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PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE
GIRLS' SCHOOL.

HOW far the brethren of to-day are justified in pledging the liberality of the future generation of Freemasons, or that section of them who will be called upon to maintain the three existing Masonic Charitable Institutions, is a question which is treated far too lightly by the Craft at large, if indeed it ever receives a passing thought. At the present time, the expenditure on account of the Benevolent Institution and the two Schools is something like £40,000 per annum, and the continuous cry is for enlargement and extension of the benefits the Institutions afford. The need is indeed great, and we are gratified to find so strong a spirit prevailing in favour of increasing the number of grants; no one would be more pleased than ourselves to see all the candidates who crave for help relieved through the instrumentality of the existing Charities. However, as it is impossible to do more than a certain quantity of good with a limited amount of money, there is but one remedy—to increase the receipts. It is lack of funds alone that prevents all candidates being admitted to a participation in the benefits of the respective Institutions as time after time the day of election comes round. How to help? is a problem many would like to solve. Still, it must not be forgotten that the annual expenditure the three institutions are actually pledged to is a large sum to raise, and however much we may desire to relieve distress in the present, it behoves us also to look to the future. Except in the case of the Benevolent Institution, whose Asylum at Croydon—ample in every respect for all requirements—costs but very little to maintain, our Charities are burdened with large establishments which in themselves demand a considerable sum annually to keep up, and should at any time the donations from the Craft be reduced any considerable extent very little saving could be effected in this particular item. With the Benevolent Institution it is very different; only a small minority of the annuitants thereof being provided for in the regular establishment, the Committee would, if unfortunately they found the receipts so reduced as to prevent the maintaining of the existing number of annuitants, find it a comparatively easy task to lessen them, and however much such a course might be deplored, it would be far better than to continue a larger number at the risk of creating a deficiency which, if it once appeared on the balance sheet, might speedily increase, and perhaps take years to eradicate. It will doubtless be urged that the case of the annuitants of the Benevolent Institution is far different to that of the children of the Schools, the one being, generally, in a position to look after themselves, the others requiring continued supervision. The best answer we can give to this argument is to refer brethren to the laws of the Schools themselves, which specially provide “rules applicable to children clothed and educated *out of* the establishment,” thereby at once demonstrating the feasibility of such a course, and producing a strong argument in favour of stopping the mania for increasing and enlarging the existing buildings.

As our readers are already aware, it is now proposed to spend six thousand five hundred pounds for the purchase of a house and three-quarters of an acre of ground adjoining the Girls' School at Battersea Rise. This step, be it remembered, will likewise largely increase the amount annually required for the School, that is, if the additional accommodation this outlay should provide is to be fully made use of. Taking the matter in its first objection-

able phase—that it pledges the future generation to a still larger amount than they are at present committed to—we think the proposal should be rejected by a large majority. It is unfair to *compel* the Craft in years to come to subscribe a sum even equal to that raised at the present time, much less to call upon them to contribute more and more as year after year the Festivals come round. The spending of so large an amount as £6,500 in land and buildings should provide accommodation for very many more children than can be at present maintained, and, therefore, if the proposed amount is spent, we may expect the Craft to be continually called upon to exhibit renewed energy in order to enable the Committee to make use of the unoccupied space at their command. Even at the present time there are numerous brethren who think that children could be educated and clothed in their parents' homes cheaper than by taking them to the Schools; while some go so far as to state that the benefits those children would receive through being brought up in their own sphere would be much greater than is the case under existing circumstances. It is not at all unlikely that this view may, before long, become widely supported. Supposing that it does, and that, in the course of two years, those who advocate it find themselves in the majority, what would then become of the house and land now proposed to be purchased, and which must take considerably longer than that period to be fully developed? All these points have to be taken into consideration, and again we pronounce the Craft of to-day as steering a wrong course. In fact, the limits of propriety are exceeded when so much coincidence with the views of the present generation is expected from those who will be called upon to subscribe in the future. For ourselves we look upon the question in yet another form. We think that many Provinces and Lodges expect too much from the Institutions, and by skilful generalship, or outside influence some get considerably more than their share; that is if we take into consideration the value they receive compared with the amount of their donations. When members take sufficient interest in an orphan or an old comrade to secure an election to one or other of the Charities, they often think they have done their duty; so they have, if their donations to the Institutions have been consistent, and in proportion to the extent of their receipts, but they certainly have not if they had to go outside their own circle to secure all the necessary votes. We would ask a Lodge when they recommend a candidate for one or other of the Schools if they are prepared to prove their interest in the case by providing any part of the necessary items for the child's maintenance; whether, in fact, they would clothe the child if the Institution provided for other claims. If the members of such a Lodge consented, they would demonstrate beyond question their desire to exercise towards one of their own circle that greatest of all Masonic virtues—Charity. But if not, why should the Craft at large be called upon to do the whole task, a portion of which they in particular should certainly be expected to perform? We are not in favour of dispensing the benefits of the Institutions only to those who contribute to the funds, or of keeping an exact account against each section, but we like consistency. We think that many brethren who now take active interest in the welfare of the offspring of less fortunate members, would do more for their assistance if an opportunity was afforded, and therefore we are in favour of devoting a portion of the funds of each of the Educational Charities to the support of children outside the Schools. With a com-

paratively small outlay a vast amount of good could be done if this suggestion was acted upon, and more especially is this the case with Provincial candidates whose friends reside in the smaller towns, where education and the general necessities of life are usually much cheaper than in the metropolis.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS ETYMOLOGIES.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

LOOKING over the *American Quarterly Review of Freemasonry* I came across some very curious speculations about the etymology of Freemasonry. The Rev. Bro. S. G. Morrison, of Dublin, held it that "The word is derived from secrecy and exclusiveness observed in our Lodges. Every Lodge is guarded by a Tiler. It is supposed that he is armed. Formerly his protective weapon was a club, the old Latin for this is *mace*. It is the word yet in Spain; the meaning of *maca* is club or *mace*. The club is borne by corporate bodies, because, therefore, bodies of architects, including all trades necessary for effecting or carrying out their plans, preserve their secrets by deliberating within a closed or guarded Lodge—a Lodge guarded by the *maca*—mason was the designation of a brother," &c., &c. The above method of reasoning amounts to this: *maca* meant *mace*, and *mace* may be stretched into mason, hence, *mason* is of Latin origin. Brother Rockwell quoted Mackey's Lexicon, "that the Hebrew word *מסן*, which the doctor pronounced 'masang'—'mason' signifies a stone quarry." Hence, as the *y* is sounded with a nasal twang, *masa* is sounded as *masang*, and *masang* sounds something like *mason*, and as *masa* or *masang* means a stone quarry, therefore Dr. Mackey concluded that mason was of Hebrew origin.

Bro. Rockwell, however, who also knew a little Hebrew, could not consent to Mackey's etymology. His own opinion was, "that the word Freemason antedates the exode of the Israelites." "M. Champollion," says he, "furnishes a table of active participles which occur in the hieroglyphic inscriptions, as qualifying nouns; among these will be found the participle of the Coptic verb *mai*, to love, (represented in the hieroglyphic alphabet by a character which has been denominated a plow, and denoting the articulation M) qualifying the substantive *SON* son, "brother," also represented in the hieroglyphic alphabet by a character supposed to be some unknown tool in trade, which I take to be a chisel, or perhaps a seal or stamp. This combination, Coptic mason, expresses exactly in sound our word MASON, and signifies literally loving brother, that is, philadelphus, brother of an association . . . to this Egyptian word . . . I am disposed to refer our word mason."

