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THE APPROACHING MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

THE amount of business set down for the regular December meeting of Grand Lodge, which will take place on Wednesday next, is somewhat in excess of the usual quota, and comprises some matters of great interest to the Craft at large. On this occasion the brethren of Grand Lodge will be called upon—if the motions of which notice have been given are brought forward—to decide questions which are likely materially to affect the future of English Freemasonry. It is to be hoped that free discussion will be allowed, in order that a fair and just decision may be arrived at; and, further, that the brethren will not consider their time wasted if they are called upon to listen to numerous arguments for and against the proposed alterations. We are aware that, in discussing the questions which are brought before Grand Lodge, very much is said that is of little interest to the general hearer, but when it is remembered that the Quarterly Communications are the only occasions on which the whole of the English Craft can be addressed through its representatives, some allowance should be made by the members of one locality for the special requirements of the brethren of another. Laws and rules which meet every requirement with one section may, and do prove, utterly impracticable with another, and, therefore, it is desirable that the Central Court should be ready to listen to all, and adjudicate for the benefit of all. On questions which involve a change in existing customs, there is sure to be strong expressions of feeling on the part of the class who object to any alteration simply because it is an alteration, without any reference to the benefit or otherwise it is probable may result. The argument used by this section of the community is most unsound, and utterly opposed to the spirit of progress which should influence every man's ideas. The proposer of an amendment should have no trouble to upset the objections of this class if he can secure the attention of his audience; but this is not always an easy task, the main object of many persons appearing to be to stop any discussion which is likely to occupy more than a few minutes of their time.

As is customary at the December meeting of Grand Lodge, the first business which will require attention is the nomination of a Grand Master, the appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and the election of the other officers of that body, whose appointment rests with Grand Lodge. As regards the former, few words are needed to express the feelings of the brethren. No greater compliment could possibly be paid the Craft than for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to again undertake the ruling of the English section of the Brotherhood, and so unanimous is this feeling that there is no fear of any other nomination being made, much less entertained, when the time of election arrives; while, with the latter—the appointments for the Lodge of Benevolence—no difficulty need be expected, the number of brethren qualified and deserving of appointment being far in excess of the number of offices to fill. The Charity grants recommended to Grand Lodge by the Lodge of Benevolence will next require consideration. It can but be matter of regret that it is found necessary to vote so many and such large amounts as are submitted this quarter for confirmation, but it is well known that the country has been, and is now, suffering from great depression in trade; and as Freemasonry has so greatly extended itself during the last few years, it is but natural that the claims on its bounty should be more

numerous. One thing which must be gratifying to the members is, that Grand Lodge is in a position to give so handsomely, as we suppose they will do, in response to the propositions made by the Lodge of Benevolence. To dispense £1000 in one quarter, among seventeen of the less fortunate members of the Fraternity—in addition to the smaller grants made at each monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence—is an act that must be applauded, and which clearly demonstrates the grandest principle of the Craft—Charity.

The official notification to Grand Lodge of the resignation of Bro. John Hervey, who, as we stated in our last issue, has for the last eleven years faithfully filled the office of Grand Secretary, is the next item of business on the agenda paper. The Board of General Purposes express their regret that they are called upon to lay this resignation before Grand Lodge, and when we consider the cause which has made it necessary for Bro. Hervey to resign, and the way in which the duties of his office have been discharged, we can but again endorse the regrets expressed. Of course services such as those of the late Grand Secretary deserve to be suitably recognised, and as it is a part of the duty of the Board of General Purposes to point out whatever they deem necessary or advantageous to the Craft, they now unanimously recommend that Bro. Hervey be granted the full amount of his salary (£300 a year) as a retiring pension. This we feel is a very delicate point to touch upon; still we think we should be wanting in the proper discharge of our duty were we to pass over the item without comment. No one can more respect Bro. Hervey than ourselves, and therefore we feel the more diffident in pointing out what we deem the course most likely to conduce to the welfare of the Craft. We desire that our remarks should be considered as applying to the paid Offices of Grand Lodge in general, and not to any individual brother in particular. Having thus far explained ourselves, we desire to draw the attention of our readers to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, so far as the amount of the pension to the late Grand Secretary is concerned. We think it very improper to annually spend so large an amount of the funds of Grand Lodge, as is now proposed, as an honarium to an officer, after, comparatively speaking, so short a service as little over eleven years. At the appointed time it will be in the power of each brother present at Grand Lodge to express his opinion on the subject, and we have no doubt but that the question will receive the attention it so justly merits. Unfortunately there is the natural feeling that any suggestion made in opposition to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes is an implied slight on the brother who is more particularly concerned, but we hold that this is not the case; and even if it were, it would be unwise to establish a precedent which in years to come it would be next to impossible to disregard, without first taking into consideration every argument that might be raised against it. From a strictly commercial point of view, the action of the Board will not stand a moment's consideration. No public institution or mercantile firm could offer a full pension after so short a period of employment even if it were anxious to secure the services of the most learned professor, while, in the ordinary course, we think a service of something like forty years is necessary before a full pension can be secured. The Board would have acted far more wisely had they proposed the granting of a smaller sum, and then if they were of opinion that a full pension had been earned, they could, by their President or other prominent member, have

suggested to Grand Lodge the propriety of considering the question of increasing their recommendation. As it now stands, any brother who thinks with us that the pension is too large, will have virtually to oppose the Board who, when attacked, will naturally stand in a body on the defensive. It is to be hoped that neither side will permit this matter to degenerate into a personal question, but that if once opened, the discussion will be allowed equal freedom by both sides, and that in the end the best course will be adopted. Whatever this may prove to be, we trust all will cheerfully conform to the opinion of the majority.

The Board of General Purposes next draws the attention of Grand Lodge to the infringement of that part of the Constitutions which relates to the procuring of Charity Jewels, Clasps, &c. We hope it is only necessary to direct attention to this irregularity to ensure its immediate discontinuance, but should Grand Lodge deem it necessary to adopt harsh measures in order to compel the observance of its edicts, it would be far better than to make laws and allow them to be broken, even under the very roof of Grand Lodge itself; we here more especially refer to the use of a lantern or other fancy light in the third degree, especially prohibited by Grand Lodge. We have already referred to this subject, and may at an early date point out other items which should be remedied.

The Notices of Motion comprise, one—by Bro. James Stevens—on the question of Uniformity of Working. Here Grand Lodge will be asked to appoint a committee, which was deemed necessary as far back as 1870. The other—by Bro. J. M. Clabon—has reference to the future distribution of the surplus of the Fund of Benevolence. Bro. Clabon proposes, as he has done on previous occasions in Grand Lodge, that a part of the surplus of each year shall be devoted to the advancement of the Pupils of the Masonic Educational Institutions after they leave the respective Schools. We have lately devoted so much of our space to these two questions that we hardly think it necessary to refer to them at any length here. As regards the latter, it is urged in some quarters that to adopt Bro. Clabon's suggestion would be to go in direct opposition to the intention of the founders of the Fund of Benevolence. The object of the Fund, according to the Book of Constitutions, is Charity. In what way Bro. Clabon's proposal is in direct opposition to Charity we should like to know. Perhaps by Wednesday next we may be enlightened.

THE LATE BRO. T. S. MORTLOCK.

IN our last issue we referred to the death of Bro. T. S. Mortlock, which occurred, under exceptionally painful circumstances, when he was attending the funeral of Bro. E. Page. The late Bro. Mortlock was an energetic and well-tried Mason; he was initiated in the Industry, No. 186, of which Lodge he was a Past Master. He was a P.Z. of the Faith Chapter, No. 141, and of the Industry Chapter, No. 186. He likewise was well known in the Mark Degree, and had served the Office of W.M., both of the Thistle, No. 8, and the Temple, No. . As a supporter of the Institutions, he was always to the fore, and many are there who will miss him as a sincere and ardent friend. The funeral of our deceased brother took place at Bow Cemetery, on Tuesday last, where a large assemblage of members of the Craft attended to pay the last sad token of regard to a worthy brother. The funeral was conducted by Bro. Thomas James; the first carriage contained the two sons of the deceased and his three brothers—John, Samuel, and William Mortlock; in the second carriage were Bros. Charles Lacey, George Wood, C. Veal, Carricero, and Magrath; another carriage contained Bros. Hook, Marsh, Wooding, &c. The Industry Lodge was represented by its W.M. and the following members:—Bros. Chubb, Mole, Stutchbury, J. Thiers, Robinson, Seex. Amongst those assembled around the grave we may mention Bros. W. H. Clarke, A. Walter, J. G. Horsey, R. Hayward, J. Hayward, Hugh Cotter, W. Bate, J. M. Stevens, T. J. Tarling, W. O. Coleman, Scolefield, Longstaff, Deason, A. Yates, W. Wallington, B. Cundick, Watson, J. J. Berry, S. Rawley, Myers, S. Watkins, T. J. Barnes, T. J. Barnes jun., Collis, A. Walter jun., G. Jones, S. Moss, A. W. Coleman, R. Owen, A. Mole, T. Haywood, H. Harbert, Hallingford, Dawson, Goldstein, G. H. Stephens, Jas. Stevens, W. W. Morgan, &c. &c.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

SOUTH NORWOOD LODGE, No. 1139.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 20th instant, at the Public Hall, South Norwood. Bro. E. O. Day Worshipful Master, J. Churchward S.W., F. Harris J.W., R. Evans Treas., W. Duffitt Sec., J. Kern S.D., S. Skudder I.G., Stead Tyler. P.M.'s W. Corner, Sanders, Porter, C. R. Corner, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. The W.M. then vacated the chair for the Installing Master, Bro. W. C. Corner P.M., who formed a board of Installed Masters, and rendered the ancient ritual in a very impressive and able manner, placing Bro. J. Churchward, the new Master, in the chair of K.S. with due honours. The ballot was then successfully taken, and Messrs. F. S. Herbert and W. A. Vincent were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent menu had been provided, to which ample justice was done. After grace had been said, the W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts, which were received with that hearty enthusiasm for which the Lodge is noted. In replying for the Grand Officers, Bro. Hugh Sandeman, P.G.M. of Bengal, said he gladly responded to that toast; he was pleased to congratulate all the Officers of the Lodge upon the excellent working he had witnessed. It was the fourth time he had been present at the installation meeting, and it was a pleasure to hear the ritual rendered in such a correct manner. The W.M., in reply to his health, thanked the brethren for placing him in that proud and distinguished position, and hoped he should merit the esteem of the brethren by the attention he paid to every detail of the Lodge. The handsome Lodge jewel was then presented to the retiring Master, Bro. E. O. Day, who acknowledged the gift in suitable terms. The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening. Visitors—Bros. Hugh Sandeman Friends in Council Lodge, J. R. Longrow Knob Lodge 1414, W. Sharp P.M. Concord Lodge 463, A. Churchward Hornsey 890, J. Nicolls Fitzroy Lodge, J. Pilling St. James's Union 180, Dr. Strong Frederick of Unity 452.

ST. AUGUSTINE LODGE, No. 972.

