by their uniform excellence in every department.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 16th September, at Du Toits Pan, Diamond Fields, South Africa. Present—Bros. Henry Hartog W.M., D. Van Ulsen S.W., J. van Lys Sombeek J.W., T. van Lys Sombeek Acting-Treas., B. Klisser Sec., J. B. King Preceptor, D. Avis Alm., W. Kimper Arch., E. Garisch Assist.-Sec., A. Harris Ambassador. Past Masters—Bros. B. Susman, P. J. Richter. Visitors—Bros. P. M. Peggs "Cosmopolitan," E. R. Wells, Jas. Laurence, J. Vogt "Athole," J. C. Wylie, C. Arburrow, C. A. Blackbeard "Chas. Warren Lodge," Geo. Brown "Globe," J. W. Sweet "British," and E. Harris "Sir Hugh Myddelton." The following brethren were also present, B. Hartog, P. J. Steyn, J. W. Nutzhorn, H. C. Geyer, A. Hornes, J. Wilson, L. Gers, A. Yockmonitz, E. B. Hoffmann, H. J. Krauss. Lodge opened in the first degree. The W.M. informed the Brethren that the evening of meeting had been changed, at the desire of several members, owing to the following day being the Jewish New Year. A ballot took place for Messrs. Johann D. Andreas and Daniel J. Roussoum, who were duly elected candidates for initiation. An application was read from Mr. F. J. De Vos to become a Mason. Application also read from Bro. Chas. Arburrow to become a joining member. Messrs. Albert F. Ortlepp, Henry W. Hull, and Emanuel Isaacs were then introduced and duly initiated. Bro. P.M. Richter informed the Brethren present that he had attended several meetings of the District Grand Lodge having for their object the establishment of a Masonic Institute for Children, but that a more important meeting was to take place next week, when he would report further. The W.M. then thanked the visiting members for their kind attendance, and also Bro. Wylie for his services during the evening at the harmonium, to which the brethren suitably responded. The labours being ended, the Lodge closed, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

REV. DR. ACE'S APPEAL.

Brother W. H. Saunders, of 27 Walbrook, writes to say he has had many handsome contributions towards the above Fund: including £5 5s from the Supreme Grand Council, £2 2s from St. George's Chapter (Rose Croix), £2 2s from the Francis Burdett Lodge, £1 1s from the Ryde Lodge, &c. Full particulars will be given in our next. About £100 more is required to free Dr. Ace from his financial difficulties.

THE THEATRES, &c.

HER MAJESTY'S OPERA.—This Evening and Tuesday, CARMEN. On Monday, AIDA. On Wednesday, IL FLAUTO MAGICO. On Thursday, ROBERT LE DIABLE. On Friday, OBERON. On Saturday, MIGNON. At 7.30 each evening.

DRURY LANE.—At 7, THAT RASCAL PAT. At 7.45, HENRY V.

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OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, AFTER ALL. At 8.15, MARIGOLD.

PRINCE OF WALES.—At 8, DUTY.

GLOBE.—At 7, THE HAPPY MAN, and LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

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

GAIETY.—On Monday, at 7.30, THE GRASSHOPPER.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, HOME FOR HOME. At 8, TWO ROSES, &c.

ADELPHI.—At 7.30, JESSAMY'S COURTSHIP. At 7.45, NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, LOCKED OUT. At 7.45, DRINK.

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

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, MEM. 7. At 8.0, CRUTCH AND TOOTHPICK. At 10, VENUS.

CRITERION.—At 8.0, JILTED. At 9.0, BETSY.

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CONNAUGHT.—At 8, ALCANTARA. On Monday, LE FILLE DE MADAME ANGOT.

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THOS. J. PULLEY, P.M. 54, 75, 237, 247,

Acting Prov. Grand Secretary.

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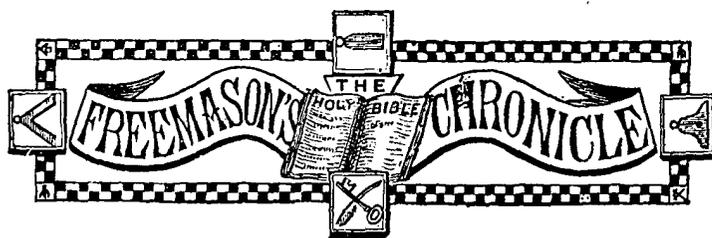
IN compliance with a requisition delivered to me, and signed by Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, J.P., Treasurer and Trustee, a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, the 22nd instant, at Twelve o'clock noon, precisely, on the following business:

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ROYAL ARCH IN WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE regular half-yearly meeting of this Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Wednesday, 5th inst., under the united banners of the three Leeds Chapters. The attendance was very considerable, representing twenty-five out of the twenty-seven Chapters in the province. The meeting was presided over by Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. G. Superintendent, Comp. C. L. Mason, Leeds, Comps. H. and J. D. Kay. The routine business having been got through, showing somewhat of the advancement of Royal Arch Freemasonry in the province, Sir Henry Edwards said:—Excellent Companions—I cannot but feel proud and satisfied to meet the Companions of West Yorkshire Chapters this afternoon under the banners of the three Chapters in Leeds. The reception these Chapters have accorded to me and the Companions in this province merits our most cordial acknowledgments. The gathering to-day is highly creditable to the Leeds Chapters, and I cannot but feel that the operations of Royal Arch Masonry, under these three Chapters, is most conducive to maintain the exalted opinions entertained by the brethren in the Craft Lodges of the principles upheld by the teachings

and symbolisms of this degree, which is the perfection of Masonry, as practised in the different Lodges. It is my earnest desire that every brother on the completion of his third degree should, if possible, enter a Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry, and work out for himself those meanings of our ritual which time and circumstances can only now develop to him. I am most anxious to see an increase of the numbers of Companions in the Lodges in my province forming the different Chapters, and I hope the Companions will do their best to use all proper Masonic influences to enable eligible brethren to join our ranks. I expect very shortly to be called upon to open a new Chapter in Barnsley, having signed a recommendation to Grand Chapter in support of a petition; and I sincerely hope before our next annual Meeting to be able to report that many of our valued and experienced friends in the Craft will have joined our ranks as Royal Arch Masons. Royal Arch Masonry is an order which every Master Mason ought to support in the best way his means and time can permit. Many of the Companions present at this meeting were present at the last Charity meeting, as well as that of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and it was extremely gratifying to notice the success which had attended the labours of our Charity Committee. All our candidates have either been presented or elected on the faith that the money would be subscribed, as it is now guaranteed by myself and Companion Tew. One girl has been presented. We are now pledged to the £1050 to the Bentley Shaw Memorial Fund. The last statement furnished by our Prov. G.S.E. states that about £93 remains to be collected. I hope the fifteen Chapters which have not yet subscribed will now come forward and help before the close of this year, as well as the twenty-three Lodges which have not yet done anything. I hope our Treasurer will be able to tell us that our funds will permit of the resolution that stands in Companion Tew's name receiving a favourable response. We have 939 Companions on the register. We have now uniformity of bye-laws, and we shall be glad to receive suggestions by which a uniformity of ritual in the Chapters could be brought about. In conclusion, I wish all the Chapters continued success, and sincere thanks to the three Chapters in Leeds for their reception of us to-day, the excellence of their arrangements, and hospitable entertainment. The resolution of Companion Tew was afterwards carried. The resolution of Companion Booth was adjourned to next meeting. The companions were afterwards entertained at an excellent meat tea, served by Companion Oates, of the Masonic Hall. —Yorkshire Post.

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ST. GWYNEDD CHAPTER, No. 384, BANGOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the last Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter it appears that the Chapter attached to the St. David's Lodge, Bangor, No. 384, was removed from the Register. Comp. Thomas Fenn, to my mind very properly, asked by whose authority it had been done, and I am certain that if any one had been present to explain matters, the question would have been adjourned. I will not go into the reason why this Chapter was removed, but will explain how it got reported. About this time last year the Chapters in this Province were (and still are) wishful to start a Prov. Grand Chapter, and the Prov. Grand Secretary wrote to some of them respecting it, and amongst others he writes to some member of the Bangor Lodge about giving up the Charter. This communication is not to the Worshipful Master or the Secretary, and the Prov. Grand Secretary styles himself Prov. Grand Scribe E. This correspondence goes on until Grand Chapter, acting upon the information received from the self-appointed Grand Scribe E., acts as it has done. Now, I think that Grand Committee are wrong in allowing assumption of titles, to start with, as it stands to reason that if there is no Prov. Grand Chapter there can be no Prov. Grand Officers. Some time back, December 1872, we were wishful to consecrate the Welchpool Chapter, and I was referred to Prov. Grand Superintendent; but on my pointing out the facts to the Grand Scribe of England, he acknowledged that there was no such official, and his letter I am referring to at this time of writing. The Province has had no communication as to the appointment of a Grand Superintendent, so that we must therefore even be without a Prov. Grand Scribe E.; and as it does not necessarily follow that the Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Secretary respectively have to fill the Chapter Offices, at present no one has any right to sign himself as Prov. Grand Scribe E. for North Wales and Shropshire. Even this morning I receive a summons to attend the consecration of a Chapter, at Portmadoc, which is issued "by command of the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent." Considering that we have an Official Pocket-Book, I really think that the Calendar Committee ought not year after year to perpetuate the error of publishing a Prov. Grand Supt. and Scribe E. for N. Wales and Shropshire.

As regards the seeming contumacy of the Bangor Lodge in not returning the Charter, it should have been explained that the Lodge was in recess, but immediately on its reassembling the W.M. forwarded the Charter, when requested by the proper authorities; and it has now been in possession of Grand Chapter upwards of a month. It is a great pity that there has been so much interfering, for at the installation meeting, last January, there seemed every

desire to set the Chapter working again, but this will be such a damper that it will tend materially to stay the spread of R.A. Masonry in that district.

Some time back there was an attempt made to recognise the "Mark:" could not an effort be made to amalgamate the Craft, Arch, and Mark under one supervision and one set of Constitutions, as they are so intimately blended the one with the other? I am sure that there would be more fervour amongst many now lukewarm Masons, if they had not quite so much trouble in taking the Arch, which is one of the most beautiful parts of the whole of our Masonic structure.