The above specimen of luminous reasoning traced the word mason to the Coptic; but as our word is freemason where does the prefix free come from? Our Bro. Rockwell will not have that freemason was derived from the word freeman, who alone was eligible for the privileges of the order. Oh no! Freemason, he says, is derived from an altogether different source, that is, that its origin is neither derived from freeman, nor from the Egyptian. Now what next?

"Mr. Layard, in a visit to Amadigah, a Chaldean Christian village of Kurdistan, represents the Albanian chief Ismail Agha as exclaiming, "we are all framasonns;" and in a note thereto, Mr. Layard explains that "framasonn" meant "freemason."

The above explanation by Mr. Layard, who ought to know best what the Kurdistan chief meant by the word framasonn, is not satisfactory to Bro. Rockwell. He cannot conceive it possible that an Albanian Christian should know a solitary English word: and especially so the word "freemason." Besides which, says Bro. R., Ismail Agha, said fra, instead of free; as if foreigners invariably give correct pronunciation when attempting to speak English.

It would fatigue the reader were I to quote more of Bro. Rockwell's patchwork combinations from the Coptic, Arabic, Hebrew, and other languages. Of course it is all superlative, transcendental and scholarly. But, upon my word, I can make neither head nor tail out of it. I must however transcribe the pith of his reasoning: he says, "The pronominal suffix to the third person plural in the ancient Egyptian was S.N. Writing with the radical prefix and suffix, we have phremes sn in Coptic freemason, literally signifying the sun regenerated them, and symbolically meaning sons of light."

To which Bro. R. adds two Hebrew words, which indeed cannot be tortured to mean freemason, or to sound like freemason, but as the said two Hebrew words signify sons of light, it makes his analogy in his own estimation complete, and so he proves his point.

Bro. Nicolai, a friend of Lessing, shows, that he, as well as Bro. Lessing was puzzled about the etymology of masonry: he says, What is the meaning of freemasonry? Lessing says that *masa* in Anglo Saxon signifies a table. I do not know whether *masa* signifies a table, but I know that in Anglo Saxon *maca* denotes a companion, and I have found masonia only in the writings of the middle ages, as signifying a society of the table. . . . Here again, it is possible that the papers of Lessing might afford the necessary information, although the passage of Agricola, to which he refers, and which I have found, is anything but an ancient source; besides, messeney, as Agricola writes it, is not masonia. I think I have traced out an entirely different origin for this word. Massonya, in the Latin of the middle ages, is the same as clava, a club; but clava is also used for clavis, a key, and hence comes the word clavare, which denotes the right of entrance into a house, and of refusing entrance to another. But it will be seen that what we call in Germany a club, a private or exclusive society . . . is expressed in English by the same

word club. Does this bring us back to our masonia, which has the same relation to the word club? It follows then, that masonia, or masonnia, signifies not only a society of the table, but an exclusive society—a club—such as the round table, and the etymology I have given here does not in any way contradict Lessing."

According then to these distinguished German masonic investigators, masonry was derived either from the Anglo Saxon or from the Latin, and by a little screwing and twisting they proved, from both sources, that "mason" denotes a society of the table.

The Historian Bro. Fort claims, that the prefix free is a corruption from the French word frere, brother, and that frere-macon means brother-mason. Bro. Fort does not pretend that he had found "free-macon," in any French Masonic MS., but he merely imagines that whereas England was conquered by the Normans, Norman Masons must have brought that phrase into England, where it was corrupted into freemason.

That Lessing and Nicolai in the last century should have wandered into Anglo Saxon and Latin regions for the etymology of freemason is not so much to be wondered at, but that brethren writing within twenty-five years should have travelled so much out of the way for the origin of a word easily traced to the English language, would really astonish me, if I had not previously had to combat the fanciful notions of the same class of Masonic luminaries.

The Dictionary defines the word mason, "a builder in stone or brick." As to the etymology of the word mason, I care no more about it than I do about the etymology of the word carpenter, tailor, or any name of a trade. Suppose mason was derived from the French macon, then comes the question, Whence did the French get macon? Suppose from the Latin, then, whence have the Latins got it? know now that Speculative Masonry originated in England, and that And so we may go on and on, and not become wiser by questioning. We it was built upon the debris of the society of builders of the middle ages. These were at one time designated as masons, but afterwards they assumed the name of freemasons. I know that acts of Parliament debarred English masons from teaching their trade to bondmen. The two German Masons Constitutions, respectively dated 1452 and 1462, contain no clause about bondman, freeborn, or freeman. But I also know that the same statute debarred likewise all other artizans from taking a bondman as an apprentice. Now if the prefix free originated from freeman, then we ought to have had free-tailors, free-carpenters, &c., but the very fact that Masons alone appropriated the prefix free, and as I shall presently show that it was only part of the masons who were known as freemasons, we must therefore find another reason for the origin of freemason. But instead of hunting for that phrase in the Dictionaries of all the dead languages, and among all the dead gods and goddesses, I can more rationally trace it to Old England itself.

In 1875 I was led to expect that the age of the Halliwell Constitution might be ascertained from the English statutes. A lawyer kindly lent me the statutes, but they were mainly in the French language. And such French! Bro. Breanau, who translated Rebold's "History of Freemasonry" from the French, could not make out the said statutes. The Anglo-Norman French, in the days of Edward III., could scarcely be understood in France itself. Chaucer, in describing an English accomplished Lady Abbess, says—

"And French she spake ful featonly,
After the School of Strafard att Bow,
For French of Paris was to her unknow."

However, I afterwards got hold of a copy, giving the French version in one column, and the English translation in the other, and here is the English version of a statute passed in 1350:—

"Item. That carpenters, masons, tilers, and other workmen of houses, shall not take by the day for their work, but in the manner as they were wont—that is to say, a master carpenter 3d, and another 2d, a master (freemason) 4d, and another mason 3d."

Finding "freemason" placed between parentheses, I looked to the French column for the reason, but instead of freemason, I found there "mestro mason de franche pere," which would read in English thus—"A master mason of freestone 4d, and another mason 3d." Here, then, we see that there were then two classes of masons,—the freestone mason and the mason. The word freemason was not born then. A statute in 1360 has the following:—"So that every mason and carpenter, of what condition, he shall be compelled by his master . . . to do the work that to him appertain to do, or of freestone or of rough stone." On the French column it is—"Ou de franche pere, ou de gross pere." This defines the distinction between the said two classes of masons—viz., freestone and rough stone.

Mr. Halliwell refers to a statute passed in 1548, in the reign of Edward VI., when the parliamentary records were kept in English. "Allowing" (as he says) "freemasons to practise their craft in any town in England, although not free of that town," and, he adds, "This last mentioned statute is important as showing the recent application of the term freemason to those who practised the actual trade." And he further copied from an indenture dated June 5, 21 Henry VII., taken by Ashmole from the original archives of the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, as follows:—

"In the year 1506, John Hylmer and William Verta, freemasons, were engaged to 'vault or don to be vaulted with freestone the roof of the quere of the College Roiall of our Lady and Saint George, within the Castell of Wyndsores."

Mr. Halliwell then remarked, "A friend has suggested to me the possible connection between the terms freemason and freestone."