THE brethren held their annual meeting on 19th November, at the Masonic Rooms, 38 St. Peter's-street, Canterbury. The ceremony of Installation of the W.M. Elect (Bro. William H. Vile) was most impressively performed by Bro. J. Welsh P.M. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Edwin Beer S.W., H. Miskin J.W., Rev. T. J. Syree Chaplain, G. Pilcher P.M. G.S. P.G.D.C. Treasurer, S. F. Pringuier S.D., T. B. Rosseter J.D., T. Cramp I.G., W. Harnett Tyler, Henry Pringuier Secretary, A. J. Pelling Organist, J. Welsh P.M. Director of Ceremonies, C. Holtum P.M. Almoner, J. Seera Charity Delegate. A vote of thanks—proposed by Bro. H. Naylor P.M. 1449, seconded by Bro. C. Holtam P.M. 31—was subsequently inscribed upon the minutes of the Lodge for the able manner in which the ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Welsh, who was then decorated by the W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, presented by the brethren below the chair, in recognition of the valuable services rendered, not only to the Craft but also in the Lodge of Instruction. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall Hotel, where a banquet was capitably served by the Bros. Shaxby, in the old Lodge-room. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honored. Amongst the visiting brethren were:—Bros. Thomas J. Usher 1096, Dr. W. Longhurst S.W. 31, George Cox P.M. 199, John Brothers W.M. 709, F. W. Prescott 199, G. Tribe 177, H. Naylor P.M. 1449, Edwin Fenn 1208, W. A. Smeeth 1208, J. Howarth 1449, T. Blamiers 1449, H. Hammond 1449, R. Butler 1658.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, 24th Nov. Present—Bros. Halle W.M., Gibbs S.W., Symons J.W., Pearcey Acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Sillis S.D., Giller J.D., Balls I.G.; also Bros. Jackson, Wing, Defriez, Geyer, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jackson candidate. Bro. Wing proved himself efficient, and was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wing as candidate; both ceremonies were performed in a very creditable manner. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Giller of Loyalty Lodge 1607, and Jackson of Great Northern Lodge 1287, were duly elected members. Bro. Gibbs will preside at the next meeting. Bro. Pearcey was unanimously elected an honorary member. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—A meeting was held on 21st November, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. Timothy W.M., Kohler S.W., Nott J.W., Isaac Treas., Bond Sec., Davis S.D., Sambeil J.D., Watson Tyler; Bros. Stuart, Jolly, Ball, Chalkley, Cox, Bale, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Chalkley answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and raised. The first section was worked, and the Lodge was closed to the first. Bro. Kohler will preside next Thursday, when the brethren will meet in the new building.

Royal Union Lodge, No. 246.—At the meeting on Wednesday 19th, Bro. J. Walker, M.A., the W.M., asked the acceptance by

the Lodge of a sum of fifty guineas, which he proposed to give in the name of the Lodge to the Masonic Charities. He stated his anxiety that the Lodge, which held the premier position on the roll of Prov. Grand Lodge, should also occupy as honourable a position towards the Masonic Charities. Already the Lodge was Vice-President of two of the three Charities, and he should be glad to see it occupy a similar position towards the third. Bro. Brook-Smith Prov. Grand Tr., as the oldest P.M. of the Lodge, proposed a cordial expression of thanks to the W.M. for his generous and unexpected gift, and Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, in seconding it, asked to be allowed to contribute the balance of seventeen guineas required for the acquisition of the third Vice-Presidency. Bro. Brook-Smith then moved, and Bro. Bryant I.P.M. seconded, a similar vote of thanks to this second donor, and both votes were carried by hearty acclamation. The Royal Union Lodge thus becomes Vice-President of all three of the Masonic Charities—a position which will probably provoke friendly emulation among the other Lodges of the province.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 18th Nov., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present — Bros. Chas. Oades W.M., Saml. Bradley S.W., Chas. Stephens J.W., M. J. Withers Sec., J. A. Strachan P.M. Treas., R. C. Mount S.D., F. J. Ferguson J.D., A. W. Parry D.C., D. H. Witherington Steward, Saml. Wheeler I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Bros. C. G. Hawkes, C. G. Butler, W. C. Moffatt, Edw. Davis, H. Higgs, J. R. Hayward, F. W. Albury, Doran Webb. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Robert Hayward, a candidate to be raised to the third degree, gave proof of his proficiency in the former degrees, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. J. R. Hayward was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed in an admirable manner both by the Master and Officers. Lodge was closed from the third to the first degree. Two candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded. The W.M. gave notice of motion, that a gratuity to the R.M.B.I. be given. After the usual closing ceremonies, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to the third Tuesday in December.

West Kent Lodge, No. 1277.—The brethren of this Lodge assembled on Saturday last, for the second time at their new place of meeting, viz., the Crystal Palace. Bro. R. H. Crowden the W.M. was supported by all his Officers, who arrived in due time to be present at the opening of the Lodge. They included the Rev. Dr. Rosenthal, D.D., Chaplain, the Senior and Junior Wardens, &c., and Past Masters C. K. Crouch, G. Clements, John Allen and J. K. Stead. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. E. B. Graham Royal Athelstan 19 P.S.G.W. Middlesex, H. H. Spede Andrews Egyptian 27, and J. Hammond Hermon 1572. Bro. B. Fullwood P.M. St. John's, Torquay, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Dr. William Lomas and Mr. P. S. Philps, surgeon, duly elected for initiation. The latter named candidate was then duly initiated, and the Rev. Arthur E. Druce, M.A., and James Orange were passed. Bro. Crowden W.M. was appointed Steward on behalf of the Lodge for the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School, and on the proposition of the Treasurer, Bro. Stead P.M., ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds. Later on the subscription list was passed round, and though there were not more than twenty present, the total subscriptions amounted to £58, which is the more creditable, as—though the Lodge was consecrated in 1869—this will be the first time it has sent a Steward to any of the various Charities. It is to be hoped that the example thus set will be followed by each succeeding Master.

Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.—The usual meeting of this very prosperous Lodge was held on Thursday, 20th inst., at the Approach Tavern, Victoria-park, Bro. Abraham Lazarus, the W.M., presiding, who was assisted by his Officers most efficiently. There was a fair attendance of P.M.'s. Bro. Berry officiated as Acting Secretary in the absence of Bro. G. W. Verry. Bro. W. J. Bonner received his M.M. degree, the ceremony being most impressively worked, and Mr. Basil Stewart was duly ballotted for and initiated. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where the festivities were interrupted by a communication being made to the W.M. to the effect that a fire was raging next to his premises, which information naturally necessitated his leaving, but he desired the brethren not to break up or allow the untoward circumstance to mar the enjoyment of those present, and asked the I.P.M. Bro. Crouch to preside and carry out the usual programme, which was done.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—The annual banquet took place at the Pembury Tavern, Amburst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 24th November. Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Grist S.W., McDowell J.W. The following brethren were present — W. Wallington P.M. 860, R. Dallas, J. Lorkin, Smyth, High, Long, Toombs, Bailey, Marsh, Thos. Jones, Heldrith, Gittels, Slater, McMillan, Coubro, Jacob, Pinder, R. Olley, Garrod, Thos. Cox, Grimbly, F. Cox, Harding. After the repast the usual toasts were given. The health of the W.M. was proposed and suitably acknowledged. Speaking of the Lodge of Instruction, the W.M. wished it every prosperity. The next toast was that of Bro. Slater, late Secretary, who is leaving for India. Bro. Slater, in feeling terms, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had drank his health. The banquet was served by Mr. Clifford, the worthy host, in excellent style. Bros. Coubro, McMillan, Pinder, P.M. Wallington, Grist, C. Lorkin, Smyth and R. Olley, added to the pleasures of the evening by some capital songs.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 20th inst. Present:—Bros. H. E. Tucker W.M., W. Seward S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., H. Youens S.D., C. E. Botley J.D., F. Botley I.G.; also Bros. H. Stephens, W. M. Wyville, G. Wills, E. J. Acworth, A. Jones, Gardner P.M. 780, Gunner. Bro. F. Botley volunteered as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Lodge was called off for refreshment. On resuming labour, Bro. Seward took the chair. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Acworth candidate. Bro. Gardner P.M. 780 took the chair, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree. Bro. Tucker re-occupied the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Gunner candidate. Bro. Gunner referred to the case of a distressed brother, whose condition was fully explained some months previously. Bro. Tucker now asked the brethren to again assist, and on the motion of Bro. F. Botley, seconded by Bro. H. Youens, £1 was voted from the funds of the Lodge in aid of our distressed brother. Bro. Seward was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, Moorgate Station Restaurant, on Tuesday, 2nd December. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. in the chair. Those of our brethren who have not visited the comfortable quarters the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction have secured, should avail themselves of this opportunity.

THE TWO-HEADED EAGLE.—The origin of the device of the Eagle on National and Royal Banners may be traced to very early times. It was an ensign of the Ancient Kings of Persia and Babylon. The Romans adopted many other figures on their Camp standards; but Masons (B.C. 102) made the Eagle alone the ensign of the legions and confined the other figures to the cohorts. From the Romans the French, under the empire, adopted the Eagle. The Emperors of the Roman western empire used a black eagle; those of the East a golden one. The sign of the golden eagle met with in taverns is an allusion to the emperors of the East. Since the time of the Romans almost every State that has assumed the designation of an empire has taken the Eagle for its ensign—Austria, Prussia, Russia, Poland and France, all took the Eagle. The two-headed Eagle signifies a double empire. The Emperors of Austria, who claim to be considered the successors of the Caesars of Rome, use the double-headed Eagle, which is the Eagle of the Eastern Emperors, with that of the Western typifying the "Holy Roman Empire," of which the Emperors of Germany, now merged in the house of Austria, considered themselves as representatives. Charlemagne was the first to use it, for when he became master of the whole of the German empire he added the second head to the eagle, A.D. 802, to denote that the emperors of Rome and Germany were united in him. As it is among birds the king, and being the emblem of a noble nature, from its strength of wing, and eye and courage, and also of conscious strength and innate power, the eagle has been universally preferred as the continental emblem of sovereignty. Of the different eagles of heraldry, the black eagle is considered the most noble, especially when blazoned on a gold shield.

"The Antiquary" is the title of a new Monthly Magazine which is to be published by Mr. Elliot Stock early in December. It is to be devoted to such subjects as Folk Lore, Numismatics, Early Voyages, Bibliography, Genealogy, Heraldry, Parish Registers, Provincial Dialects, Church Restoration, Early Printing, the Transactions of Provincial Archaeological Societies, Engravings and Paintings, Curiosa, &c., &c. "The Antiquary" is to be edited by Edward Walford, Editor of the "County Families."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health or Wealth.—No sane person would hesitate an instant in the choice between these two conditions. Now is the season to secure the former either by restoring or confirming it. These Pills expel all impurities from the system which fogs, foul vapours, and variable temperatures engender during winter; this medicine also acts most wholesomely upon the skin, by disengaging the liver of its accumulated bile, and by exciting the kidneys to more energetic action; it increases the appetite for food and strengthens the digestive process. The stomach and liver, with which most disorders originate, are fully under the control of these regenerative Pill, which act very kindly yet most efficiently on the tenderest bowels.

We must crave the indulgence of our friends, many of whom we shall disappoint through being obliged to hold over so many items of news. The demands on our space at this season of the year are so great that we have no option; at the same time we tender our regret to those brethren whose indulgence we seek, and promise we will do our best to rectify shortcomings in our next. An article on the recent Special Court of the Girls School, reports of the Installation Meetings of the Royal Savoy, William Preston, and City of Westminster Lodges, and of the complimentary dinner at the Metropolitan Hotel, on the 19th inst., are among the items we are compelled to hold over.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1842.