Yours fraternally,

D. P. OWEN P.Z. 998.

10th November 1879.

PAST MASTERS' PRIVILEGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just received the *Freemason's Chronicle* for 30th Aug., and notice the reply of "QUIDNUNC" to my query in the previous week's Chronicle. My inquiry was whether the conditions limiting the right of a Past Master to a seat in Grand Lodge equally apply to his right to a seat in Provincial Grand Lodge. From apparently not noticing the words "election and" in the last paragraph of my letter "QUIDNUNC" seems slightly to have misapprehended the object of my inquiry, and so failed to fully answer it. It will be observed that the question hinged not on the date of installation, but on the executing the office of Master, or ruling the Lodge for a full year, and therefore the instance given clearly applied to the previous question. But that there may be no misunderstanding I will attempt to state a case more clearly:—The ordinary date of election in a Lodge is, say, in November, at which regular meeting A is elected. At the regular meeting in December the minutes are not confirmed, and a second election therefore takes place in January, when B is elected. The minutes are confirmed in February, and B is W.M. till the following December, when he retires in due course in favour of his successor. When B retires, though nevertheless he is a Past Master of his Lodge, yet, not having executed the office of Master for one year, he undoubtedly, according to Constitution "Grand Lodges," sec. i. page 18, loses his right to a seat in Grand Lodge. Does he also lose his right to a seat in his Provincial Grand Lodge, no such condition affecting his right to a seat in the latter being specially laid down in the Book of Constitutions? ("Prov. Grand Lodges," sec. ii. page 52).

Again another instance:—C, a Past Master, ceases to subscribe to a Lodge for the space of twelve months. On his rejoining a Lodge he has lost his right (or rather *privilege*) to a seat in Grand Lodge, but does he suffer any further deprivation? How is his seat in Provincial Grand Lodge affected, no such condition as continued membership of a Lodge being specially laid down with respect to Prov. Grand Lodge? I think several reasons might be adduced to show that a limitation which was very desirable to be established as to the seats of Past Masters in Grand Lodge is not only not equally necessary, but perhaps inadvisable, when applied to a Provincial Grand Lodge. What however we want to arrive at is, not what might or should be, but what is the law affecting Past Masters' seats in Provincial Grand Lodge, and as it appears to be a matter of some little importance I would again beg to draw attention to it.

Yours fraternally,

W. S. L.

Cradock, South Africa, 6th Oct. 1879.

APPOINTMENTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly allow me, through the columns of your valuable paper, to ask a query or two as to appointment and investment of Chaplain and Organist in our Lodges. I am a member of a Lodge founded some twelve months ago, and at the investment of Officers I was rather surprised that the W.M., then a Provincial Officer, should have appointed to the position of Chaplain and Organist two brethren who were not subscribing members to the Lodge; further, the Chaplain was invested with collar and jewel pertaining to the office. The Brother who was appointed Organist refused to be invested. I am of opinion these appointments were illegal, and shall esteem it a favour if any Brother can inform me "Which is Correct?"

At a future time, with your permission, I may supply your readers with a brief history of this Lodge, the method of conducting its business, and treatment of its members.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

10th Nov. 1879.

ALBERT EDWARD.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C., on Tuesday, 25th November 1879. Bros. Abell W.M. 1599 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Brown 862 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Lee, Liddall, Sanders, H. C. Soper, Hallam, Brown, Tate. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Linscott, Dickens, Bingemann, Marston, Pate. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Dodson, John Soper, Gates. At six o'clock precisely.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present:—Bros. Colonel Creaton (in the chair), Dr. Jabez Hogg, Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, Capt. N. G. Phillips, R. H. Giraud, John Newton, F. Adlard, A. H. Tattershall, W. Clarke, Edgar Bowyer, S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, J. A. Farnfield, J. M. Case, James Brett, William Stephens, C. G. Dille, J. G. Stevens, J. H. Leggott, T. J. Barnes, C. F. Hogard, Charles Atkins, and James Terry (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry announced that the day which the Prince of Wales had appointed for the next Festival of the Institution happened to be Ash Wednesday, and that, on communicating with the Earl of Zetland—who was to preside—he found that he would prefer the 9th of February. He (Bro. Terry) thereupon wrote to Lord Carnarvon, requesting him to lay the Earl of Zetland's suggestion before the Grand Master, and he had no doubt that assent would be given to it. Bro. Terry informed the Committee of the death of one male and one female annuitant during the last month, and that an accepted candidate had also died. Bro. Recknell's letter, thanking the Committee for increasing his salary, and assuring the brethren of his constant desire to discharge his duties efficiently, as Chief Clerk in the Secretary's office, was read. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for annuities, salaries and accounts. Half her late husband's annuity was granted to the widow of a deceased annuitant, and nine new candidates were placed on the list. The petition of one candidate, which stood over from the last meeting for enquiry, was refused for ineligibility. Bro. Leggott brought before the Committee a proposition for enlarging the asylum of the Institution, by adding wings, in which an infirmary, chapel and committee-room could be built, as he did not consider the present building was adequate to the wants of the Craft. He thought there would be no difficulty in raising funds for this purpose, if an appeal was made to the Craft, and he promised to send in a notice of motion for next meeting, when the subject could be considered. The Chairman informed Bro. Leggott that even the present buildings were very rarely fully occupied, and Bro. Terry added that they had been full only five times since they had been erected. The Committee then adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 199.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bell Tavern, High-street, Shoreditch, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, the W.M., opened his Lodge at the appointed hour, assisted by Bros. H. S. Meyer S.W., W. Fieldwick J.W., W. J. Meek M.O., W. Beasley J.O., B. Meyer P.M. and Treas., James Hill Sec., A. P. Little S.D., J. J. Gould J.D., F. Bonner R.M., J. Marsh Tyler, and the following members, viz., V.W. Bros. D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. and Assist. Grand Sec., James Stevens P.G.J.O. and John Constable Hon. Members, and Bros. E. M. Adams, W. A. Neede, &c., &c. The Lodge having been duly opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read, Bros. George Andrews, of Craft Lodge No. 1420, W. H. Edwards of the Beadon Lodge, and R. Marshall of Lodge No. 81, were advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. by Bro. James Stevens, at the request of the W.M. Refreshment followed labour, and a very enjoyable evening was spent in social harmony, the toasts being very ably proposed by the W.M., and as happily responded to by Bros. Dewar, Constable, and others. Some capital songs and recitations by Bros. Stevens ("Masons' Vows"), H. S. Meyer, Constable, and other members, enlivened the proceedings, which terminated at a reasonable hour, and the brethren separated highly satisfied therewith. This Lodge promises to become, under the present able management, one of the best of the many excellent Lodges connected with this flourishing degree.