Now I will try to sum up the evidence. In the days of Edward III. there were two classes of masons—masons of freestone and masons of rough stone. The former received 4d a day, while the latter received only 3d. The translator of the statutes designated the former by the term freemason. As early as 1506 two masons undertook to vault a roof with freestone, and were designated in the contract as freemasons. And in 1548 an Act of Parliament allowed freemasons to work at their trade in any English towns, though not free of those towns. The inference therefore is, as suggested by

Mr. Halliwell's friend, that there is a connection between freestone and freemasons. Freestone mason was merely abridged into 'freemason'.

The question here naturally suggests itself,—Why have freemasons received higher wages? and why was the privilege conceded to them of being allowed to work at their trade in towns of which they were not freemen?

P.D.G.M. Bro. Chas. Levi Woodbury, known here as Judge Woodbury, who, without exception, is the best generally well-informed brother among my Masonic acquaintances who travelled in Europe and visited the old churches, suggested a very good reason to my question. He told me that the stone ornamentations, statuary, and bas reliefs in the old churches, were generally wrought out of freestone. This kind of stone, he said, being soft, is therefore best adapted for that kind of work; hence the freestone mason required a higher degree of skill than the ordinary rough stone mason; the former was an artist, the latter an artizan, and that is the reason why the freemason received higher wages. Again, every town, doubtless, had among its freemen a sufficient supply of ordinary masons, but every town may not have had the best class of statuarists, or ornamental stonemasons, and we may readily imagine that when a church had to be built, or a nobleman's mansion, where some ornamental work was desirable, that superior craftsmen had to be brought to the town from other cities. The local freemen then, doubtless, raised a hue and cry about invasion of their "vested rights," hence we may account for the statute "Allowing freemasons to work in towns, although they were not free of those towns."

We have seen that there was no need to hunt through all creation for the etymology of freemasonry. The term freemason grew and matured on English soil, and in spite of the assertors of Masonic antiquity, we may rest assured that we are not only indebted to England for our Speculative Masonry, but that England is also the mother of Freemasonry in every sense of the phrase.

Boston, 11th September 1879.

METROPOLITAN HOTEL, FINSBURY.

ON Wednesday, 19th ultimo, a complimentary dinner was given at the Metropolitan Hotel, in honour of Bro. J. Pilson, who has recently undertaken the management of this establishment. There was a good attendance of brethren and personal friends of the host to do honour to the occasion, and everything passed off in a manner to render the evening a most enjoyable one. The chair was occupied by Colonel Chamberlain, and the vice chairs by Messrs. Hatch and Patterson. Bro. J. B. King supported the chairman, and among the other members of the Craft may be mentioned Bros. T. J. Midwell, D. Jacobs, E. Aveling, Harper, Wilson, W. W. Morgan jun., &c.; Messrs. W. Dawson, J. Dawson, T. Norton, Marner, Captain Webb, Westley, Norton, Lieutenant Nettleship, &c. The dinner was well served, and reflected great credit on the establishment. At the conclusion of the repast, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, Lieut. Nettleship being called upon to acknowledge that of the Army and Navy. Bro. Jacobs next proposed "Prosperity to the Metropolitan Hotel." He hoped those present would attend the Hotel on many future occasions, and do all in their power to render the management of Bro. Pilson a success. He was aware that many of those around him were personally acquainted with the capabilities of the establishment, but to such as were not, he desired to recommend their attendance on a future occasion, feeling sure they would then enjoy repetition of the first-rate catering they had witnessed that night. Bro. Pilson desired to thank his friends for the kind reception they had accorded the toast just proposed. He said he intended to do all in his power to make the Metropolitan Hotel a success, and briefly enumerated the various improvements he had made or contemplated making, especially referring to his intention to establish a grill room and table d'hôte, both of which he hoped would meet as much success as he trusted they would deserve. He hoped to see all who were then present frequent attendants in the future. The Chairman proposed the Press, which was briefly acknowledged, and then Captain Webb called upon the company to drink the health of the Chairman. This done, the Chairman expressed his acknowledgments. The present was the first occasion on which he had ever presided at a festive board in Old England. One thing he had found wherever he had been, and that was that freedom always existed if the Anglo-Saxon tongue was spoken, this was forcibly impressed on him at one of the first dinners he attended after landing on English soil, some time since, when the chairman in proposing a toast, gave the following quotation:—

"Here's a health to old honest John Bull,
When he's gone we shan't find such another;
Then, with hearts and with glasses brimfull,
Here's a health to Old England his mother."

These were so entirely his sentiments that he could not help repeating the lines on the present occasion. Bro. King proposed the health of the Ladies, to which Mr. Bromley responded. The company then separated. The hotel, which is situate in South Place, Finsbury, has recently been re-decorated, and is now replete with every comfort. We heard a whisper that one of our most successful Lodges contemplate holding their future meetings under its roof, should the members decide on doing so, we may have further opportunity of testifying to the ability of the new manager Bro. Pilson.

THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.—A new College, under the title of "York" College, under the Rosicrucian Society of England, was, by authority of Fra. W. H. Woodman M.D. IX. Supreme Magnus in Angliā, opened in York by Fra. C. F. Matier IV. Snp. Mag. in Scotiā. Fra. T. B. Whythead VIII, was afterwards installed as Chief Adept,

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

AN especial Prov. G. Lodge of Emergency was held at the Old Hall, Glinton, on Monday, 1st December, at 12.30, W. Bro. W. H. Smyth R.W. Provincial Grand Master on the throne. Lodge was opened in due form as soon as possible after the close of the P.G. Chapter. The hymn of Invocation having been sung to a new accompaniment by Bro. A. W. Lambert 588 P.G.O., the R.W. Prov. G.M. called attention to the business of the day, viz., the confirmation of certain alterations in the existing rules of the Prov. G. 2nd Benevolent Fund, and the additions thereto of certain rules respecting the "Oliver Memorial Fund," which had been drawn up by the present committee of the Prov. G. Fund of Benevolence. Proposed by W. Bro. W. Watkins 297 P.P.G.S. of W. and seconded by Bro. T. M. Wilkinson 297 P.G.S., "That the I.P.M. of each Lodge should in future be a member of the committee of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, and share with the W.M. the voting power of the Lodge." For this proposition 32 voted against 15, and it was declared carried. The remainder of the revised rules were passed without opposition, and on the proposition of W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, seconded by W. Bro. A. P. Peacock W.M. 1386 P.G.S., were unanimously adopted. The requisite authority was given to W. Bro. W. H. Radley 838, P.G. Charity Secretary, to secure the purchase into the R.M.I.B. of two boys now on the Provincial List, viz., Alfred Thomas Cole (No. 1), and Phillipson Marshall (No. 13 on the October List of candidates for election). W. Bro. W. H. Sissons 1447 P.G.J.W. gave notice of his intention at the next Prov. Grand Lodge to propose, "That a fund similar to the 'Oliver Memorial Fund' be raised in this Province for the purpose of obtaining the admission by purchase of candidates for the R.M.I.G." This concluding the business, Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the Brethren and Companions adjourned to a luncheon in the magnificent banquet chamber of the Old Hall, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the brethren separating at an early hour.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A regular meeting was held on 1st October, at Du Toit's Pan, South Africa. Present—Bros. Henry Hartog W.M., P. Van Ulsen S.W., J. Van Sombeek J.W., T. Van Sombeek Treasurer, B. Klisser Sec., J. B. King Preceptor, D. Avis Almoner, B. Kimper Architect, E. Garish Asst. Secretary; P.M.'s Bros. C. Sonnenberg and C. Roberts D.M., T. C. Maritz, P. J. Steyn, E. B. Hoffmann, A. Yockmonitz, and J. C. Hefer. Visitors—Bros. J. Wolff Era 1423, W. R. Smith, Richard Giddy, E. Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton, W. Henderson 309, Alfred Turner, D. N. Defries Cosmopolitan 1409, J. Sweet British, G. Brown Globe 23, and C. Ashburner Charles Warren. The Lodge opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot took place for Messrs. D. J. De Vos and D. W. Van Bleck, who were duly elected as candidates for initiation, and Bro. C. Arbarrow was elected a joining member. Bros. E. B. Hoffmann, Fred. C. Hefer and Abraham Yockmonitz were duly raised to the degree of M.M. The Lodge having been closed to the third and second degrees, the W.M. thanked the visiting brethren for their attendance, also Bro. D. Defries for his services at the harmonium. Labour being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren departed in "Peace and Harmony." The pretty little Lodge at Du Toit's Pan, under the able control of Bro. H. Hartog, with his exceedingly effective working, bids fair to become "the" Lodge of the Diamond Fields. When the present Officers were elected the Lodge was heavily in debt; it has now paid off all liabilities, and has actually a balance in hand, whilst the thorough Masonic working is drawing numerous applications from brethren to become joining members. These tidings are most gratifying, and we heartily wish our brethren a continuance of prosperity.

DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the report of the consecration of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, which appears in your issue of the 29th ult., the V.W. D.P.G.M. for Sussex, Bro. J. Henderson Scott, is reported to have said, "That it was upwards of one hundred years since the Derwent Lodge was first established at Hastings."

I think this is an error, which is caused by taking the position the Lodge holds on the roll of G.L. As it is No. 40, it is generally supposed that it must be one of our oldest Lodges. Such, however, is not the case; the Lodge, under the G.L. Ancients, which was numbered 36, was established about 1755-6, and met in London, and it had ceased to exist for many years when the Derwent Lodge, No. 36 now 40 was established at Hastings, in 1813, the latter being a new Lodge, with a new warrant, placed in the position on the roll of the extinct Lodge; it was not a resuscitation of the old Lodge, or a warrant of confirmation. The first Lodge established at Hastings was informally under the G.L. Ancients; as it is the only authorised list published, it should be perfect.

For further information on Ante-union Lodges, I would direct those who take an interest in the same to a recent publication, entitled "A Numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges which formed the United Grand Lodge of England," and which can be purchased of the author, Bro. J. W. Hughan, Truro, Cornwall.

Yours fraternally,

T. F. 56, 804.

1st Dec. 1879,

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

FESTIVAL OF ST. ANDREW.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland met yesterday afternoon in Freemasons' Hall for the purpose of installing their Officers for the next year, and also to celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew. The business meeting was held at four o'clock, and was well attended by the brethren. Bro. R. W. Cochran-Patrick, Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, occupied the throne; while Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart J.W., and James Caldwell J.G.D., acted respectively as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the Acting G.M. intimated that Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., had been re-elected as Grand Master. Intimation of this appointment was then made to the Grand Master Elect by a deputation, who conducted him into Grand Lodge, where he was informed of the election. Sir Michael intimated acceptance of office, and was thereafter installed with the usual ceremony, after which he thanked the brethren for re-appointing him to his high office. The Grand Master then took his seat, and installed the other Officers who had been appointed, so that the Grand Office-bearers for next year are the following brethren:—Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., G.M., The Earl of Mar and Kellie D.G.M., Col. A. C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Sub.G.M., The Lord Inverurie S.G.W., R. F. Shaw Stewart J.G.W., D. Murray Lyon G.Sec., David Kinnear G.Cashier, Rev. T. N. Wannop and Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson, B.A., Joint Grand Chaplains, The Earl of Haddington S.G.D., Jas. Caldwell, of Craigelea, J.G.D., William Hay G.Architect, F. L. Law G.Jeweller, Thomas Halket G.Bible-bearer, John Coghill G.D.C., H. Y. D. Copland G.Sword-bearer, C. W. Maxwell Müller G. Director of Music, Robert Davidson G.Organist, Captain William Hills G.Marshal, W. M. Bryce G.Tyler, John Ness Outer D.G., Jas. Turner President of Board of G.Stewards, Jas. Crichton V.-Pres. of Board of G.Stewards, James M'Laren Super. of Locomotive Arrangements. Grand Lodge then adjourned to the large hall in order to join in the festival. There were already assembled members of Grand Lodge and deputations from the Daughter Lodges to the number of upwards of 200. The brethren rose to receive Grand Lodge, and the appropriate music was played on the organ. The G.M. took the chair, while the croupiers were Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart J.G.W., James Caldwell J.G.D., D. Murray Lyon G.Sec., James Turner Pres., and James Crichton Vice-Pres. of Board of G.Stewards. The chair was supported on the right by the Earl of Mar and Kellie D.G.M.; Bros. R. W. Cochran-Patrick Prov.G.M. of Ayrshire, William Officer Representative of the Grand Lodges of Egypt and Pennsylvania, Capt. G. F. R. Colt, of Gartsherrie, P.G. Sword-bearer, H. Y. D. Copland G.Sword-bearer, Rev. T. N. Wannop and Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson Joint G.Chaplains, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, and J. Coghill G.D.C. On the left of the chair were—Bros. Colonel Campbell, of Blythswood, Sub.-G.M., Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Argyle and the Isles, William Mann Representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden and Proxy Prov.G.M. of India, Sir Charles Farquhar Shand, late Chief Justice of the Mauritius, William Hay G.Architect, F. Law G.Jeweller, T. Halket G.Bible-bearer, C. W. Maxwell Müller G.D.M., Dr. Falconer Proxy Dis.G.M. of New South Wales, &c. Apologies for absence were intimated from—Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn P.G.M.M., John Whyte-Melville, of Bennoch and Strathkinness, P.G.M., Lord Inverurie S.G.W., F. A. Barrow P.S.G.W., Capt. Charles Hunter, Col. Lumsden, of Pitcaple, Col. Moutgonerie Neilson, of Queenshill, Prov.G.M. of Glasgow, and James H. Neilson Proxy Prov.G.M. of Venezuela. Deputations were in attendance from the following Lodges, headed by the under-mentioned brethren, for the most part the R.W.M.'s of the respective Lodges:—R. W. Cochran-Patrick, Mother Kilwinning No. 0; R. F. Shaw Stewart, Mary's Chapel 1; Kyle, Glasgow St. John 3-2; Colin Spalding, Hamilton Kilwinning 7; Hugh Munro, Journeyman 8; Thomas Smith, Dalkeith Kilwinning 10; Alexander Smith, Greenock Kilwinning 12; John Gillespie, St. John, Falkirk 16; John Fergus, St. John, Lesmahagow 20; David Dick, St. Mungo, Glasgow 27; John Finlayson, Ancient, Stirling 30; Robert Kelso, St. Mary, Coltness 31; William Edwards, St. David, Edinburgh 36; Hon. F. J. Moncreiff, St. Luke, Edinburgh 41; Dr. Carmichael, St. Andrew, Edinburgh 48; David Crichton, St. John Kilwinning, Haddington 57; W. F. Vernon, Kelso 58; William M'Farland, St. Ninian, Brechin 66; James Fairlie, Alloa 69; Craig, St. James Operative, Edinburgh 97; J. F. Mitchell, St. Mark, Glasgow 102; H. J. Blanc, Kilwinning, Ayr 124; M'Intyre, St. James, Newton, Ayr 125; William Greig, St. Stephen, Edinburgh 145; John Ronaldson, Edinburgh Defensive Band 151; Adam, Royal Arch, Pollokshaws 153; E. J. Sykes, Roman Eagle 160; Dr. Falconer, Celtic, Edinburgh and Leith 291; George Keith, Panmure, Arbroath 299; James Greenaway, St. Clair, Edinburgh 349; Galbraith, Caledonian Railway, Glasgow 354; J. M. Oliver, Commercial, Glasgow 360; Roberts, Caledonian, Edinburgh 392; A. T. Aphorpe, Rifle, Edinburgh 405; John Davidson, Westland Kilwinning, N.Z. 467; Andrew Clark, Endeavour, Scinde 474; William M. Pearson, St. Andrew, New Pitligo 518; Alexander Soutar, North British Railway, Edinburgh 597; R. M'Whirter, Firth of Clyde, Gourcock 626; W. E. Dixon, English Constitution 291. After dinner, which was purveyed in good style by Bro. Daish, the tables were cleared, and the usual introductory Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and duly honoured by the meeting. Lieut. Mott, of the Enniskilling Dragoons, replying for the army; Lieut.-Col. Campbell, for the militia; Capt. Hills, for the volunteers; and Bro. W. E. Dixon, Proxy Prov.J.G.D. of North-East York, and P.M. of Lodge Beverley 291 of the English Constitution, for the toast of "The Grand Lodge of England and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." Bro. Charles Dalrymple, M.P., then proposed the toast of "The Grand Master." In speaking to this toast he said they had to esteem their Master not merely as a loyal Freemason and in his capacity of Grand Mason, but in every other capacity. They knew the services which the Grand Master had performed for Freemasonry in Scotland, and they had it on the highest authority that never in its past days did Freemasonry stand as high in Scotland, or in as much prosperity,