FOR some few years past the necessity for the establishment of a Lodge at St. Leonards has been felt and acknowledged by several prominent members of the Craft in the trim towns of Hastings and St. Leonards. After the usual amount of preliminary routine, a warrant was granted on 23rd August, and the Lodge—which is named the St. Leonards Lodge, and bears the number 1842—was consecrated on Friday, the 21st November, in one of the rooms in the new buildings, called the Warrior-square Concert Rooms, which have been recently completed in that town. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance of the brethren, amongst whom we noticed Bros. John Henderson Scott D. Prov. G.M. for Sussex, Major-General the Hon. Somerset Gongh Calthorp J.G.W. of England, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. of England and D. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk, Joseph Dixon P.M. 271 P. Prov. S.G.W. acting as Prov. S.G.W., H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton) P.M. 732 Prov. G.J.W., E. R. Adams S.W. 1466 Prov. G. Chaplain, R. Crosskey P.M. 1303 Prov. G. Treasurer, William Dawes P.M. 341 P. Prov. G. Registrar as Prov. G. Registrar, V. P. Freeman P.M. 271 Prov. G. Secretary, C. W. Duke P.M. 40 and 1184 P. Prov. J.G.D. as Prov. S.G.D., O. N. Wyatt P.M. 38 Prov. G. S. of W., J. M. Kidd P.M. 732 Prov. G.D. of C., A. R. Croucher (M.D. J.P.) P.M. 40 Prov. G. Assistant D. of C., A. J. Hawkes P.M. 315 Prov. G.S.B., A. King 271 Prov. G.O., F. J. Robbie P.M. 341 Prov. G.P., J. T. Whatford P.M. 851 Prov. G.S., T. Morris P.M. 1110 Prov. G.S., C. R. Chandler P.M. 1184 Prov. G.S., George Stone S.W. 311 P.M. 1303 Prov. G.S., C. J. Smith W.M. 1466 Prov. G.S., Thomas Hughes Prov. G. Tyler, W. Price W.M. 56, W. Hickman 50 I.C., J. H. Beckett No. 1 Kilwinning S.C., T. H. Cole (M.A.) P.M. and Sec. 40 P. Prov. G. Assistant D. of C., Thomas Trollope (M.D.) P.M. 40 P. Prov. S.G.W., W. Lamborn W.M. 1184 P. Prov. G.P., B. Roberts W.M. 916 P. Prov. G. Assistant D. of C., R. Pidcock P.M. 916 P. Prov. G. Assistant D. of C., James S. Terry P.J.G.W. Herts Secretary to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Rev. George Richards, D.D., P.M. 40 and 134 P. Prov. G.J.W., F. Forss 1585 and 40, F. Millsom W.M. 341, T. S. Gould J.W. 341, W. Bacon P.M. 874, C. J. Fletcher Treasurer 341, J. P. Ranking 874, G. C. Chapman 311, J. B. Gill S.D. 558, R. E. Wilson 40, H. J. Emmerson 40, J. Fisher I.G. 1184, H. W. J. Wells Treasurer 1184, F. Rossiter S.W. 40, A. Holman J.W. 311, B. Sargent J.W. 1184, A. D. Womersley S.D. 1184, J. N. Masters P.M. 341, W. H. Russell 40, J. A. Middlemas 1184, E. H. Langley 1184, George Wellerd P.M. and Treasurer 40 P. Prov. D. of C., C. J. Lewns 40, H. J. Godbold 40, C. Mastin 1184, John Abram, Mus. Doc., 40, E. R. Clarke S.W. 1184, R. H. Keeley J.D. 1184, A. Wilkinson J.D. 1694, E. Broadbridge 73, B. Tree 1184, George Nash Secretary 315, F. J. Parsons 40, J. Large 771, A. J. Joseph 40, W. Hudson 40, J. Bray 40, J. P. Reeve 40, J. Pearce 40, J. Thompson 1693, Crossthwaite 40, Lieut.-Col. Tubbs St. Paul's Lodge, S.C., W. Savery 1184, G. Gaze 40, C. H. Norris P.M. 40, A. J. Scott, T. S. Watts P.M. 916, W. Kirkland W.M. 1110 P. Prov. G.P., A. Taylor P.M. 1110, John Howell P.M. 40 P. Prov. G.S. of Works, W. H. Fletcher, from the British Lodge, No. 334, held at the Cape of Good Hope, A. W. Elliott 40, J. Saunders 1139, T. G. Hulbard 1597, S. Tanner 310, A. R. Lye 1110, T. Markwick 40, F. Doyle 190, Fred Duke 40, F. H. Parsons, M.D., 40, A. L. Ward 40, W. L. Vernon 40, T. H. Wadd 40, F. De Brebant Cooper 40, A. Carey 1000, J. Cooke, M.B., 40, C. Ashenden 40. A little after the appointed time, the brethren assembled in the Lodge room, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was received in full form. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees by the D. Prov. Grand Master Bro. John Henderson Scott, that Worshipful Brother delivered an address to the brethren, in which he specially referred to the Old Derwent Lodge at Hastings having, in conjunction with the Union Lodge at Chichester, and the Clarence at Brighton, kept alive the spark of Freemasonry in the Province of Surrey during many dark and troublesome years. Bro. Scott said that it was upwards of one hundred years since the Derwent Lodge was first established at Hastings, and although it was often said in our every-day life that it "would be all the same in a hundred years hence," here was an evidence that the actions of men had their effect upwards of a hundred years later. The founders of the new Lodge were then assembled, and the Warrant, dated 23rd August 1879, signed by Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. was read, authorising Bros. Thomas Trollope, A. R. Croucher, T. H. Cole, W. T. Hickman, A. L. Ward, John Cooke, Francis H. Parsons, M.D., James A. Beckett, Thomas Hulbard, T. H. Wadd, E. W. J. Hennah, W. L. Vernon, T. Brassey, M.P., and others to hold the Lodge. The R.W. Deputy Prov. G. Master also commented at considerable length on the value of Freemasonry, and expressed his hope that there would not be any petty jealousy, no carping or cavelling amongst the brethren; he was much pleased that the W.M. designate of the new Lodge of St. Leonards was his worthy friend and Brother Dr. Trollope. The Prov. G. Chaplain the Rev. E. R. Adams delivered an eloquent and impressive oration, referring to three kinds of Freemasons whom he might respectively term Masons in name, Masons in ritual, and Masons in reality. The first class simply joined the Craft, and took no interest in its ceremonies, or in its lessons, or in its Charities, and were rarely to be seen except at the banqueting table. A much worthier class were the Masons in ritual, who took the greatest interest in the work of Masonry, and were seldom absent from the meetings. But the most worthy were the real Masons, who, while not letter perfect in the ritual, nor over stringent as to whether a chair was entered from the right side or the wrong, acted up to the real spirit of Masonry in act as well as in word, and who carried out the principles of the Order in their daily life, and were made better fathers, better husbands, and better sons. The Lodge Board was then uncovered, and the elements of Consecration were carried round and poured upon it, and it was declared by the Deputy Prov. G.M. to be regularly opened. Bro. Trollope P. Prov. S.G.W. was then installed W.M., and the following brethren were

appointed Officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz.:—Bros. A. R. Croucher, M.D., Prov. G. Asst. D. of C. S.W., T. H. Cole, M.A., P. Prov. G. Asst. D. of C. J.W., F. H. Parsons Treas., F. de Brebant Cooper Secretary, W. L. Vernon S.D., A. L. Ward J.D., T. H. Wadd I.G., William Leslie Tyler. The usual addresses were most ably given to the newly-installed W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren of the Lodge, the two former by Bro. C. J. Smith, Prov. Grand Steward, and the latter by the Deputy Prov. G.M., who officiated as Installing Master. Cordial votes of thanks were proposed and unanimously carried to Bro. Scott for his kind attendance and able services in undertaking the Consecration and installation that afternoon; and to Bro. Rev. E. R. Adams for his most eloquent and impressive address. Several brethren were proposed as joining members and several gentlemen as candidates for initiation, and the Senior Warden (Bro. A. R. Croucher) was elected as the representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Charities Committee. Bro. Trollope, the W.M., and the Officers of the St. Leonards Lodge cannot but feel grateful at the number of visitors who honoured them with their presence at the ceremony, and from the gentlemen proposed as members, the Lodge has every promise of a successful career under the Mastership of so distinguished and so active a Mason as Bro. Trollope; we feel assured that he will be ably assisted by his Officers, and that the St. Leonard's Lodge will soon take a prominent position in the Province of Sussex. The musical arrangements in connection with the ceremony were under the direction of Bro. Alfred King Prov. G.O., who, with the assistance of the musical brethren, added considerably to the effect.

The Consecration Banquet was held in the same building immediately after the close of the Lodge. The W.M. was supported by all the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers who had been present at the consecration of the Lodge, and by Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P. for the borough, and other distinguished brethren. Justice having been done to the good things provided, the services of the waiters were dispensed with for a time, and the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," remarked that her Majesty was the mother of our three Masonic princes, and the patroness of our great Masonic Charities, and was an example of every domestic and social virtue. The W.M. next proposed "The health of the Masonic Sovereign, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," who, he could assure the brethren, took the greatest interest in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and was most particular in not sanctioning the issue of a warrant for any new Lodge unless he was satisfied of the necessity for it. The W.M. next proposed "The health of the Earl of Carnarvon the Pro Grand Master, and alluded to the great tact which that brother at all times exercised when he acted as the representative of the Prince of Wales. He coupled with it the health of the Deputy Grand Master of England Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, referring to Lord Skelmersdale's great services to the Craft as Deputy Grand Master of England, and as a ruler of a province numbering over eighty Lodges. He also alluded to the presence that evening of General Calthorpe, who some years ago had resided amongst them, and had been a frequent visitor of the Derwent, and whom he was pleased to welcome again amongst them, and to congratulate him as Junior Grand Warden of England. Bro. Martyn and the other Officers he also welcomed in becoming terms. General Calthorpe, in responding, thanked the brethren for their reception, and in feeling terms referred to the days gone by when he resided in the borough, and visited the "Old Derwent." He had pleasure on his return to this town to meet all around, especially as they now met, on non-political grounds, and was equally pleased to meet both his friends and his old opponents (speaking politically). Bro. Martyn P.G. Chaplain also responded, and congratulated the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the W.M., the Lodge, and its members, on the very successful proceedings of the day; he felt sure that under the guidance of the W.M., Dr. Trollope, the career of the St. Leonard's Lodge would be a prosperous one. The W.M., in proposing "The health of the Provincial Grand Master Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother John Henderson Scott, and the Provincial Grand Officers," said that Sir Walter Burrell would have been present that evening but for the inclement weather. That worshipful brother was a genuine old English gentleman, and took the deepest interest in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and hoped to see the charity scheme at present in operation in the Derwent Lodge introduced into every Lodge in the province. With reference to Bro. John Henderson Scott, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, they all knew he was a good working Mason, and they had all had the opportunity of listening to the excellent way in which he had performed the ceremony of consecration and installation that afternoon; and of the other Provincial Grand Officers he might say, that although the inclemency of the weather had hindered many attending, they had still a large number of brethren wearing the purple amongst them. The D. Prov. G.M. returned thanks, and stated that Sir Walter Burrell would have been there that evening, but was prevented by illness. He would remind the brethren that he intended representing the Province at the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held in February next. He had already subscriptions promised amounting to over £300, and he would be glad to add further donations from Lodges or brethren to his list. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Richards, in a thoroughly Masonic speech, proposed "The health of the W.M. and Success to the St. Leonard's Lodge." Some few years ago he had the pleasure of installing Bro. Trollope as W.M. of the Derwent Lodge, and he was glad to be present that day and witness his installation as first W.M. of this new Lodge. In this beautiful spot in our own beautiful Island, a still further beauty had been introduced by the formation of a Lodge of Freemasons; and long might the new Lodge prosper and spread the genuine tenets of Masonry. The Rev. Brother was warmly applauded during his frequent and heart-stirring Masonic appeals. Brother Trollope W.M. thanked the brethren for the warm reception they had given to the toast proposed by his old friend Brother Richards,

who had, to a considerable extent, taken the wind out of his sails. This—as the brethren had just been reminded—was not the first occasion on which he had succeeded Bro. Richards in the chair of K.S., neither was the opening of the St. Leonard's Lodge an idea of to-day only. Some seven or eight years ago a similar idea had been mooted, and their respected Brother Brassey had promised his assistance towards the formation of a Lodge at St. Leonard's. He was especially glad, therefore, to see Bro. Brassey present that evening. The affair, however, hung fire until the completion of the handsome block of buildings in which they had met that evening had been carried out, under the superintendence of Bro. W. L. Verouon. There was ample room for two Lodges in the Borough. It was some seventeen years since he joined the Derwent Lodge, which then numbered less than forty members, and now its numbers were nearer ninety than eighty, and in starting the new Lodge, they had no idea of entering into rivalry with the Old Derwent. He had been twice Master of that Lodge, and hoped to continue a member so long as he remained amongst them. This town was large enough, and he believed that many Masons who were deterred by distance from their residences from attending the Lodge at Hastings, would gladly avail themselves of the privileges of membership of the new St. Leonard's Lodge, and that many who had allowed the rust of years to dim their ardour in Freemasonry would awaken to new life, and to once more become bright Masons. The toast of the Visitors, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Masonic Charities, were severally proposed from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. Price W.M. of No. 56 (The Howard Lodge, Arundel) responded on behalf of the Visitors, and Bros. Croucher and Cole (S.W. and J.W.) on behalf of the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. James Terry, whose name was coupled with the toast of the Masonic Charities, made one of his most able and effective responses, in the course of which he expressed a hope that the brethren would by their subscriptions still further increase the splendid amount which already appeared on Bro. Scott's list as Steward for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next. The Tyler's toast wound up a day's proceedings which will not be forgotten by the brethren who were privileged to attend, and will be a red-letter day in the Masonic History of Hastings and St. Leonard's. To W. Bro. Trollope and his Officers we can but express our opinion, that in confiding a new warrant to their care, the M.W.G.M. of English Freemasons will never have any reason to regret the confidence he has bestowed upon them. Better Masons we seldom meet.