OLD KENT MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A MEETING of brethren, convened by Bro. Tanner, was held at the Trocadero, 6 Broad-street-buildings, on Monday, the 27th ultimo, for the purpose of establishing a Lodge of Instruction in this degree. Bro. Tanner was voted to the chair, and the following brethren were also in attendance, viz.:—Bros. Dewar, Turquand, Mather, Silvestre, Gimingham, Nicholson and Venn. After a resolution had been passed, affirming the desirability of forming a Lodge, Bro. Turquand was unanimously elected its first Preceptor. Bro. Tanner was appointed Treasurer, and Bro. Gimingham Secretary. It was further resolved that the evenings of meeting should be the first and third Mondays in every winter month, from September to March inclusive; the time to be 6.30 p.m. Accordingly, on the 3rd inst., the following brethren attended and formed the first regular meeting, viz.:—Bros. Venn, Moon, Ramsay, Silvestre, Mather and Tanner, with Bro. Turquand (Preceptor) and Bro. Gimingham (Secretary). The minutes of the preliminary meeting having been duly read and confirmed, the ceremonies of opening and closing the Lodge were worked three times, Bros. Turquand, Venn and Moon occupying the chair in succession. At a subsequent discussion, the Bye-Laws of the Lodge were agreed to, and, all Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and adjourned until Monday, the 17th inst., at 6.30, when the attendance of all brethren interested in this degree is requested.

IMPOSTORS IN MASONRY.

FROM "THE LIBERAL FREEMASON."

AN impostor is said to be one who imposes on others, or a person who assumes a character for the purpose of deception. He is said also to be a deceiver under a false character. To the average mind, such a person is abhorrent; and yet, on reflection, we have to admit that imposture is practised, in some form or other, by far too many people who would bitterly resent the charge. The man who travels from place to place, and from Lodge to Lodge, under the guise of Masonry, and solicits aid from Lodge or member, without any definite plan or intent of repaying, is, in point of fact, no more of an impostor than he who smirches the good name of a brother Mason, from no higher motive than envy, suspicion or distrust. Beyond a doubt, many a brother speaks disparagingly of another without any intent to injure him in business or reputation; but such a course gives encouragement to the malicious and ungenerous, and to those who would prey upon the good name of the really worthy—imposture, therefore, is not practised solely by design, but sometimes by neglect. It is an imposition, too, and one which should not be tolerated, for Masons to mislead their families as to any of the duties or obligations of the Craft, proper for the profane to know, and surely no worse delusion or trick can be played upon a wife than for a husband to assert that, in case of death to him, the Masons will look after his widow, and secure her from want. This sort of imposition should never be practised even by *invendo*; show the wife the nature of the bond, that she may see to what extent, no further, she can claim. Let her see how absurd must be the preliminary declaration, by her husband, that he has sought the privileges of Masonry through "a sincere wish to be serviceable to his fellow-creatures" if he teaches her forthwith to hold out her hands in demand. Such, however, is the nature of the contract that, if poverty and decay comes—especially if they come in spite of the prudent and careful efforts of a brother—his widow and children have a right to expect sympathy and relief, as far as lies in a brother's power, without injury to himself or family. Not to afford this is a form of imposition that "fills the heart with pain,"

"And maketh even the little child
In bitterness complain."