as at the present day. Referring to the presentation to Lady Octavia, at Ardgowan, on Friday, of a marble bust of the Grand Master, from the Freemasons of Scotland, Bro. Dalrymple said that that compliment had taken a form that he thought must have been of a very gratifying kind to the Grand Master himself; and that there never was a presentation which represented more a community and agreement of feelings. He saw that in his speech at the presentation the Grand Master had referred to his enforcement of discipline; but no one could fill the throne of Grand Lodge efficiently if he did not understand what discipline meant when he had to preside over the proceedings of such an important and numerous body. He concluded with an eulogium on the Grand Master, and called on the brethren to drink to his health. The toast was enthusiastically received, and was drunk with all the honours. The Grand Master, in acknowledging the compliment, said that it was no figure of speech to observe that he was very sensible of the kindness and the support he had received all along from Grand Lodge and the Masons of Scotland. He frankly confessed that at one time he felt great anxiety and difficulty in regard to Grand Lodge; but now these difficulties had been got over, and they enjoyed flourishing times. Thanks to the indefatigable efforts and continual exertions of their good friend, D. Murray Lyon, assisted to a high degree by the great attention paid by Grand Committee, and to the devotion to their duties which had been shown by the Finance Committee—he was very glad to say—and these were no mere after dinner words—that now Grand Lodge was successful in a financial point of view. In proof of this he found that the income of this year had exceeded that of last year by £600—and that the total income for this year up to Saturday last had been £5,089. He had every reason to believe that if things were carried on as they had been Grand Lodge would continue to enjoy a series of prosperous years. The Grand Secretary, he must say, was an admirable worker, and he was very glad to find and to know that there was now in Grand Committee no jealousy of one against another, but that they were working together as brethren in Masonry. The Grand Master next alluded to the presentation of his bust to Lady Octavia, and thanked the Freemasons of Scotland for the compliment, which he said had been enhanced, as their kindness was increased by the fact that the gift was not to him, but to her who received it. He concluded by thanking the brethren for re-electing him as Grand Master, and remarked that at the expiry of this his seventh year of office, he thought the time would have arrived when another Mason should be elected to preside over the Grand Lodge of Scotland—and who, he trusted, would be able and ready to lead her to increased usefulness, and to a great and glorious future. The toast of "The Foreign Grand Lodges" was proposed by the Substitute Grand Master and acknowledged by Bro. Mann, representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden. Bro. R. W. Cochran-Patrick proposed "The Depute Grand Master;" and in replying, the Earl of Mar and Kellie referred to the presentation to Lady Octavia as a mark of esteem and affection, and expressed the hope that it would be a permanent present, and would be handed down to posterity. Bro. the Hon. F. J. Moncreiff proposed the toast of Lady "Octavia Shaw Stewart" in particularly felicitous terms. Bro. Moncreiff claimed for Lady Octavia that she had encouraged the Grand Master in the Masonic work he had done, and had gloried in its continued success. She had received no written token from Grand Lodge, but she had a token of a high character in the blessings of the poor people around Greenock who had partaken of her charity. This toast was acknowledged by the Grand Master, who, in referring to Lady Octavia's gratification with the bust, mentioned that it had been for several days on view to the people of the country surrounding Ardgowan, and that all were loud in its praises as a work of art and as a likeness. The health of the Substitute Grand Master was proposed by the Depute Grand Master, and then the deputations from Daughter Lodges were toasted in sections, and duly replied for by the brethren heading each deputation. Sir C. Farquhar Shand next proposed "The Provincial and District Grand Lodges," and in doing so referred to the prosperity of Scottish Masonry in Mauritius. The chairman then gave "The Grand Chaplains and other Office-Bearers of Grand Lodges," and spoke in high terms of the services of the Grand Secretary. This toast was replied for by Bro. T. N. Wannop, and the brethren then drank in silence to "The Memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn." Grand Lodge was thereafter closed in ample form. The dinner-party was enlivened by music supplied by Bro. Laubach, and the toast-making was agreeably interspersed also with instrumental music and with several quartettes and part songs by a party of vocalists under Bro. Dick.