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PROTECT THE ORPHANS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the elections last month for the Masonic Schools, ninety-one poor children—sixty-one boys and thirty girls—who had passed the General Committees as fit and proper candidates for education and support by our much-vaunted Charities were placed on the list of unsuccessful applicants, and left to educate and feed themselves as they best may until the elections in April next, when a large majority of them must again be doomed to disappointment. Not one penny is offered out of the liberal funds provided by the subscribers to aid in the maintenance and instruction of these poor children, who may starve, or grow up in destitution and ignorance, while we complacently sip our wine, and boast of the many thousands of pounds annually collected for their benefit. Some one cries, "Shame!"

At each succeeding meeting of the Committees, fresh names are added to the already too long list of applicants soliciting that protection and assistance which Freemasonry professes to extend to those who may be unfortunately reduced to a position requiring the benefits of these Institutions. Some of them—lucky enough to secure the help of influential and energetic brethren—will be successful; but the greater number will bitterly experience the "hope deferred which maketh the heart sick," and learn too late that, consequent upon the extravagant outlay on the favoured few, and by the diversion of funds from their legitimate channel, sums which should have been devoted to their aid have been otherwise disposed of, leaving them to sadly realise the truth of Shakespeare's words, "The orphan piues while the oppressor feeds." Again a cry of "Shame!"

These poor orphans are pleading for a home, food, and the training to enable them to take useful positions in the world—benefits which are denied to them on the plea of *insufficient means*; yet it is thought proper to call a Special General Court of the Girls' School to consider a proposition by the Treasurer—"That the sum of six thousand five hundred pounds (£6,500) be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe-house and grounds (freehold), the property of William Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution at St. John's-hill, Battersea-Rise, S.W." Has no one sufficient charity and moral courage to cry "Shame?"

The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE having persistently advocated common sense and honesty in the management of our Charity funds, there is good reason for hope that you will use your powerful influence to prevent a further waste of the orphans' money in the purchase of useless houses and unnecessary lands. The two Schools have been more than

sufficiently costly, and are now quite large enough for permanent purposes. A well-regulated expenditure in monetary allowances to aid in the support and education of candidates until their election would be far more in accordance with the intentions of the donors than the proposed outlay on the Evill house, and would, moreover, tend to better prepare the children for the superior training which our Institutions offer. It surely cannot yet be too late to advocate the cause of the orphans against that of the freeholder and the builder, nor to invite subscribers to greet the proposed useless expenditure of six thousand five hundred pounds with a loud cry of "Shame!"

Yours truly and fraternally, H.

26th November 1879.

COLEMAN'S MASONIC CALENDAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have received from our friend and Bro. C. P. MacCalla, editor of the *Keystone*, a copy of a most useful work—"Coleman's Masonic Calendar"—a list of the whole of the regular Lodges at work in the United States and Canada, with their names, numbers and locations. There are 54 Grand Lodges, and some 10,000 Lodges holding under them. In every case where it is possible the addresses of the Grand Officers are given. Besides these the American and Canadian Grand Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Consistories and governing bodies of all other Rites are to be found arranged in order within the 100 pages which compose the Calendar. A concise list is added of Masonic information relating to foreign jurisdictions, and a great quantity of information always useful and acceptable to Masonic readers, such as lists of Masonic journals, seals, libraries, institutions, &c. The author and editor, the Rev. Henry R. Coleman, tells us that one great object of the compilation and publication of this Calendar was to "measurably put a stop to" the "swindling" of false brethren who go about from Lodge to Lodge with false appeals of poverty and destitution; and our Brother gives some directions by means of which a large proportion of such rogues may easily be detected. Unquestionably the Masons of the United States are more curs'd than those of Great Britain with these hordes of beggars; but even in this country we have far more of them than we ought, and perhaps if the suggestions of Bro. Coleman were known they might be acted upon (with modifications) in such a way as to materially suppress the Masonic mendicancy which is so troublesome, and forms so heavy a tax upon the brethren. Young Masons, who are more especially victimised, might be much benefitted by a perusal of Bro. Coleman's suggestions as to the treatment of what he calls "the excrementa of Freemasonry." But bad as we may regard the evil in England, it is nothing to the state of things in America, nor is this to be wondered at if what Bro. Coleman states be correct, and there is no reason to doubt his figures. Here, then, is something to startle the Masonic reader:—"During the years 1876, 1877, and 1878, the appalling number of 2933 Masons were expelled from the Lodges of the United States and Canada! 2933 expelled Masons! 2933 men dead as to Masonry, yet alive as to the harm they do us by their evil lives, their exposures, their influence upon the rising generation! Besides this, 2609 more were suspended for periods more or less lengthy for gross un-Masonic conduct, and 41,299 for non-payment of dues! In the same period 63,000 Masons disunited, the larger part of them to avoid paying their share towards the support of the Order. Here is the sum total of 103,000 Masons who have gone back upon their fraternal pledges within the little period of three years." Truly, as Bro. Coleman says, this is appalling, and we have nothing like it, happily, in England, even in proportion to our number of Lodges. Still we have an uncomfortable supply of Masonic tramps, and if we were to exercise more care and discretion in our almsgiving we should perhaps assist in diminishing the evil.

It would be an excellent rule for each Lodge to appoint an old experienced brother as almoner, and to make a rule that no one should receive casual relief save through that Officer, and that those soliciting relief should invariably be referred to him. Young Masons are very apt to be soft-hearted, and tramping brethren usually come with very plausible tales. After some years experience of them, my own feeling is that not one in three who come is worthy of relief. The idea of a "Black List" has been suggested, and perhaps has its merits. By this method, the name, general appearance, and description of credentials of any begging Mason found to be unworthy would be forwarded to headquarters, and an annual list would be published, and sent to every Lodge.

However, I have wandered off from the subject of Bro. Coleman's Calendar, which is to be an annual publication, and which will be of vast use, not only as a reliable work of reference, but a valuable record of Masonry in North America.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD P.M.

York, 26th November 1879.

PAST MASTERS' PRIVILEGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent, "QUIDNUNC," in his letter that appeared in the CHRONICLE of 30th Aug. last, replying to my query as to the conditions of Past Masters' membership of Provincial Grand Lodge, raises a certain issue, to which, as my question did not hinge on the date of installation, I did not refer in my last, but to which it may be as well to draw attention. Referring to page 76 section 1 of the Book of Constitutions, he observes, very truly, that "there can be no doubt that although a Master's installation may be deferred for various reasons, as ill health, absence, or other unforeseen causes, and he cannot occupy the chair of K.S., he is nevertheless

virtually the ruler, and can appoint his Wardens and Officers for the year in the ordinary manner. His installation at some period of his year of Office is doubtless absolutely necessary to secure him continuing privileges, but is not absolutely requisite to prevent his ruling during his appointed year." He then draws two deductions, the former of which (and this I have italicised) I venture, with all respect to "QUIDNUNC," to dispute. He continues "consequently he will have executed his office for the prescribed period, and his Wardens will also have been executive Officers for the term necessary to qualify them for the Master's chair at the next annual period of election within the Lodge." Now I apprehend that "ruling a Lodge" is not executing the office of Master in its entirety. A Master, the minutes of whose election have been confirmed, but who has not yet been installed, cannot, I believe, *suo vire* confer any degree. He can only perform a degree ceremony in the presence of an installed Master, and then merely as the mouthpiece of the latter, who is responsible for the proper conducting of the ceremony. That installation is absolutely necessary to enable a brother "to execute the office of Master," though not "to rule the Lodge," is I think decided by the opinion of the Grand Registrar, expressed at the Quarterly Communication of 5th December 1877, in the following words:—A Master, if he is to be a Member of Grand Lodge, as a Past Master, must have executed the office of Master for one year. So that, if a Master were duly elected at the proper time, and for some reason could not be installed on the proper day of installation, so as to serve for one whole year by the time the next regular day of installation came round, that is to say, by that time had only served eleven months, he would not be, as a Past Master, a member of Grand Lodge."

Yours fraternally,

W. S. L.

Cradock, South Africa, 9th Oct. 1879.

A REQUEST.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly allow me, through your columns, to say that I shall feel greatly obliged to any Secretaries who will take the trouble to send me specimens of the forms of Lodge Summons and Clearance Certificate in use in their respective Lodges.

Yours truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM NOTT,

Devizes, 22nd Nov. 1879.

P.P.J.G.W. and P.G.R. Wilts.

THE ROYAL ARCH AT YORK.

ONE of the most singular features in connection with the minutes of the Grand Chapter of All England at York is the entry regarding the meeting held in the Cathedral at York. As usual the minute is very brief, and I will give it just as it is written:—

York Cathedral, 27th May 1778.

The Royal Arch Brethren whose Names are undermentioned assembled in the Ancient Lodge, now a Sacred Recess within the Cathedral Church of York, and then and there opened a Chapter of Free and Accepted Masons in the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch. "Present—

Jacob Bussey S.
George Kitson H.T.
Thos. Richardson H.A.
John Conpland Secy. and Treas.
Francis Consitt
Robert Bewlay
Thomas Williams
Thomas Beckwith
Francis Clubley

The Chapter was held and then closed in usual form, being adjourned to the first Sunday in June, except in case of Emergency.

From the allusion to "the ancient Lodge" we see that the tradition of ancient Lodges having been held in the Cathedral Crypt was then accepted, and as no business appears to have been done, I presume that these nine worthy Companions simply met as recorded for the purpose of keeping up the remembrance of the ancient guild meetings.

The Crypt of the Cathedral is now lighted and warmed with gas, but in 1778, and in the month of May, it must have been a terribly chilly and dismal place wherein to hold a meeting. One also cannot help wondering how these brethren obtained permission to hold a Chapter in the Cathedral itself. The present Dean of York is most amiably disposed towards the Fraternity, as he has shown by several times placing the Cathedral at our disposal for special services, but I should very strongly doubt the possibility of his permission being obtained for any species of secret meeting for Masonic ceremonial. Dean Fountayne, however, who reigned in 1778, was a very different class of churchman, and in those days ideas were not as strict as at present.

I have been at the pains to look up the names of the Cathedral dignitaries and officials of that date, in order to find out if any of them were in any way connected with the Fraternity, or if their names are to be found in the list of R.A. Companions. It seems not unlikely that Comp. Thomas Richardson, who was present at the meeting, was a member of a very prominent family at York at that period, two of whose members, the Rev. Wm. Richardson and the Rev. James Richardson were Vicars Choral in 1778, whilst the

organist of York Cathedral at that time was Bro. John Camidge, who was a Mason, and whose portrait in oils was a short time since presented to the York Lodge 236, by his great grandson, Bro. T. S. Camidge, Organist of that Lodge, and a P.P.G.O. of the Province.

I regard this minute as one of the most curious things, in its way, contained in the old York records.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

ROYAL ARCH.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 70.