Masons know full well how frequent—and how pressing, too—are the calls for charity, from within the limits of their own Lodge circle; and they know, quite as well, how constant and persistent are the many which come from without. These latter demands are pressed so skilfully, that their success frequently confounds the former, pushes the honest claimant aside, and leaves her to the pain of a bitter disappointment. It is not unfrequently that notices, in print or by letter, are sent to Masonic centres, warning the brotherhood against A.B., who has been imposing upon the Craft, in a certain section, by fraudulent representations of his dire necessity and his unimpaired Masonic standing. To delay, under such circumstances, seems unjust—even cruel; the coveted aid is given, the fraud progresses, until checked by the discovery of his true character, and then he is posted as an impostor. Women have occasionally played the rôle of a Mason's widow so skilfully—adding, at times, one or more orphan children to their presentments—that Charity Committees have come to regard such applicants, if personally unknown, with immediate distrust. Thus it comes to pass that successful knavery may sometimes cause the doors of charity to be closed against the really worthy. But even the worthy may become impostors in Masonry, without intending for a moment to fill such a character. If it be granted that Masonry is founded upon the principles of universal philanthropy and benevolence, it must also be granted that every step taken in it is to be sustained by industry. The maimed cannot be admitted, for the general reason that Masons should be self-supporting, and not a charge upon the fraternity. The benevolence of the institution, however, recognises the fact of poverty, in consequence of age or decay, and also because of widowhood and orphanage: but, in justice to all, it also expects that all who come within its circle in any degree should make some effort to be as light a burden as possible upon its generosity. Evidently, therefore, it is an imposition to appeal to the Craft without making an effort for self-support, when will only is wanting. We have in mind a case where a brother was discharged for non-payment of dues; at the time, he owed for several years, persistently neglected to pay his dues, declined to plead poverty, and apparently found time and money for personal indulgence. About six years later, he died; when, behold! his widow straightway beset the organisation for a large amount of money, claiming that her husband was a Mason, though he had paid nothing in aid of the character for eleven years. This is a double form of imposture—first, by exacting money where none is due; and second, by the notoriety which an honest refusal—or even a limited aid—receives by gratuitous circulation on the part of the family acquaintances, to the prejudice of Masons. It ought to be apparent to the profane, as it is to the brotherhood, that the regulations of Masons should be observed by its members, to entitle them or their dependants to the benefit of any charitable consideration preferable to those of a common humanity. And it ought also to be the chief care of every Mason to maintain the character which he professes with strict integrity, and never to deviate from the minutest principle thereof, so that, if imposition shall be put upon Masonry, it shall always come from elements outside of the Society.

The annual meeting of the Whittington Chapter, No. 862, was held on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when Comp. W. J. Murlis was installed M.E.Z. for the coming year.

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, 14th NOVEMBER.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Marc-street, Hackney
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
190—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

- 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bligs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Waudsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Waudsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersa Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersa Old Bridge, S.W.
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.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1099—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangetni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Bury-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwick.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
638—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)

- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1298—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 55 Argyll-street, Birkenhead
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Instruction)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1076—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenhays, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1371—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R. A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 431—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R. A. 1000—Priory Chapter, Middleton Hotel, Southend
R. A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M. M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1273—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1237—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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 (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (In.)
1723—Temple Bar, The London, Fleet-street
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dal-ton, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
263—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
693—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1189—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Simulation 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—Kanelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1036—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
317—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)