HILDA ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

A meeting of this Chapter held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Friday evening, Bro. C. J. Banister 33° S.G.I.G. presiding as M.W.S., Bro. T. B. Whythead was unanimously elected Sovereign, and Bro. J. S. Cumberland Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ROYAL FREEMASONS.—Six sons of George III. were Freemasons, viz: the Prince of Wales afterwards George IV.; the Duke of York, the Duke of Clarence, now known as William IV.; the Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria; the Duke of Cumberland, who became King of Hanover; and the Duke of Sussex, George IV.; the Dukes of York, Kent, Cumberland and Sussex were active and zealous Masons. Of the above brothers, two, viz: the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sussex, were Grand Masters in England, and a third was a Grand Patron of Masonry in Hanover. Of Bro. William's activity in Masonry very little is known, except that he honoured the grand Lodge of Scotland, when he became king, with becoming its Grand Patron.—Exchange.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE regular installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air street, Regent-street, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. B. Phillips W.M., E. White P.M., B. Turner S.W., J. E. Shand J.W., B. Swallow P.M. Treas., E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., J. Hutchinson S.D., J. Waugh J.D., T. Murray James D.C., E. C. Woodward I.G. There was a full attendance of members, and several visitors, among the latter being Bros. R. Payne W.M. 1328, W. Coombes P.M. P.G.S.B. Middlesex, J. Edell I.G. 108, F. Green 1687, Matthew Crook 1614, T. Lewis W.S. 1472, F. A. Wiggins 160, A. Bassington W.M. 205, Geo. F. Hammond 1765, E. Farwig W.M. 180, J. W. Elvin 538, Louis Beck W.M. 1559, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, W. Carrington I.G. 1791, A. J. Mucklow 1584, J. A. Scarlett 276, J. Austen P.M. 753, R. Coad 1328, T. Simpson W.M. 1178, R. Callingham 1178, G. A. Watkins 1585, James Cronland J.W. 1687, W. T. Martin 1681, R. Emanuel 188, W. Grover J.W. 749, S. Wenkheim 1017, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, H. Black 1728, H. Massey P.M. 619, T. W. Murley S.W. 1247, A. Boehr S.W. 1515, John Moore 548, Charles Wale 79, Henry Cross J.W. 586, Wallace Wells 1319, H. Harvey 1604, E. Bateman 180. The W.M. duly opened the Lodge, and called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which in due course were confirmed. The ballot was taken and found to be favourable for the reception of six gentlemen who were candidates for initiation. Five of them being in attendance were formally introduced and regularly initiated into Freemasonry—these were Messrs. Chas. Lena May, Alfred Strevens, Herbert Cloots, Edward Line, and Thomas Robert Wenn. Lodge was now advanced; Brother Past Master White took the chair, and Brother Benj. Turner the W.M. elect was formally presented for the benefit of installation. Being duly obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Turner was placed in the chair of K.S. in ancient form. On the re-admission of the brethren, he was proclaimed and saluted, and then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Shand S.W., Hutchinson J.W., Swallow Treasurer, Scott Secretary, Rev. P. M. Holden P.M. (named as) Chaplain, Waugh S.D., Emanuel J.D., Pratt I.G., Jones D.C., Hancock P.M. Steward, Potter Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in possession of a good balance, was next received and adopted; and this completing the business of the evening, the new W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a first-rate dinner was served. At the conclusion grace was said, and then the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. In giving that of Her Majesty the Queen, he said that although Charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, Loyalty was also a prominent feature, and he felt assured the members would join him in drinking heartily the toast of the Queen, with which he coupled success to the Craft. The toast was enthusiastically received, and quickly followed by that of the Grand Master. H.R.H. had, the W.M. considered, greatly honoured the Craft by becoming its Grand Master, and, as Masons, he felt they could but honour the toast proposed in his favour. The Prince of Wales was always ready to do anything for the people of England, but especially was this the case as regarded the Masonic portion. The next toast—that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers—the W.M. considered a most important one. It was a large and influential toast, almost as prominent as that of the Grand Master. This toast was followed by the duet "All's Well," sung by Bros. Wells and Cross, whose vocal abilities are well known, more especially in connection with St. Andrews, Well-street, where they take a prominent part in the choral services. Bro. B. Phillips I.P.M. now proposed the health of the W.M. The brethren who had witnessed the working of the W.M. in the various offices which he had filled, from Inner Guard upwards, were able to form a good idea of his capability for performing the duties which would now be required of him. Personally Bro. Phillips felt no doubt as to the result which would attend the labours of his successor. He did not think the brethren could possibly have done better than they had in electing the present Master to his proud position, nor did he doubt but that the Lodge would be greatly benefitted during Bro. Turner's term of presidency. After a song by Bro. Wallace Wells, the W.M. replied. He was exceedingly grateful to the I.P.M. for his remarks, and thankful to the brethren for the heartiness with which they had responded to the toast. He had been made most happy during the term of his connection with the Lodge, and felt grateful to the brethren for having placed him in the chair. He felt very proud of his position, and considered it a great compliment; he should endeavour to do even better for the Lodge in the future than he had in the past, and hoped his year of office might result as successfully as Bro. Phillips had predicted it would. The health of the Initiates was next given from the chair. The Master was especially pleased to welcome the five brethren who had been admitted to the benefits of Freemasonry during the evening. Each of them had expressed the pleasure he had experienced in being received into the Lodge. Bro. May was the first to respond, he briefly thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received him and had just responded to the toast proposed in his honour. Bro. Cloots expressed the great pleasure he felt in being elected a member of the noble society of Freemasons. He should strive to do his duty as a brother Mason. Bro. Strevens felt very delighted that he had been initiated into the ancient brotherhood. He should endeavour to promote its usefulness with all his ability. Bro. Wenn hoped he might never forget that he was a Mason, and ever act up to the lessons he had been taught that evening. Bro. Line thought it a great honour to become a Mason, and hoped he might never disgrace so grand an Order. The W.M. next rose. He felt they had now arrived at the joy of the evening. He saw a great many