THE annual meeting was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymonth, when the Companions who had been elected at the former Convocation were in ancient form duly installed, in the presence of a large Board of Installed Principals, amongst whom were E. Companions J. B. Gover P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., L. D. Westcott P.Z. P.P.G.S.S., Charles Stribling P.Z. P.P.G.R., J. M. Hifley P.Z. P.P.G.S.B., W. K. Michell P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., V. Bird P.Z. P.P.G.T., W. B. Triplett P.Z. P.P.G.T., A. Woolf P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., E. A. Davies P.Z. P.P.G.Registrar, S. Hearle Z. 1255, Thomas Goodale P.Z. P.P.G.O., James Gidley P.Z., Richard Cawsey J. 230, J. Browning J. 105. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by E. Companion Michell. The Officers for the ensuing year are E. Companions Richard Pengelly Z., J. II. Keats H., J. Russel Lord J., Robert G. Bird P.Z., J. B. Gover S.E., Samuel Roach S.N., L. D. Westcott Treasurer, E. A. Lean P.S., Jas. Griffin 1st A.S., Wm. Hy. Symons 2nd A.S., J. D. Barker Org., J. G. Kevern N., W. Odam D.C., E. Tout A.D.C., John Holmes Jan. Two brethren of Lodge 70 were afterwards exalted, the interesting ceremony being ably conducted by E. Companions Pengelly, Glover, Lord, Gidley and Hardy. A vote of five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was confirmed, and the usual business of the Chapter having been satisfactorily concluded, the Companions retired to the refreshment rooms, in the same building, where a collation was provided by Bro. George Thorne, of Bedford-street.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation and Installation Meeting of this excellent working Chapter was held on Monday, the 24th, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, the M.E.Z. Comp. Littaur in the chair. Comps. P. Dickinson H., L. Lazarus J., W. H. Gulliford S.E., H. P. Isaac P.S., P.Z.'s E. P. Albert, H. M. Levy, S. Lazarus, M. Emanuel, J. Lazarus; and Comps. I. P. Cohen, M. Baum, J. Davis, W. J. Jennings, Dewsnap, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for Bro. C. Hutchinson 1695, and J. Pasta, who were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., in his usual faultless manner; the same may be said of the H., J., and Officers, who were all equally perfect. Comp. Dickinson was then installed as M.E.Z., L. Lazarus H., W. H. Gulliford J. The ceremony of installing the Principals was perfectly performed by Comp. W. Littaur, the retiring P.Z. Comp. N. Baum was invested S.E., H. P. Isaac P.S., A. Botibol 1st Asst., J. Davis 2nd Asst., Smith Janitor. The report of the audit meeting was read. It showed that the Chapter was in a flourishing state. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The newly-installed M.E.Z. ably proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. In speaking to the Exaltees the M.E.Z. said all the members were pleased to see them. He hoped the ceremony would never be effaced from their memories. He felt sure they were members who would eventually become an ornament to R.A. Masonry. Comps. Hutchinson and Pasta briefly responded to the toast. Comp. W. Littaur J.P.Z. said the newly-installed Z. was one who, in every office he had held, showed his proficiency. His urbanity had won him the regard and esteem of every Companion, and for two years during his (Comp. Littaur's) occupancy of the chair, he had to thank him for his good working. A good Officer would, he was sure, make a good M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. hoped he had done his duty while preparing for the chair; his aim would be for their benefit, and as a P.Z. he should only be too pleased to be identified with them. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office he should leave the chair with credit to himself and satisfaction to them all. The toast of the Visitors was next given; the members were all pleased to see them; some were very distinguished in the Order. He would call on Comps. Jas. Stevens and Rev. S. M. Harris to respond. Comp. Stevens said he had visited many Chapters, but he had never heard better working. Comp. Harris fully endorsed all the former Comp. had said; from what he had seen of the M.E.Z.'s working, it might truly be said the mantle of his predecessors had fallen on his shoulders. He would only be too pleased to become a joining member of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the P.Z.'s; they had all done their duty; he could not do justice to their merits. However, he would say that great credit was due to the one who had for two consecutive years served them so well. It was a great pleasure for him to be the means of presenting Comp. Littaur with a gold chain and insignia of the Order, with an appropriate inscription. In attaching it he was proud to say he was placing it on the breast of an honest man. Comp. Jas. Stevens here gave a recitation appropriate to Freemasonry, which elicited loud applause. Comp. Littaur, in an eloquent speech, responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the H. and J. To speak of their qualifications would occupy too much time. Comp. Lazarus had worked as P.S., and they had seen what he had done in every office he had filled. Comp. Gulliford was one who could do the duties well, and his well-known business qualities were sufficient to show that they had elected the right man in the right place. This compliment was

acknowledged by Comps. Lazarus and Gulliford, and then the M.E.Z. said he had another important toast, that of the S.E. and P.S. He might say they had one of the best Scribes he had ever met. Companion Baum said he would work diligently to enable him to occupy the chair the M.E.Z. now so admirably filled. Companion H. P. Isaac said he was not a man of words, but of action; he would be pleased to follow in the footsteps of such distinguished Companions. The Janitor's toast was given, and the company separated. The Visitors were—Comps. J. Stevens P.Z. 720 and 771, J. Pigot 1260, S. H. Harris 24, S. M. Harris 406, S. Pollitzer P.Z. late 188, Stamwitz 528, Stanislaus 25, and Fisher.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, WIGTON, CUMBERLAND.

THE busy little town of Wigton was the scene of interesting Masonic proceedings on Thursday, the 20th inst. The occasion was the Royal Arch Installation Festival. Masonry has long had a home at Wigton. The late Sir James Graham, before and after he was Grand Master of this Northern Province, always manifested great interest in his Mother Lodge. Since his time brethren have always been found to come to the front and sustain and support the old Craft. The most active member at present is Bro. Henry Bewes, and all readily accord to him the honour. Associated with him are Bros. John Gate, Pearson, Hoodless, Lazonby, and others. But we have digressed. We wish to place on record the doings at the annual Convocation of the Chapter. The Companions met in full force, and punctually at three o'clock in the afternoon the Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z. Comp. James Gardiner, assisted by Ex. Companions Pearson H., Hoodless J., John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N., Henry Bewes P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., John Gate P.Z., Nicholson M.E.Z. Nicholson Chapter, Maryport, &c. The Chapter having been opened, and the rest of the Companions admitted, the minutes were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then, in the name of the Chapter, invited Ex. Comp. John Bowes to take his chair as Installing Principal. The newly elected Principals were then severally introduced, and presented in solemn conclave, and installed in their respective chairs, according to ancient custom. After the salutations, greetings, and proclamations usual on such occasions, the other Officers were invested and duly placed in their respective positions. The long ceremony being now concluded, the Installing Principal pronounced the Benediction. After the discharge of some routine business an unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Bowes for the able and impressive manner in which he had rendered the ceremony. The proposer said this was the third time Ex. Comp. Bowes had journeyed from Warrington to assist them in a matter in which they could not help themselves, and every member of the Chapter felt under deep obligations to him for his great kindness. Comp. Bowes, in response, said that it afforded him very great pleasure to come amongst them annually and set them going, as it were, for another year. On the occasion of his next visit he would arrange to stay longer in Wigton, and during his stay direct some Chapters of Instruction. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. adjourned to refreshment, which was excellently served, and presided over by the newly installed Principals, Ex. Companions Pearson, Hoodless, and Lazonby, supported by others before named and the various members of the Chapter. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual Royal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which the following toasts were drunk:—"The Principals," "The P.Z.'s," "The Installing Principal," &c. The proceedings were much enlivened by some excellent songs from the newly installed S.E. Comp. Cradwick, who accompanied himself. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close at eight o'clock.

Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290, Huddersfield.—The first regular convocation of this Chapter for the present season was held at Freemasons' Hall, South Parade, on Wednesday, November 19th. The Chapter was opened punctually at seven o'clock, the business being the Installation of Principals and Investment of Officers. There were a great many members of the Chapter present, amongst whom we noticed Comps. J. W. Turner Z., Allen Haigh H. (Z. elect), William Smith P.Z., John Rhodes P.Z., William Harrop P.Z., Joshua Lee P.Z., W. G. Dyson P.Z., Farrer (J. elect), W. Schofield P.Z. The Visitors were—E. Comps. Henry Smith P.Z. P.G.S.E., and Dore P.Z. P.G.D.C., who were very warmly received by the companions. The ceremony of Installing the Principals was performed by Comp. Harrop in a masterly manner; at the same time very impressively Comp. Haigh the new Z. invested his Officers, as follows:—B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer, Wheawill S.E., Brierley P.S., Dyson A.S. (We did not gather the names of the other A.S. or S.N.) Smith P.Z. Janitor. A certain amount, as per proposition, was then voted to the Bentley Shaw Presentation Fund; and this being all the business on the summons, the Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet room, where refreshment awaited them in the shape of a good supper, excellently served. Afterwards the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. Unfortunately, Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. P.G.S.E. could not stay long, having to return to Wakefield. Before leaving, he expressed the great pleasure he had derived from visiting the Chapter, and the impressive and able manner in which the business had been conducted. The wish of the companions was that he would soon visit them again. Comp. Dore P.Z. is almost a constant visitor at this Chapter, and, we may add, always welcome, and we hope to meet him many times on similar occasions.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual weekly meeting of this Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 25th Nov., at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and was, as usual, attended by some eminent Arch Masons.

The business transacted was the rehearsal of the ceremony of exaltation, and the offices were filled by the following Companions:—W. H. Lee Z., F. Brown (the able Preceptor) H., J. Wyer J., J. C. Goldsmith P.S., and G. P. Gillard the candidate. The following Companions were also present:—H. Thompson, W. Grist, J. High, F. Brasted, A. H. Lilley, S. W. Webb, H. F. H. Burchell Herne, G. L. Walker, and J. B. King. The ceremony of exaltation was most perfectly rendered by Comp. Lee, who was supported by Comps. Brown and Wyer, and seldom in any regular Chapter are the duties of the important office of P.S. so efficiently performed as they were by Comp. Goldsmith, in this probationary school of the degree. Propositions were afterwards made, and Comps. J. B. King of 1489 and H. F. H. Burchell Herne of 404 were elected members of this Chapter of Improvement, and they severally returned thanks for their election. The Chapter was then closed, and adjourned until Tuesday evening, 2nd Dec., at half-past six o'clock.

BEACONSFIELD LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 205.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, 15th instant. Present—Bros. J. Pinder P.M. as W.M., W. C. Claridge S.W., D. Dewar P.G.M.O. as J.W., W. G. Hallows M.O., J. Franklin S.O., Frederick Hallows Secretary, J. H. Cambridge J.D., G. J. Westfield as I.G., T. Upward Organist, and the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. Fred. Binckes G.S., G. Graveley, R. T. Williams, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Lodge and audit meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Binckes then occupied the chair, and Bro. W. C. Claridge, the Master elect, was presented, and obligated. A Board of Installed Mark Masters was formed, and Bro. Claridge installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. On the brethren returning to the Lodge, the W.M. was presented to them by Bro. Binckes, and saluted according to ancient custom. The W.M. immediately proceeded to invest his Officers as follows, viz.:—Bros. W. Groome S.W., W. G. Hallows J.W., T. Franklin M.O., J. Bodkin J.O., Fred. Hallows Sec., J. H. Cambridge S.D., George Graveley J.D., G. J. Westfield I.G., T. Upward Organist, R. T. Williams D.C., the remaining offices being left vacant until next Lodge meeting. After the Officers had been invested and conducted to their positions in the Lodge, Bro. Binckes delivered a very able and impressive charge to them all, upon the important duties they had undertaken, and the manner in which it was expected they were to be carried out. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 7th February 1880. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M. In response to the toast of the Grand Officers Bro. Binckes replied, and to that of the Visitors Bro. Broome the P.G.M.M. of Tunis and Malta responded. Amongst the Visitors present were:—Bros. Broadley P.G.M. Tun's and Malta, D. W. Verry P.M. 101, and S. Whittman No. 173, &c.

IRELAND—PROVINCE OF ARMAGH.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

AT two o'clock on Thursday, 27th inst., pursuant to due notice, a quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh—which embraces the counties of Armagh, Louth and Monaghan—was held in the Toutine Rooms, Armagh, under the presidency of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Maxwell C. Close, D.L., M.P., &c., Dumbanagher Castle, representative in Ireland of the United Grand Lodge of England, assisted by his Officers and a fairly representative assembly from various Lodges of the Province. The Secretary read letters of apology, intimating pressing business as a reason for non-attendance of some members, and also the minutes of last meeting at Dundalk, which were confirmed. The chief business on the agenda paper being the installation of the Officers for 1880, the following brethren were then introduced, and installed by the Grand Master, who suitably addressed each on their respective duties:—Very Worshipful Thomas Falloon, Lurgan, Grand Senior Warden, V.W. John Galbreath, Dundalk, Grand Junior Warden; Bros. the Very Worshipful R. Harvey, Drogheda, and G. Hill Smith, Armagh, were re-installed respectively as Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; Bros. the Very Worshipful Rev. Augustus R. Young, Rector of Ballybay, and Rev. Michael Angelo Holden, Rector of Milltown, were re-installed as Grand Chaplains; Worshipful Henry Gustavus Brook, J.P., Castleblaney, Grand Senior Deacon; Worshipful James Alexander Watson, Armagh, Grand Junior Deacon; Worshipful John C. Lyons, Dundalk, Grand Inner Guard; and Worshipful Brother Thomas O. Marks, Armagh, was elected Grand Organist. Very Worshipful Brother Richard Harvey and his colleague Bro. Leonard were re-elected as Representatives on the Board of General Purposes at the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The draft scheme for the establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund was submitted to Bro. Handcock, the eminent actuary, for his report, and a sum of money voted to the Masonic Female Orphan School Building Fund, the Treasurer having announced the funds in a healthy condition, after which the Grand Lodge adjourned to February meeting, at Clones.