1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 M. M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 R. C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield
 K. T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Butt's, the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 10th instant. Present—Bros. Pelikan W.M., Fox S.W., Halle J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Gibbs S.D., McCulloch J.D., Gush I.G.; also Bros. Swales, Lamplough, Main, Gladwell, &c. After preliminaries, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Fenner worked the first, and Bro. Gush the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed to the first, Bro. McCulloch gave proofs of proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. McCulloch acting as candidate. Bro. Gush worked the third, Bro. Tolmie the fourth section, assisted by the brethren. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bros. McCulloch of the Alexandra Palace Lodge 1541, Lamplough, and John Main of the New Concord Lodge 813, were elected members. Bro. Fox was duly appointed W.M. for the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 11th November, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Lister W.M., Hallam S.W., Tate J.W., Abell S.D., Gilruth J.D., T. B. Dodson I.G.; Past Masters Bro. John Bingham Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Bingham was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Abell. Bro. Hallam was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday, the 18th, at 7 p.m.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—A meeting was held on Friday, 7th November, at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. C. E. Barnett W.M., C. J. Hogg (Treas.) S.W., J. D. Langton (Sec.) J.W., Brittain Deacon, J. S. Fraser Preceptor, W. W. Williams I.G., Bro. Fillan, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fillan acting as candidate. The J.W. here vacated his chair in favour of Bro. Fillan. Bro. J. D. Langton, a candidate for the second degree, answered the usual questions. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Langton was passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge was then resumed. The Secretary stated that he had received information to the effect that the Committee of the Club had made arrangements by which the members of this Lodge of Instruction could enjoy the benefits of membership of Club on advantageous terms. Bro. J. D. Langton proposed, and Bro. J. S. Fraser seconded, a proposition, which was carried unanimously, that this offer be accepted, and that the thanks of the Lodge of Instruction be presented to the Committee of the Club for their kindness in the matter. Bro. Hogg was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 11th November. Present—Bros. Solomons W.M., Lay S.W., Moss J.W., Shadler, Maidwell, Hollands, Ellis, West, Daniel, King, Chicken, Poole, Caton, Pilsen, &c. The W.M. worked the three ceremonies in a very able manner, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes, it being the first time that he had occupied the chair at this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Ellis, of No. 1017, was elected a member. Bro. Lay was appointed W.M. for Tuesday, the 25th inst. The Annual Supper will take place on Tuesday, 18th November, when Bro. Daniel, W.M. of the mother Lodge, will preside. A large gathering of the members is expected.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday last, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. H. J. Lardner W.M., Walter James S.W., John E. Fells J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, Thomas B. Biddle S.D., George L. Walker Preceptor, A. Valentine I.G., W. J. Ramsay and Alfred Ellis. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ramsay was a candidate for passing, and the W.M. went through the ceremony in a very effective manner. The five sections were worked perfectly and fully by the W.M. and Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren, producing a feeling of satisfaction to all present. The next time the second degree is to be rehearsed we hope to find the Lodge better attended. Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 8th inst. Present—Bros. Carr W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Valentine J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, H. Hall S.D., W. Williams J.D., Yates I.G.; also Bros. Defriez, Hallam sen., Spencer, W. Bartle, Kidder, Willison, Giller, J. Lorkin, Slaiter, D. Moss, E. H. Williams, Lardner, Halford Treasurer, &c. All necessary formalities were duly observed, and then Bro. Defriez answered the questions leading to the second degree. That Brother being but an E.A., was called upon to retire. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Giller acting as candidate. Bro. Percy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Defriez acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin was elected to preside at next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the efficient manner he had conducted the business of the evening, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bros. Alfred Withers W.M., W. Radcliffe S.W., Dr. Waters J.W., W. W. Morgan Sec., Usher Back Deacon, F. J. Hentsch I.G., T. C. Speight P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s Alfred Green, Charles Greenwood Treasurer. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was in favour of Mr. Edwin Thring, who was proposed and seconded by Bros. Peirce and W. Radcliffe. Bro. C. Skipp answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the W.M. performed the ceremony in a very careful and impressive manner. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the candidate was introduced and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. After the transaction of routine business, and the proposal of a candidate for initiation, to be balloted for at next meeting, Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of refreshments, and discussed several matters of general interest. During the evening it was suggested that in January the members give an entertainment wherein the ladies might participate.

East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, 6th November. The Lodge was opened by Bro. C. H. Woodward P.M. and Hon. Sec., who read a cablegram from the W.M. Bro. George Yaxley, dated from Boston, America, with hearty good wishes. The acting W.M. was supported by Bros. W. Sharp P.M. acting as S.W., J. S. Streeter J.W., John Hooke S.D., Byron Ridge J.D., Herbert Saxelby I.G., J. K. Pitt Assist. I.G., Past Masters G. Price Treasurer, J. Close I.P.M., Dosell, Podmore, Dickin, and about thirty brethren of the Lodge. Visitors—The Deputy Prov. G.M. of Surrey Rev. C. H. Arnold, Lieut. Clay of the Macdonald Lodge, and Henry of the Jerusalem. The acting W.M. invited the Deputy Prov. G.M. to assume the chair of K.S. and perform the ceremonies of the evening, thinking it would be a very agreeable change to the brethren present, and magnificently did the Rev. Brother acquit himself in initiating Mr. John Hartley, merchant, of Yokobama and London, into the mysteries of the Order. This Brother is now on his way to the East, where we hope he may get further light. Bro. Arnold also passed a Brother to the second degree, and, as a climax, raised Brother Albert Kahn to the sublime degree of Master Mason. On resuming the Lodge to the first degree the Deputy Prov. Grand Master said he had a most pleasing duty to perform; he had been commissioned by the Prov. Grand Master (General Brownrigg) to offer to the W.M. of this Lodge the purple collar of Grand Superintendent of Works for Surrey, which had become vacant since the Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Redhill, in July last; and as Bro. Woodward had informed him that the W.M. would most gladly accept that honour, he (the Deputy Prov. G. Master) should then and there invest Bro. Woodward, as representing the W.M., with the collar of that office; and that the W.M. (Bro. Yaxley) might consider himself as fully invested in the person of Bro. Woodward as if he had received it himself. A very cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who was saluted with the honours due to his rank, and the Lodge was closed in due form; but not until the Deputy Grand Master had expressed a wish that it might be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge his high appreciation of the manner in which every Officer, down to and including the I.G., had done their work that evening. The brethren then adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Margetts, and presided over by Bro. Woodward P.M. and Hon. Secretary, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master having to leave, to attend an installation meeting of an old and valued friend in London. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the speeches being short and appropriate, and interspersed with excellent vocal efforts on the part of some of the brethren, accompanied by Bro. Rhodes, with his usual proficiency, on the pianoforte. The thanks of the members of the Lodge are due to Bro. Woodward for the entertainment he provided them. The meeting will long be remembered by all who were present.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, on the 6th instant. Bro. J. Hansen Thorn opened the Lodge shortly after six o'clock, and was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. Hugh Cotter I.P.M., T. S. Taylor S.W., E. W. Walter J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Verry P.M. Sec., T. J. Barnes P.M., J. J. Berry P.M., J. Hood P.M., T. W. Tait S.D., W. Cross J.D., J. Lincoln I.G., J. Taylor D.C., G. T. H. Seddon Organist, C. Allen, G. Clark, P. Heitman, S. Allen, C. G. Fardell, R. Lines, T. Russell, A. Symes, E. Rochester, A. Wood,