brethren around him who were members of other Lodges, and had on the present occasion honoured the City of Westminster by visiting and taking part in the work of the day. The guests were thirty-eight in number, to all of them he desired to tender, on behalf of the Lodge, the heartiest welcome. He hoped that throughout his term of office the Lodge would maintain its reputation for hospitality. Bro. Coombes, who was the first called upon to respond, considered it a very great honour to reply on behalf of so distinguished an array of visitors. The work he had witnessed that night had been admirable. Every year the Lodge seemed to progress, and when they took into consideration the class of men who had filled the chair, it seemed impossible for any other result to accrue. He concluded by hoping that every success might attend the Master during his term of office, and that the Lodge would continue to prosper in the future as it had in the past. Bro. Austin followed. There was no doubt in his mind but that visiting was one of the greatest privileges we enjoy. How and where he could find words to thank the W.M. and brethren was his great difficulty. He could only express the great pleasure he had enjoyed in witnessing the work performed in the Lodge. He trusted the Master might have ample work during the coming year. Bro. Farwig expressed his pleasure at witnessing the progress of the Lodge, it could but be a pleasure to every good Mason to see it. Bro. Beck also tendered his thanks. Bro. Payne was next called upon. It was a great pleasure to him to respond to the call. He was intensely gratified to see Bro. Turner in the chair. He knew him to be a good man and true. He congratulated him on the position he had attained in the Lodge. Bro. Baker also responded. The W.M. now proposed the toast of the Past Masters. Each one of them had acted during his respective year of office as they could wish every Master to act. Very few Lodges could boast of such brethren as they numbered among their Past Masters. Bro. White was one who never cared what trouble he put himself to if it was for the benefit of the Lodge. The W.M. had especially to thank him for the way in which he had that evening placed him in the chair. Bro. Holden was a good man and true. To hear him render a ceremony was a treat. As Chaplain of the Lodge he was especially entitled to the thanks of the members. Bro. Swallow was last, but certainly not least; as founder of the Lodge he had done wonders, indeed had it not been for him the Lodge would never have been in existence. A most important part of the duty of the Master at this time was to present to Brother Phillips the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge. The W.M. had great pleasure in placing it on his breast. Brother Phillips desired to thank the brethren for the jewel they had so kindly voted him. During his year of office he had done his best for the City of Westminster Lodge, and so long as he lived he should endeavour to improve the Lodge as far as he could. Bro. Swallow tendered his thanks. He thought the present W.M. was likely to add to the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Holden regretted his inability to be present at the first part of the evening. Being in the chair in another Order of Freemasonry, he was unable to attend the Lodge earlier; but he congratulated the brethren on the successful meeting they had had. Bro. White felt it a very great privilege to be allowed to install the Master. The four brethren who had passed the chair of the Lodge were among the founders of it; now they had a brother in the chair who joined after the foundation, and might thus be considered to start on a new era. He felt very proud of being numbered among the Past Masters of so distinguished a Lodge. The W.M. next proposed a toast in honour of the Treasurer and Secretary. Those were two Officers it would be impossible to do without. Bro. Swallow, in reply, thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred on him in again electing him to the important office he filled in the Lodge. Bro. Scott also thanked the brethren. He tried to please all, but sometimes found it a difficult task. He thought the brethren should take into consideration the arduous nature of a Secretary's duties. As last, but not least, the W.M. described the next toast. Without Officers, he should be in a position similar to a ship without a rudder. The S.W., Bro. Shand, took a great interest in Freemasonry, but more especially in the welfare of the City of Westminster Lodge; indeed, his zeal in this respect was only equalled by his horror at the trading of Crown Servants. The present J.W. was an excellent Mason. If ever he was placed in the chair, he would go far to outshine all who had preceded him. Each of the Officers present in turn responded to the toast. This brought the proceedings to a termination, excepting that the usual compliment was paid to distressed brethren before the brethren separated.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, Essex, on Wednesday, 26th ult., was of exceptional interest, the occasion being the visit of the D.P.G.M. of Essex, the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram Past Grand Chaplain. At six o'clock the brethren met, and the first and third degrees were admirably worked by the W.M. Bro. H. J. Sansom P.G.J.D., assisted by Bros. J. P. Lewin, acting as S.W. in the absence through illness of Bro. Frank Freeman, T. Elsey Bland J.W., Rev. E. R. Horwood Chaplain, F. G. Green Hon. Sec., E. Gowers Hon. Organist, J. D. Wright S.D., F. Bird J.D., T. J. Cramphorne I.G. The following Past Masters were also present:—Bros. George Pennington Jay, T. Aldham, W. F. Francis, William Humphreys, and E. Humphreys I.P.M. The Visitors included F. Orchard 198, W. J. Upton 276, John Baker 567, R. Smith and S. H. Ellis 697; and the attendance was made up by unofficial brethren to about thirty-five. Music was made an important feature in the ceremonies. Mr. O. D. Belsham had kindly lent to the Lodge, for the occasion, a very excellent harmonium, and the brethren, on the proposition of Bro. V. H. Donaldson, seconded by Bro. W. Humphreys, resolved to give effect to the W.M.'s appointment of an Honorary Organist by purchasing an organ out of the Lodge funds. The D.P.G.M. was escorted to his place with due ceremony, and a vote of thanks was passed for his attendance. At the conclusion of labour, the brethren adjourned for the annual widgeon supper, at the Blue Boar Hotel; and the reputation of the house for the preparation of the birds was fully maintained.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE brethren of this Lodge assembled on Tuesday, 25th ult., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, for the purpose of celebrating the annual installation meeting of the Lodge, and for the transaction of other regular business. The brethren were summoned for four o'clock, and shortly after that hour Bro. James Willing the W.M. opened the Lodge, being assisted by Bros. T. Adams P.G.P. as S.W., W. Clarke Prov. G.D. of C. Suffolk as J.W., W. M. Stiles Secretary, J. L. Jones S.D., G. H. Deller D.C., W. Cook I.G., Augustus Holt and J. W. Smith Stewards; together with several brethren and visitors. The report of the Audit Committee was first presented to the members, and duly received by them, after which Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bros. J. Blundell, G. W. E. Thorn, and C. H. Holland were raised. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when four candidates—Bros. H. Dickey, H. Hoare, J. T. Woods, and W. Redstone—presented themselves for advancement to the second degree. They were examined, entrusted, and in due course passed by the W.M. Bro. Stiles now presented Bro. John Douglass the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, and after being obligated, that brother was placed in the chair, and regularly proclaimed and saluted. He then invested the Officers for the year, the following being the appointments:—Bros. F. H. Clemow S.W., J. L. Jones J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles Secretary, T. J. Hyland (named as) S.D., Bro. Cook being invested with the collar on his behalf, W. Cook J.D., G. H. Deller I.G., A. Holt Director of Ceremonies, J. W. Smith Assistant Director of Ceremonies, W. Jacques and W. Read Stewards, F. W. Sillis Organist. The customary addresses were then given, and the ceremony of installation completed. Bro. Douglass was at once called upon to show his ability as Master, four candidates for the first degree presenting themselves. These gentlemen—Messrs. John N. Hare Thomas Henry Ellis, Joseph Gray, and James Hone—were accordingly initiated, and took their places as members of the Lodge, which was closed in due form. Among the Visitors who signed the attendance book were Bros. C. C. Cruickshanks S.D. 1777, C. Gwyer 1602, W. Crane 907, Henry Lovegrove W.M. 1777, W. W. Morgan jun. 1885, B. Kauffmann D.C. 1732, F. R. W. Hedges 1194, J. Stock I.P.M. 1178, F. A. Kelly 1524, H. Stiles J.W. 1732, F. Garbett P.M. 1178, L. Solomon 1507, M. Spiegel W.M. 188, M. Knight I.G. 87. The brethren then partook of banquet, which was well served by the proprietor of the hotel, Bro. Mitchell. After grace had been said, the W.M. in brief terms called upon the members to honour the usual preliminary toasts. This having been done, Bro. Willing assumed the gavel, and in well-chosen words proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. John Douglass. He considered this toast the happiest that could fall to the lot of any Master to propose. He was especially pleased to see his successor in the chair, with everything in the Lodge in a state of prosperity. He considered the Royal Savoy was a Lodge of Instruction to the whole Craft, and as such they should be especially careful of all they did. But a very short time back the Lodge had commenced with the proverbial seven members, now they had nearly 70, and if the whole number were polled he did not know any one who might be wished out of the Lodge. The present W.M. had already filled the chair of the Metropolitan Lodge, where he did so with credit to all concerned; what he had learned there and elsewhere amply fitted him for his present position, as Master of the Royal Savoy. Bro. Douglass thanked the brethren. He was much obliged to Bro. Willing for his remarks. He hoped his friends would take pattern from him, and make short speeches whenever they might be called upon to respond during his year of office. Bro. Douglass then proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Willing, especially referring to the able manner in which he had that night performed the ceremony of installation. He now had great pleasure in investing Bro. Willing with the P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge. Bro. Willing, in reply, said he left the chair to take up an office which he felt would be a sinecure. There were some who, although they knew the work well, were yet unable to impress the ceremonies on their hearers, while others seemed to be particularly gifted in that respect. Of this latter class was Bro. Douglass, and he felt that so far as coaching the W.M. was concerned, he should have very little to do. He had had the fortune to be surrounded by a good circle of helpers, and as a consequence those he saw around him were virtually his personal friends. He felt very proud of the position that had been accorded him of being appointed the first Master of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and was sincerely gratified that the Lodge had prospered under his rule; he should ever look upon it as one of the proudest moments of his life when he was installed into the chair of the Royal Savoy Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors, calling on Bros. Lovegrove, Spiegel, and Stock to reply. After a song from the Secretary, Bro. Stiles, Bro. Lovegrove rose. He felt, as Master of a very young Lodge, that he would rather have responded last than first. He considered that the way in which the work had been performed that evening was most satisfactory, and congratulated the brethren on the progress the Lodge had made during the first fifteen months of its existence. The number of initiates who came forward must have been a great gratification to the Master. Bro. Spiegel was very pleased to be present and see the way in which the work had been performed. The credit the Royal Savoy Lodge had attained in the Craft must make brethren wish to attend; and he felt that few, if any, would be disappointed. Bro. Stock having thanked the brethren, congratulated them on the progress made by the Lodge. He had had the pleasure of attending previous meetings, and was pleased now to see the way in which the affairs were conducted. The toast of the initiates was next given. Bro. Ellis in responding said, he hoped he, and those who had been initiated that evening, would prove themselves a credit to their mother Lodge, and all others. Bro. Hare hoped he might prove all that his present wishes could desire. Bro. Hone felt very proud of his position. He had often been at public assemblies, but had never so thoroughly enjoyed himself as on the present occasion. Bro. Gray