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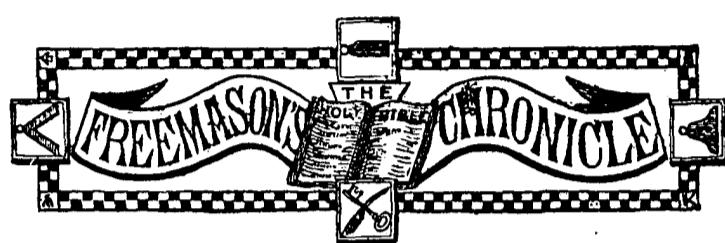
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd December 1879.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd September 1879 for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
4. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, Cheshunt Park	£50 0 0
A Brother of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, Barnes	100 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of Temperance in the East, No. 898, London	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Aberystwith Lodge, No. 1072, Aberystwith	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate	50 0 0
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A Brother of the Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, Leeds	75 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 525, Hong Kong	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Afan Lodge, No. 133, Aberavon	75 0 0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes deeply regret to have to lay before Grand Lodge the resignation of Brother John Hervey, who since August 1868 has filled the very important office of Grand Secretary. At their meeting in October, leave of absence on account of severe ill health was given by the Board to the Grand Secretary until 3rd of December following, being the date of the ensuing Quarterly Communication, and the hope was entertained that this relief from active

duty might be productive of satisfactory results. This hope has however proved fallacious, and under the advice of his medical attendants, Brother Hervey states that there is no alternative before him but to resign the office he has, in the unanimous opinion of the Board so honourably and usefully held, and in this view the Board in whose charge it is to recommend to Grand Lodge whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the Craft, unanimously recommend that on his retirement from Office Brother John Hervey be granted a retiring pension of £800 a year, being the full amount of his Salary.

The Board further report that their attention has been called to a constantly occurring breach of the following clause in the "Alterations made by command of the Most Worshipful GRAND MASTER, in the mode of wearing the Charity Jewel, communicated to Grand Lodge, 7th June 1876," viz.:-

"No Charity Jewel, Clasp, Ribbon, or Rosette shall be obtained except through the Office of the Grand Secretary, to whom the Secretaries of the respective Institutions shall, after their respective Annual Festivals, hand lists of the names of the brethren entitled to the jewel or decorations herein before authorised,"

and they recommend that a copy of such clause be sent to the W.M. of every Lodge under the English Constitution; and further, that it be distinctly intimated that Charity Jewels obtained since the 7th June 1876, otherwise than through the office of the Grand Secretary, are improper, and not to be worn.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. President.
18th November 1879.

To the Report is subjoined a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £3802 1s 7d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

The President will then move:-

- 1st. That the Report be received and entered on the Minutes.
- 2nd. That the resignation by Brother John Hervey of the Office of Grand Secretary be accepted, with sincere regret.

3rd. That in consideration of the very distinguished services rendered to the Craft by Brother John Hervey, during his tenure of the Office of Grand Secretary, he be granted a retiring pension of £800 per annum, being the full amount of his present salary.

4th. That the other recommendations contained in the Report of the Board be adopted.

8. Appeal of Brother Joseph Pallot P.M. of the La Cesarée Lodge, No. 590, Jersey, against the decision of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, affirming his (Brother Pallot's) resignation as a member of the La Cesarée Lodge.

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

9. Proposed Motions.

1. By Bro. James Stevens, P.M. No. 720.

That, in pursuance of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed at the Quarterly Communication held on the 1st day of December 1869, and confirmed at the subsequent meeting held on the 2nd day of March 1870, as follows, viz.:-

"That, with a view to securing greater uniformity of working, and observance of the same usages and customs, throughout the several Lodges held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, a Committee of Past Masters be appointed to enquire into the merits of the respective systems of working now in practice, and to report to Grand Lodge thereon, with such recommendations as they may think necessary to prevent deviation from the established mode, such deviations being, according to the constitutions of Freemasonry, improper, and not to be justified or countenanced,"

such Committee be now appointed.

2. By Bro. John M. Clabon P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

That the following additions be made to the Book of Constitutions, Fund of Benevolence:-

17. Until Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct, one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence shall be appropriated for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who have been in those Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.

18. Such one-third parts respectively shall be invested in the names of four Trustees for each School, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and the dividends paid to the Treasurer of each School.

19. The General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee of each School, may apply the dividend of the funds respectively appropriated to the School for the benefit of children who have been at the School during the preceding twelve months, in apprenticing them to any business or profession, or otherwise aiding them to obtain employment, or in applying any sum granted by annual

instalments for a limited period for the benefit of those proceeding to any School, College or University.

20. No sum exceeding £25 shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child without the consent of the Quarterly Court of the School; and such Court shall render to Grand Lodge an annual account of the receipts and expenditure on account of the said fund.

That the Constitutions, No. 3 Fund of Benevolence, be amended by adding, after the word "shall" on the second line, the words "except as provided for by clause 17, 18, 19, and 20."

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

- No. 1840.—Wellington Lodge, Bunbury, Western Australia.
- 1841.—Lodge Mysore, Mysore, Madras, East Indies.
- 1842.—St. Leonard's Lodge, St. Leonard's, Sussex.
- 1843.—Rohilla Star Lodge, Bareilly, Oude, Bengal, East Indies.
- 1844.—Richmond River Lodge, Lismore, New South Wales.
- 1845.—Lodge St. George, Newcastle, New South Wales.
- 1846.—Phoenix Lodge, Bathurst, New South Wales
- 1847.—Ebrington Lodge, Stonehouse, Devon.
- 1848.—Ferrum Lodge, Middlesborough, Yorks.
- 1849.—Royal Leek Lodge, Bangor, Carnarvonshire.
- 1850.—Raphael Lodge, Roma, Queensland.
- 1851.—Ewell Lodge, Ewell, Surrey.
- 1852.—Forest Lodge, Mansfield, Notts.

SPECIAL GENERAL COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A SPECIAL General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, at the Freemasons' Hall. There were present:—Bros. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton J.P. Treasurer and Trustee (Chairman), A. F. A. Woodford, James Peters, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, Thomas Masser, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey, John A. Rucker, E. Letchworth, J. Sampson Peirce, S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, Charles John Perceval, F. Bincks, John Wordsworth, George Kenning, Arthur E. Gladwell, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). The Chairman said that the meeting was called for the purpose of considering a recommendation of the Building Committee, that the sum of £6,500 be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds (freehold), the property of William Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise. The Institution had not too much open space at Battersea Rise. The adjoining lands were not yet built upon, but if such a state of things should happen the School would be very much hemmed in. They had now the opportunity of purchasing a very large house and a piece of ground adjoining the School lands, and it would only require the removal of a wall to make the two grounds one. If the property was not bought by this Institution the present owner would build upon it. The ground attached to the house was over three-quarters of an acre. The motion having been seconded by Bro. H. A. Dubois, Bro. Venn enquired whether the price was not very high? He had taken the opportunity to ask an experienced man what the value of the property was, and he learned that the price asked was £1,000 too much. He asked these questions in the interest of country brethren who could not come to town to attend these meetings. The Chairman said the Committee believed that in taking the property they were taking what would be of very great value. The house was a large one, and could be made a probationary school, which would enable the Institution to take in an additional number of girls. It possessed also the advantage of giving the Institution an entrance in the main road near the railway station. He thought the property was worth to the Institution anything they could pay for it. Bro. Herbert Dicketts and Bro. J. S. Peirce having spoken in favour of the purchase, the motion was put and carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), H. A. Dubois, A. J. Duff Filer, Griffiths Smith, H. Massey, R. B. Webster, E. Letchworth, Edward Cox, Joshua Nunn, F. Adlard, Andrew I. Suter, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren conferred the title of Assistant Matron on Miss Shepherd. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Joshua Nunn for increasing the salaries of the Head and Assistant Governesses, in consequence of their largely-increased duties by the greater number of children now in the Institution. Bro. E. Cox requested the attention of the brethren to the fact that the fees of several of the Stewards of the last Festival of the Institution remained unpaid for some months after the Festival. Consequently he, as Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, would not be able to pay the Tavern and other bills off finally till five months from the Festival had elapsed. He suggested that some means should be taken to avoid such a state of things in future, which he looked upon as a scandal to the Craft. Some petitions were then taken, and the candidates placed on the list. The Committee then adjourned.

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, 28th NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemason's Tavern, W.C.
 Sinner Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 1402—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 31st NOVEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
 65—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
 171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road
 1689—Royal Leo-old, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moor s
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
 119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
 339—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
 482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
 507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
 850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
 1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 1015—Stamford, Town Hall, Altringham, Cheshire.
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
 1108—Royal Wharfside, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
 R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R. A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 860—Dathousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
 1261—Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.
 1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 157—D. Co maugh, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)
 166—Sir Hugh Myddleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
 1668—Samson, Freeason's Hall, W.C.
 1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 R. A. 1365—Clapton, W.C., Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 121—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
 178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 208—Etonian, the Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.

- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 885—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield.
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Forescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
 949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Bootle, 116 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1489—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesey
 R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crown-street, London-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction) 8
 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)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hound Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W.
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch (Installation)
 R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Seyern-street, Birmingham.
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whithorpe.
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 645—Humphrey Chetlham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portlaurd. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erne, Erne House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1271—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1223—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
 R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
 R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shirley.
 R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
 M. M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Station, at 8 (Inst.)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1126—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.)
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalton, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 251—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 239—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Maclesfield Arms, Maclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affiliation, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abingdon-street, Northampton.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 432—Abbey, Newgate Arms, Nuneaton
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough

- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 702—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bull-ring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 971—Trafulgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1615—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1907—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge
 R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 R. A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 R. A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Oponshaw, Man.
 R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
 R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 K. T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 768—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)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1153—Bolgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwynne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1622—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
 R. A. 70—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 R. A. 1371—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John's, Wrexham Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 690—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
 998—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool
 1096—Lord Warden, Lord Warden Hotel, Lower Walmer, Kent
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherton, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1537—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecombe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1613—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7
 R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinal Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