H. Horner, A. Walter, W. N. Sparks, H. Forss, W. Hawes, W. Thomas, W. H. Mackenrot, C. Braithwaite, &c.; Bro. C. T. Speight P.M. P.G. Tyler Surrey Tyler. The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read a statement of the Benevolent and Lodge Funds, which was most satisfactory. Lodge was advanced, and Bros. S. Allen and R. Lines having proved their proficiency, were entrusted, and afterwards raised to the rank of Master Masons. The ceremony was rendered very effectively, to the appropriate accompaniment of Bro. Seddon the Organist. At its conclusion, Bros. W. H. Mackenrot and C. Braithwaite were in attendance, and were duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. having received the usual greetings, Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment provided by the host, Bro. A. Walter, in his usual perfect manner. The regular toasts were honoured, and the brethren spent an agreeable hour together, interspersed with songs, &c. We are glad to find the Lodge of Instruction meets every Tuesday evening at eight; the working is very good, and Lodge room comfortable.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 7th November, at the Star and Garter, Kew. Present—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Gomm S.W., Franckel J.W., Blasby S.D., Youens J.D., Becket I.G., Tucker Treas., Gunner H.S., Goss P.M., Acworth, Dorey, Maton, Wyville, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wyville candidate, and the W.M. delivered the charge of that degree. Bros. Wyville and Maton answered questions leading to second degree, and retired. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Gomm worked the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Acworth as candidate. Lodge was opened in third degree and closed to first, when Bro. Botley again took the chair, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for his working. A sum of money was voted to a distressed Brother. Bro. Gomm was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and the meeting adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 11th November. Present—Bros. Polak W.M., Wardell S.W., Williams J.W., Hand S.D., Christian J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Baker, Johnson, Clarke, Woodding, Collins, Weige, C. Lorkin, Dallas, Carr, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Clarke, a candidate for the second degree, was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Clarke was passed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Weige. Bro. Clarke was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Clarke was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. J. Lorkin gave the traditional history. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture. The Lodge was regularly closed to first degree. Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was closed in due form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, Tuesday, 11th November. Bros. Smith W.M., P.M. Myers S.W., Johnson J.W., Barker S.D., Rawe J.D., Norman I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read. Bro. Holloway having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Pavitt worked the 1st section of the lecture, Johnson 2nd, Pavitt 3rd, and Myers 4th and 5th, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge closed to the first. Bro. P.M. Myers was unanimously elected to fill the chair next week, when the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed; this will be an incentive for those who can attend, Bro. Myers being a disciple of our esteemed Bro. T. J. Barnes, whose working is much appreciated at the East End. There will doubtless be a very full attendance. The following brethren were also present—Bros. Pavitt, Brownson, Holloway, Watkins, Legg, White, Sadler, Keable, and Andrews.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.—It has been decided to celebrate, on Tuesday next, the re-opening of the Lodge Room, after recent repairs and improvements, and thus pay a well-deserved compliment to the worthy host, Bro. Joseph Wright P.M. Bro. Graham, well known to all connected with this Lodge, will exercise his musical talents in the course of the evening. The chair will be taken by Bro. G. King P.M. Preceptor, and tickets (4s 6d) may be had of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Alfred Withers, 430 King's-road, Chelsea.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The first meeting after the installation of the W.M. was held on Saturday evening, 8th November, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Blackie W.M. presided; Bros. Catchpole S.W., J. W. Hamer J.W., N. B. Headon Treasurer, E. Moody P.M. Sec., Taylor S.D., Kibble J.D., Keeble I.G., Baber D.C., and Fenwick and Potter Stewards. The following Visitors were present—Bros. J. Self P.M. 214 and P.G.S.W. Essex, W. H. Postans P.M. 34, J. Eldridge P.M. 167, D. R. Still P.M. 1671, T. Edmonston W.M. 1669, G. L. Saul W.M. 1201, C. J. Perceval W.M. 1607, C. Forbes S.W. 634, Scott New York, J. B. Lamb 1695, W. Earl St. John's, T. Youens 1287, C. Taylor 1765, T. Eastgate 1563, A. Baker 1708, P. Stevens 1326, D. O'Connor 636, Medcalfe 1671. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last Lodge read and confirmed, Bro. Mogridge and Bro. Stevens of Lodge No. 1326 were examined as to their proficiency in the science. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moody the Secretary, who raised his friend Bro. Mog-