HELD its installation meeting on the 12th of November, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Flanagan W.M., Danks S.W. W.M. elect, Ferguson J.W., Ivey P.M. Sec., Hickie Org., E. Blackwell S.D., R. Dowsett J.D., Newman D.C., Hawkes Steward, C. R. Honey I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Hurley, Margrett, Brown, Moxhay; Hon. Members—Bros. Pulley W.M. 1426, White, Frickett, Wheatley, Vowles, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. S. Bradley S.W. 414, C. Stephens J.W. 414, Turner W.M. 1566, Cox S.W. 1566, Long P.M. 414, Butler S. 414, C. G. Hawkes 414, Oades W.M. 414, Kirk P.M. 1687, Hackford P.M. 1328, Wilson P.M. 209, Wheeler I.G. 414, Donaldson 414, Andrews 209, S. J. Stolley 209, R. Bradley P.M. 414 P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, Weightman P.M. 414, F. Binckes G.S., P.M. &c., Sec. R.M.I.B., Mount P.M. 1328, Rumford P.M. 90, Wild 96, Higgins 414, Claridge J.D. 599, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. W. A. Wetherhead was ballotted for and elected. Bro. A. Wheatley, a candidate to be passed to the second degree, proved his efficiency in a very satisfactory manner, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wheatley was passed. The Installing Master, Bro. Moxhay P.M. now entered the Lodge, and the W.M. resigned the chair in his favour, at the

same time introducing Bro. John Early Danks as his successor. The ceremony of installation was performed in Bro. Moxhay's usual correct and impressive manner. The W.M. having received the salutations of the members and visitors in each degree, the appointment and investment of Officers took place, each Officer receiving an extempore address from the W.M., which heightened the impression, and gave a dignity to the investiture. Afterwards the W.M. placed a handsome P.M.'s jewel on the breast of the I.P.M. Bro. Flanagan, which jewel had been unanimously voted by the Lodge "for services rendered during his year of office, and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren," accompanied with a few congratulatory remarks on his successful year of office, and expressing the hope that with his valuable assistance the current year would prove not less satisfactory to the members. The I.P.M. appropriately returned thanks for the handsome present, and for the uniform kindness he had received while presiding over the Lodge; he also stated that he would have pleasure at all times in assisting the new Master if required. The W.M. announced that it was his intention to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.I.G. by acting as Steward; he hoped the brethren would render him every assistance in making his list of contributions creditable to the Lodge and the Province of Berks and Bucks. Several names were proposed and seconded as joining members and initiates. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed. The brethren retired for refreshment to the Ship Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Bailey, to which between 50 and 60 brethren sat down. The W.M. ably presided, supported by a large number of his friends, many of whom travelled from London to do him honour. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in an enthusiastic manner. The brethren separated at a reasonable hour, after spending a truly enjoyable evening.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE first Anniversary and Installation Festival of this young and promising Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, the 21st inst. Present—Bros. S. Statham W.M. P.P.G.Tr., who very satisfactorily performed the duties of Installing Master, John Lees J.W. and W.M. Elect, A. H. Allen P.M. Acting S.W., J. Harrop P.M., E. Williams P.M., T. H. Bagshaw P.M., John Brooks P.M., D. Asquith Secretary, William Slater Treasurer, E. Winterbottom S.D., J. Almond J.D., W. Hardcastle I.G., Bros. John Statham, J. Moffatt, Thos. Hewitt, George Crosfield, W. Oldham, Thomas Kay, &c., &c. Visitors—Bros. Thomas Entwistle P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, Gillman P. Prov. G.S.D. West Lancashire, Powers W.M. 325, Bayley, Eldershaw P.M., Rev. J. Harper W.M. Victoria Eccles, Rev. J. Baines, and Bro. Bernhard. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the W.M. proceeded to instal, according to ancient custom, Bro. John Lees as W.M., in which he was ably assisted by Bros. John Brooks P.M. and D.C., Harrop P.M., and Gillman P.M. P.P.G.S.D. The appointment and selection by the W.M. as his officers gave general satisfaction, and were as follows:—Bros. D. Asquith S.W., E. Winterbottom J.W., W. Hardcastle Secretary, William Slater Treasurer, W. Almond S.D., Oldham J.D., and John Statham I.G. The investiture of the Officers by Bro. Gillman P.M. was marked by the very interesting manner in which he explained the moral and symbolical teachings or meanings of the several jewels attached to each office. The proceedings were closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for a short time to allow of the Lodge-room being set out for the banquet, which was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Penwarden, of the Hare and Hounds Hotel. The excellent character of the repast, and the admirable and tasty arrangements for the comfort of the brethren, called forth unqualified praise and satisfaction from all present. The W.M. very neatly proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In response to that of the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. Entwistle replied that although that was his first opportunity of visiting the Albert Victor, yet he had frequently heard of the excellent way in which the Lodge was conducted, and from his intimate acquaintanceship of Bro. Statham he felt sure they had had a W.M. who could not fail to afford both interest and profit to any Lodge. Bro. S. Statham I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., said the next toast was one which, he was sure, they would have as much pleasure in responding to as he had in proposing. It was that of their newly-installed W.M., Bro. John Lees. There could be but one feeling amongst them,—that Bro. Lees had well and deservedly earned that honour, for his many excellent qualities and the great interest he had taken in the Lodge; and it must add greatly to the gratification of their W.M. to know that he had been elected to the distinguished position by the unanimous suffrages of his brethren, accompanied with their hearty congratulations and sincere wishes that he might enjoy a most happy and prosperous year. Although the position of W.M. is one of considerable responsibility, yet as a proof of the esteem and confidence in which he is held by his brethren, and the highest honour which it is in the power of the Lodge to give, it is one of which any loyal Freemason may justly feel proud; and he felt sure the W.M. will fill the chair with credit to himself and honour to the Lodge. He sincerely trusted that at the termination of his year of office he might leave the chair with the consciousness that the Lodge was in a satisfactory and prospering condition. He felt persuaded that the brethren, one and all, would support the W.M. to the utmost of their power; the position is often a difficult and responsible one, and happy is he who, in the administration of its duties, can please everybody, but while we claim the privilege of being Masons, we must do our duty in supporting the authority of the chair; depend upon it by so doing we shall best promote the happiness and prosperity of the whole Lodge. The W.M. returned his warmest thanks to the I.P.M. Bro. Statham for the kind terms in which he had placed the toast before them, and the hearty manner in which it had been re-

ceived by the brethren; the pleasure it afforded him was all the greater when he knew their good wishes were sincere. The position in which they had that day placed him was, as Bro. Statham remarked, one of great trust and honour, and one calculated to inspire the aspiration of all true Masons, but at the same time it was a position not to be by any means lightly undertaken; it had its responsibilities as well as its pleasures, and he had several times questioned himself whether he had arrived at that stage in Masonry which justified him in acceding to the cordial request of his brethren to undertake its duties, but when he reflected that it was their unanimous wish, he thought it was time to put away personal feelings, and with the co-operation he felt he should receive at their hands, faithfully endeavour to do his best. He then called upon the brethren to drink to the health and prosperity of the I.P.M. Bro. Statham, to whom, he said, their hearty thanks were due, not only for the pleasant manner in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge during the past year, but for the very many services done by him in obtaining the charter twelve months ago. They were justified in looking upon him as one of the most active pioneers of the Lodge, and those who understood duties in a smaller degree in connection therewith would readily understand and realise the amount of work which had been so successfully undertaken by him. But as words and acts sometimes faded away from memory and sight, the brethren had desired that their appreciation of those acts should be conveyed to him in a more tangible form, and he had on his own and their behalf the greatest possible pleasure in decorating him with a P.M.'s jewel, accompanied with an illuminated address, so that not only himself but his family and friends might be aware of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge. Bro. Statham, who seemed considerably embarrassed, and spoke at first with evident emotion, rose to respond, and was greeted with the enthusiastic cheers of his brethren. He was greatly taken by surprise with this practical expression of their kind appreciation and esteem, but he was quite at a loss to find words suitable to respond to the toast which had been proposed in such kind terms by their W.M., and so enthusiastically received by them all. If what he should say in return but inadequately expressed the depth of his feelings, he trusted that the brethren would not consider that his imperfect speech represented that he was insensible to their kindness. Although he did expect that, in accordance with the custom on these interesting and festive occasions, his health would be proposed, he had not the slightest conception that the feelings of the brethren would be thus so practically expressed. While, on the one hand, he was greatly taken by surprise, yet, on the other, he felt deeply gratified to be thus honoured and respected. As the W.M. had been pleased to remark, he had, as a true Mason, endeavoured to be true to the principles of the Craft and conserve the best interests of the Lodge, which was his duty; but beyond that, he was not aware that he had done anything more to merit this special mark of their high esteem. However, he gratefully and thankfully accepted it, and assured them that whenever he looked upon it he would not only be reminded of the distinguished honour they placed upon him when he was installed the first W.M. of the Albert Victor Lodge, but also of the very gracious way in which they had acknowledged their appreciation of his services upon completing his year of office, and in making way for one whom he trusted would occupy that proud position far more efficiently than he had done. Whatever services he may have rendered during the past year had been altogether prompted by his love to the Craft and the noble science of Freemasonry; also from a sincere desire to render any assistance in his power to a number of truly worthy brethren whom he greatly respected and esteemed, who were most anxious to establish a Lodge in that neighbourhood. He sincerely trusted he had been of some little service to them; if so, he considered that out of that alone he received an ample reward. He would say to the brethren—

"All the thanks that I require
Is that you ask for more."

Twelve months ago, the inauguration or founding of the Albert Victor Lodge seemed to him like the launching of a noble Craft—and a noble Craft it was. The launching day was most auspicious, one long to be remembered, and gave promise of a safe and prosperous voyage. Her first voyage was now safely completed, and their vessel well-tested. As they looked back upon the past the brethren might congratulate themselves upon the success and happiness they had enjoyed. It was no small satisfaction to know that the Lodge was now firmly established. Having laid the foundation well and truly, it remained with them now to build up a stately, imposing, and comely structure. They might, if they would, make this structure a sanctuary, a school, and a home—a sanctuary where, by their constant study of the beautiful principles of the Craft, they should culture their higher and better natures;—a school, where, by their constant interchange of thought, they should educate their minds; and a home, where, by their constant meeting together, they should promote the social virtues. He could not forbear here from expressing his great indebtedness to the Past Masters and all his Officers for the cordial support and assistance he had uniformly received from them; and he might just say that if in presiding over the Lodge he had given any offence, or caused any brother to feel uncomfortable in any way, it had been done inadvertently, and not intentionally, but for the good of Masonry. It was no small gratification for him to know that there are so many able and experienced brethren in the Lodge: that to him presaged a most happy and prosperous future. Before bringing his remarks to a close, he should like to add that if their Lodge was to be successful, the brethren must most earnestly cultivate and do everything to promote a kindly, brotherly feeling, knowing that the happiness of the Lodge was in their hands. It would certainly be what they made it. He felt fully persuaded that the brethren would one and all set their faces against that narrow, unworthy principle that centres in self, remembering "that man was not born for his own enjoyment alone," and that there is no joy on earth so pure and refining as the joy of contributing to the happiness

of others. In the language of that beautiful address, so admirably delivered that evening, by Bro. Past Brooks, they must have but one aim in view—to please each other, and unite in the grand design of being happy. They must be living examples of virtue and benevolence; they must be living incarnations of all that is worthy, excellent, noble, and good; they should then, and only then, demonstrate to the world that they are true to the great and noble principles of their sublime Craft. Let the brethren live in these principles, and then shall the words of the poet be applicable:—

Peace to the just man's memory, let it grow
Green with years, and blossom through the flight
Of ages; let the mimic canvass show
His calm, benevolent features; let the light
Stream on his deeds of love, that shunned the sight
Of all but heaven, and in the book of fame
The glorious record of his virtues write,—
And hold it up to man, and bid him claim
A palm like his, and catch from him the hallowed flame.

Bro. Joseph Harrop P.M., in proposing the Visiting Brethren, remarked that it was one of the privileges of the Craft to give the right hand of fellowship to, and to welcome to the hospitable board brethren not only from our own country, but from every other country in the world. And as an instance of the universality of the Craft he might draw attention to the presence of Bro. Bernhardt, from Hamburg, who would doubtless bear to his own country a favourable impression of his Masonic brethren in England. Bro. Bernhardt briefly replied, expressing great pleasure with his visit to the Lodge, and the cordial reception he had received. Bro. W. Slater Treasurer, in a neat speech, proposed the Masonic Charities, and expressed his delight on being re-elected to his office; and as an example to others, he notified his intention to give a second donation of £5 to one of the Institutions. Bro. Hardcastle Secretary proposed the Past Master, and Bro. Crossfield the toast of the Officers, which was responded to by Bro. Bagshaw P.M. and Bro. Asquith S.W.; but having already exceeded our limits, we are compelled to close our notice of this interesting meeting, but not without a well deserved compliment to the glee party, composed of the W.M., Bros. Almond, Mossatt, Harrop and Dale, all members of the Lodge, and who by their excellent singing of some fine glees and songs greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening. The illuminated address is in the form of a copy of a resolution that the thanks of the brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge be given to Bro. Samuel Statham P.M. P.P.G.Tr. for his valuable services in the formation of the above Lodge, and whilst filling the office of First Worshipful Master thereof; for his exemplary efforts to promote the success and diffusion of the principles of the Craft; and for his undeviating kindness to the brethren, not only of the Albert Victor Lodge, but of the Order generally; and that a copy of this resolution be presented to him, together with a Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed as a testimonial of the respect and esteem in which he is held by his brethren.

FORT LODGE, No. 1528.

AT the celebration of the Festival of St. John, held on the 21st inst., Bro. Robert Martyn W.M. elect was installed in a very able manner by Bro. I.P.M. Boyle, who then appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. C. R. Bellingham S.W., W. B. Blew J.W., J. H. Hambly Secretary, R. Rowe S.D., A. Lawry J.D. R. Kendall I.G., J. Mitchell D.C., J. Morris and F. Snell Stewards, Wellington Treasurer, Carrickety Tyler. After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the brethren repaired to the Great Western Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served up by the host, Bro. Roberts, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, in the course of which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The Lodge was favoured with the presence of Bros. W. Tomkin G.S. of Works, of Fowey Lodge 977, and J. T. Baker and G. Mellalue, of St. Andrew's 1151.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th November, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. Abell W.M., Gush S.W., Brown J.W., Linscott Treas., John Soper Sec., Willey S.D., Liddall J.D., Snodin I.G. Past Masters—Bros. Bingemann, Gilruth, Marston, and a goodly number of the brethren. Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were very creditably worked by the W.M. and the brethren as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Lee, Liddall, Sanders, H. C. Soper, Gush, Brown. Second Lecture—Bros. Linscott, Dickens, Bingemann, Marston, Pate. Third Lecture—Bros. T. B. Dodson, C. J. Fox, John Soper. Votes of thanks were accorded to the W.M. and brethren who so ably assisted, and the W.M. had the degree of honorary member conferred on him. Bros. Worsley and Smith of 860 and Fox 201 were elected members. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned till Tuesday, 2nd Dec., at 7 o'clock, when Bro. Lee will be the W.M.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—A meeting was held on Monday, 24th Nov., at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street. W. Smallpeice W.M., Palsford S.W., Scott J.W., J. D. Langton Sec., Chapman S.D., J. S. Fraser J.D., Beeton I.G.; Bros. Joseph Langton, Williams, Barnett, John Wood, Britannia, and Wells. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened to the third degree, and was resumed to the first. Bro. Barnett, a candidate for the second, answered the questions and was passed. The following brethren were unanimously elected members of the Lodge—Bros.

Beeton 778, G. C. Palsford 1593, T. E. Scott 771, F. H. Edmunds 8 A. Escott. Bros. Palsford was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed until Monday next at six o'clock. The brethren partook of the annual banquet, Bro. Joseph Langton P.M. 1673 occupying the chair. The excellent manner in which the banquet was served reflected great credit upon Bro. Harrington the steward of the Club.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Leadenhall-street, 25th Nov. Present:—Bros. Lay W.M., Moss S.W., Chicken J.W., Biddle S.D., Shadler J.D., King I.G., Roberts, Maidwell, Hollands, Daniel. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Roberts and Daniel, respectively, candidates. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Moss was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks to Bro. Lay for his proficiency in the chair, the first time in this Lodge of Instruction, was recorded on the minutes. Bro. Hollands was elected Secretary and Bro. Maidwell Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Moss accepted the Preceptorship for the same term—a fact very gratifying to the members, as Bro. Moss is well known for his proficiency in ritual. This appointment will doubtless tend to make the "Prosperity" yet more prosperous.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 22nd inst. Present—Bros. Valentine W.M., W. Williams S.W., Brasted J.W., Pearcey Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Greenfield S.D., Spencer J.D., Mulford I.G., Halford Treas.; also Bros. D. Moss, Carr, Phillips, Giller, Byng, W. Houghton, Gibbs, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Moss candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Byng, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Valentine acting as W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner. Bro. Moss worked the first, Bro. Pearcey the second, Bro. Moss the third sections of the lecture. Bro. W. Houghton, of the Highgate Lodge 1366, was elected a member. Bro. W. Williams was appointed to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was voted the W.M. for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair, for the first time. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—The annual banquet in connection with this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Burford, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge. Bro. J. H. Thompson P.M. occupied the vice-chair. About 40 of the brethren sat down to the excellent dinner provided by the host, Bro. Mattock, who, on these occasions, never fails to give a hearty reception to his guests. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, and the health of the President drank and responded to, the President gave prosperity to the High Cross Lodge of Instruction and health and happiness to its Officers. In the course of his remarks he said he was an old member of the Lodge, but had not attended so often as he could have wished; this he regretted, as he knew from experience that no one could discharge the duties of a regular Lodge with satisfaction to themselves unless they attended Lodges of Instruction. He recommended all young members to do so. With the toast he would couple the name of the Preceptor. Bro. Thompson, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He had held the position since the retirement of Bro. Driscoll, who filled it most ably from the time the Lodge was founded. To Bro. Driscoll he (Bro. Thompson) was indebted for the Masonic knowledge he had acquired. He felt honoured by the members so unanimously placing him in his position, and it would always be his earnest desire to promote the prosperity of the Lodge, and to contribute to its good working. Bro. Maller, the Treasurer, on behalf of the Officers, testified to the sound financial position of the Lodge, in which he took great interest. Bro. Garrod, the Secretary, remarked that since the time of Bro. Linzell, who was one of the founders; the Lodge had in no way degenerated; on the contrary, it had gone on increasing in numbers; a great many members attended regularly every Thursday evening, and if they conducted the business of their respective Lodges in the same manner he had witnessed some of them rehearse it, it would not only be a credit to themselves but also to the Lodge with which they happened to be connected. Bro. Oxley, the W.M. elect of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, replied to the toast of the brethren from the neighbouring Lodges. In his remarks he said, through attending this Lodge of Instruction he felt quite prepared to undertake the duties in regular Lodge which would shortly devolve upon him. The President, in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, read a letter from Bro. Terry, expressing his regret, through prior engagements, to be present that evening, he (the President) should therefore call upon Bro. Roberts to respond to the toast. Bro. Roberts said that charity was the very essence and basis upon which the present system of Freemasonry was worked. It could boast of three noble Institutions, that of the Aged Freemasons, the Boys' and the Girls' Schools; this Lodge, and those in the neighbourhood had not been behind in contributing to the Institutions. Soon after the Lodge was founded it formed a Masonic Charitable Association, which had become a great success, and was the means of sending up nearly £500. On the closing of this, about two years since, a second Association was formed, which was likely to prove even more successful than the first. Bro. Maller they were all pleased to see; he occupied a high position in this Association, and with Bro. Thompson as Treasurer and Bro. Garrod as Secretary, he trusted that the Association might be the means of sending nearly £1000 to the Institutions. After detailing the enormous expense of keeping them up to their present standard of efficiency, Bro. Roberts exhorted every member of the Craft, as far as they were able, to assist in supporting

the Institutions. Bro. de Passe, of the Strangeways Lodge No. 1219, replied to the toast of the Visitors. Other toasts followed, and the harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by some excellent songs and recitations. In fact, the time passed away so pleasantly, that the brethren did not separate until a late hour.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The weekly meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday evening, 21st instant, at half-past 7 o'clock, Bro. Franckel occupying the chair, the Officers being Bros. Blasby S.W., Gomm J.W., Acworth S.D., Youens J.D., C. E. Botley I.G. There were also present Bros. J. C. Rod P.M. and Preceptor, Gunner Hon. Sec., Maton, J. Wotton, and N. Wotton. Lodge having been opened with due observance of ancient custom, the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. J. Wotton offered himself as candidate, and the initiation ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. N. Wotton passed to the second degree. Lodge was advanced to third, and regularly closed to the first degree, when the dues were collected and Bro. Blasby was unanimously elected to take the chair on Friday evening, 28th inst., at 6 o'clock (the occasion being the Lodge of Instruction Annual Banquet), to which day and hour, after Lodge was closed, the meeting was adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 880.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 25th November. Present—Bros. Wardell W.M., Hand S.W., Christian J.W., Smyth S.D., Clark J.D., Greenwood I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, C. Lorkin, Collins, Baker, Dallas, Brasted, Webb, Forss, Carr. Bro. Collins, a candidate for the second degree, was entrusted and passed. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and resumed to the second. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wallington P.M., who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Allen acting as W.M. and investing his Officers. Bro. Hand was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street. Bro. J. Lazarus W.M., L. Salomons S.W., S. V. Abrahams P.M. as J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Hon. Sec., E. Ellis S.D., M. Levy J.D., Syers I.G., Simmonds D.C.; P.M.'s Grunbaum, V. M. Myers, W. H. Gulliford I.P.M., De Solla, &c.; the Visitors were Bros. Guttmann, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, L. Lazarus, Benjamin, Wonheim, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the former and an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. David Davis, who was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Herrup was raised to the third degree. Both ceremonies were perfectly rendered by the W.M. and Officers. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Lyon J. Salomons was unanimously chosen, a result that elicited loud applause. Bro. Salomons thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. L. Jacobs was reelected Treasurer, and Bro. Smith Tyler. The election of a Committee for the Benevolent Fund, and for auditors took place. A candidate was proposed for initiation. Bro. W. H. Gulliford proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M.; it was gratifying to witness the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. He would likewise propose that the usual sum be voted from the funds to present him with a jewel, for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. This was seconded by Brother S. V. Abrahams, and carried unanimously. Two distressed brethren were relieved, and then Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to light refreshment. This being an off night, the ordinary rule as to toasts was dispensed with, but the brethren present drank to the health of the W.M. elect, wishing him a happy and prosperous year.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held on Friday, 21st November, at Lord Warden Hotel, Walmer. Present—Bros. John Leggett W.M., H. R. L. Botting S.W., J. E. Carpenter J.W., H. Abram Organist, W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., W. Ryder I.G., S. Holgate Tyler; Past Masters—Bros. T. J. Usher Sec. P.P.G.Reg., Edwd. Kirby Treas.; Bros. S. Willey, J. E. Lawrence, R. N. Spratling, G. Band, T. Park, John Loughlin. The Lodge was opened in usual form to the third degree, and afterwards closed. The W.M. announced that the advancement of a candidate was unavoidably postponed in consequence of the Brother suffering from illness. Several matters in connection with the Lodge were discussed, and the after proceedings were of a pleasant and entertaining character.

Lodge of St. Mary, Bocking, 1312.—The annual festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, when the popular Secretary, Bro. Augustus Portway, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively performed by W. Bro. Vero W. Taylor P.M. 1312 P.P.S.G.W. Essex, and at its close the respective Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. W. Bright S.W., F. C. Lake J.W., Rev. H. L. Elliot Chaplain P.P.G. Chaplain W. Warwickshire, W. N. Tiffnell P.M. 1312 Treas., T. Malyn P.M. Sec., G. E. Elliott S.D., John Hatley J.D., W. F. Hisler I.G., W. Cook Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to banquet at the White Hart Hotel, the excellency of the viands and wines auguring well for the success of the new management. Among those present, either at Lodge or banquet, in addition to the above-mentioned, were the R.W. D.P.G.M. of the Province the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram P.G. Chaplain, W. Bros. Andrew Durrant P.G.Treas., T. J. Ralling P.G.Sec., A. C. Veley P.M. 276 P.P.S.G.W., Jas. Nicholls P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W., G. D. Clapham P.M. 1312 P.G. Regist., T. Rix W.M. 697, T. Eustace P.M. 697, A. F. Ginn W.M. 276, F. M. Williams W.M. 1543; Bros. T. G. Mills Sec. 697, E. H. Inman, T. Simpson, J. Claydon, G. Pomfrey, &c.

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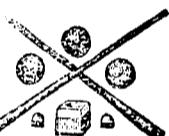
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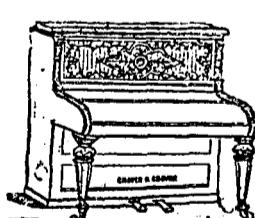
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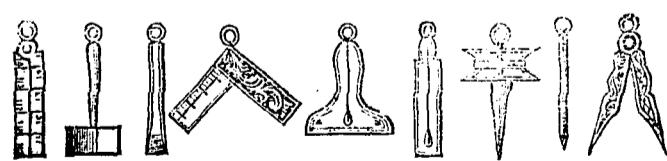
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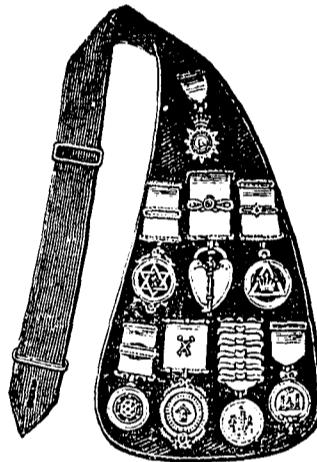
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