ridge to the sublime degree of a M.M. The ceremony having been completed, Bro. J. Stevens took the chair, and raised his son, of Lodge 1326, to the third degree; this degree as well as the former being conferred by permission of the W.M. of No. 1326. The W.M. then assumed the chair, and Mr. Edward William Postans, who had been previously ballotted for, was in due form initiated into the privileges of ancient Freemasonry. An alteration in one of the bye-laws was next considered, and the proposition of Bro. N. B. Headon, seconded by Bro. Freeman, and supported by Bro. Henry Thompson, was put and agreed to, with but two dissentients. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-furnished banquet. The usual toasts followed, interspersed with songs, recitations, &c., and the evening was spent in complete harmony, which was brought to a close at eleven o'clock.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on 3rd November, at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present—Bros. H. Miskin (Treasurer) W.M., T. Blamiers S.W., J. Coates J.W., W. Carter Sec., T. Vautier S.D., J. Wilson J.D., H. T. Naylor P.M. D.C., J. T. Howarth Steward, W. Price I.G.; Past Master E. Beer, and Bros. Everson and Kimber. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last Lodge of Instruction were read and confirmed. The questions leading from second to third degree were put by the W.M. to Bro. Vautier, and then the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the same brother acting as candidate. Lodge was lowered to second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was lowered to first degree, and the questions leading from first to second were put by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday. Present—Bros. Aspinall W.M., Garrod S.W., McMillan J.W., Cox S.D., Goddard J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. McDowell, Dallas, Trewinnard, Dufresne, Slaiter, Blunt, Hildreth, Jones, Westfield, Jacob, Cox, and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Jones was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and called for labour to refreshment. After resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. Dallas 860 and Bro. Dufresne of 1698 were elected members. Bro. Garrod was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. McMillan then resumed the chair, and presented Bro. Slaiter with a Chapter jewel, in recognition of valuable services rendered during his Secretaryship. Bro. Slaiter responded in graceful terms, thanking the brethren for their kindness in making him the presentation. Lodge was closed in due form.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At a meeting held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 6th inst., there were present—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., C. E. Porter S.W., J. Green J.W., J. Wells S.D., A. Jones J.D., Le Grys I.G., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor; also Bros. H. Kasner, Wheeler Lodge No. 1310, and H. Stephens. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and delivered the charge, Bro. H. E. Tucker candidate. Bro. H. E. Tucker took the chair, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Tucker alluded to the death of Bro. H. Day, of West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, and the Secretary was unanimously requested to write and convey to Mrs. H. Day an expression of the deep sympathy of the brethren with her in her bereavement. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties during the evening, this being the first occasion on which he had filled the chair. Bro. Porter was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Tuesday, 4th inst. Bros. T. Franklin W.M., F. Hallows S.W., T. Upward J.W., J. Pinder P.M. Sec., J. H. Cambridge P.M. S.D., C. B. Carter J.D., G. Clarke I.G., J. H. Wildash Steward. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Cambridge P.M. 15 and 1662 was elected to act as Treasurer until the next regular period of election, and Bro. Thomas appointed Tyler. The election of a joining brother was postponed until a future occasion, in consequence of his non-arrival. The W.M. then, at the request of the W.M. of the Star Lodge, 1275, proceeded to pass Bro. J. E. Somerville to the second degree. A notice of motion by Bro. Pinder P.M. to alter two of the bye-laws was unanimously agreed to. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a light repast, to which ample justice was done. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the proceedings closed shortly before eleven o'clock. Visitors—Bros. F. Paterson Gladsmuir Lodge 1385 P.P.G.O. Herts, Edward Braine P.M. Islington Lodge 1471, J. H. Hiscox J.D. Hemming Lodge 1512, L. W. Williams Star Lodge 1275, and J. E. Somerville Star Lodge 1275.

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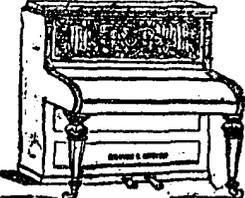
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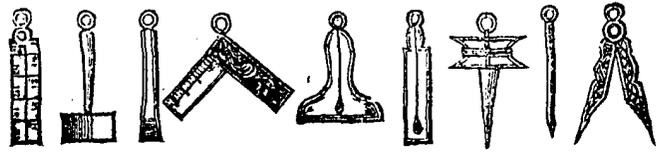
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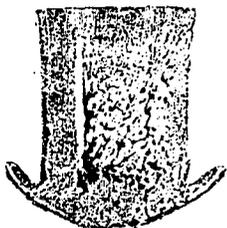
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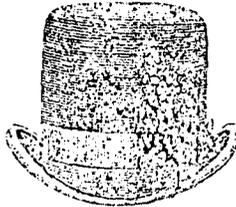
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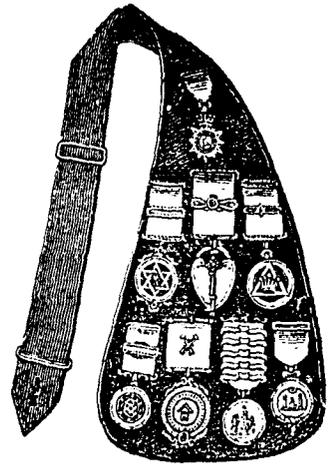
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