thanked the brethren. He sincerely hoped he might fulfil his wish to eventually occupy the position then filled by the W.M. The presence of a distinguished member of the fraternity gave the W.M. an opportunity, which he was pleased to avail himself of—of proposing success to the Masonic Charities. Bro. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G. felt he need hardly express the pleasure he felt in being called upon to respond to the toast in the presence of so many who had worked zealously for the welfare of the Charities. When he said there were upwards of 600 persons looking to the Craft for education and maintenance, he thought it was sufficient to arouse their charitable feelings. He sincerely wished that all who could would pay a visit to each of the Institutions maintained through their liberality, and they would then see how nobly the work of Masonic charity was carried out. He had great pleasure in announcing that the W.M. had undertaken the duty of Steward for the next Festival of the Old People's Institution, he hoped the brethren would ably support him on that occasion. He was very pleased to be in a position to convey the welcome information to Bro. Terry. The Treasurer, Secretary and rest of the Officers was the next toast. They had each done their work so well, and were all so well known to the brethren, that Bro. Douglass felt it hardly necessary to say anything on their behalf. Bro. Willing was the first to respond. He was obliged to the W.M. for the kind sentiments he had expressed. For the little he had done he had been amply thanked; he could not now do more than again acknowledge the kindness of the brethren. Bro. Stiles thanked the W.M. for having again appointed him to the office of Secretary. He felt very proud of the position. The Lodge had sent a Steward to one of the Charities, and had contributed well to its funds. The furniture of the Lodge was paid for, and there was a balance of £40 in the hands of the Treasurer—a most satisfactory position, he thought, for so young a Lodge. They had received 35 members into the Lodge, which now numbered 68, and with every prospect of future success. He thought that any Lodge that had two such masters as the first two of the Royal Savoy could but prosper. Bro. F. H. Clemow S.W. thanked the W.M. for the office to which he had that night been promoted, and also Bro. Willing for the instruction he had given him in his duties. Bros. Jones (the J.W.), Cook (the S.D.), and Deller (the I.G.) also responded to the toast, which brought the list to a conclusion. The Tyler was summoned and he gave the customary tribute to all poor and distressed brethren. The members and visitors who yet remained spent an additional half hour most enjoyably, songs being given and lively conversation prevailing, until it became a nice point to decide whether it was late or early. May our Lodges all work as happily as does the Royal Savoy, and the brethren generally strive to emulate it in true hospitality.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1557, HEXHAM.

THE Installation meeting of this very flourishing Lodge took place on the 1st December, at the Lodge-room in the Assembly Room, which has been recently renovated for the purpose and tastefully decorated. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. N. Bell P.G.A.D.C., supported by his Officers and a loyal array of P.M.'s. The minutes of the last meeting being confirmed, and other routine business gone through, Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D.C. took possession of the chair. The Lodge being opened in the second degree, Bro. the Rev. George Robinson P.P.G.C. S.W. and W.M. Elect was presented for the benefits of Installation. He having assented to all the ancient customs, all below the rank of P.M. left the Lodge, and he was installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. Davis giving the whole of the beautiful ceremony with that feeling and impressive manner for which he is so justly renowned. Upon the brethren re-entering the Lodge, the new W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted, after which he appointed his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. M. Bell I.P.M., J. Turner S.W., J. Nicholson J.W. and Organist, J. Purves Treasurer and S.D., W. Oates J.D., E. Shield Secretary, T. Pearson I.G., R. Wickle S.S., and N. Rewcastle Tyler. The charges to the Master and brethren were then given by Bro. Davis in a manner befitting the occasion. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Priestpople, where a capital dinner was served up in a manner which reflected the greatest credit on the host, Bro. Carruthers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, as well as many complimentary ones, were duly honoured, and a most pleasant evening was spent by the brethren, many of whom rendered good service by entertaining the brethren with some capital harmony. Amongst the visitors present were:—Bros. E. D. Davis P.G.D.C., T. Anderson P.G. Treasurer, G. I. Dean P.P.G.A.D.C., A. M. Loades P.P.G.S.D., J. C. Milboarne P.D.G.J.W. Egypt, Rev. J. J. Roberts Chaplain 271 (Bermuda), T. Braithwaite P.M. 636 P.P.G.S.D., T. Gillespie P.P.G.S.D., T. Coulson P.M. 240, A. E. Brewis W.M. 636, Rev. W. Hedley Chaplain 1643, G. Davison J.S. 240, L. Morris 541, &c.

York Lodge, No. 236.—On Monday last, a meeting of this Lodge was held at York, Bro. A. Buckle W.M. in the chair. There was a large attendance of brethren, it being election night. An initiation and a passing having been accomplished, the voting for W.M. took place, when the J.W. Bro. W. H. Gainforth was elected. Bro. J. Todd P.M. was then re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Calvert Tyler. The W.M. announced that he had attended the last Board of Benevolence, and a sum of £40 had been granted to the widow of their late Bro. Jones. Amongst the members and visitors present were—Bros. C. F. Matier P.M. P.G. Steward (Scotland), C. G. Padel W.M. Eboracum 1611, J. Hanly W.M. St. Patrick's 295 (I.C.), Sir James Meek P.M., S. Maltby P.M., G. Balmford P.M., Whythead P.M., F. Rawling P.M., and others.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—A regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. J. H. Leggott W.M., W. R. Lister S.W., Woods as J.W., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec., T. Bull P.M. Treas., Kerrell S.D., Reed J.D., Purkiss P.M., A. Hugon, Brock, Hall, Lamb, Masters, Kennard, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. May and Maynard were passed to the second degree in the W.M.'s usual perfect and impressive manner. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. W. R. Lister S.W. was unanimously chosen; this announcement was received with loud cheers, and Bro. Lister suitably acknowledged the compliment. Bro. T. Bull P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant P.M. Tyler. A sum of money was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the retiring W.M., J. H. Leggott with a jewel, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, and in token of the high estimation in which he is held by every brother for his zeal in upholding the dignity of the Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent supper. The W.M. genially presided, and briefly introduced the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Purkiss responded for the P.M.'s. The W.M., in proposing the health of the W.M. elect, spoke in glowing terms of the qualifications of that brother, who he was sure would follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. Bro. T. Bull responded to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. W. Birrell No. 1310 responded for the Visitors. Altogether a very agreeable evening was passed. Bro. W. R. Lister and A. Hugon contributed to the harmony.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this numerous and excellent working Lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. M. Spiegel W.M., H. Hyams S.W., R. Baker as J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Benjamin I.G.; N. M. Baum Steward; Past Masters L. Alexander, L. Lazarus, M. Alexander, A. Dodson, S. Hickman, H. M. Levy, H. Berkowitz, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A notice of motion by Bro. Weigel was then considered:—That paragraph 13 of the Bye-laws of the Benevolent Institution of the Lodge be revised, as follows: "That no Brother whose name shall have been erased or excluded from the Lodge through neglecting to pay his subscription, or through other causes, shall be entitled to participate in the funds of the said Institution unless he shall have advised the Lodge of his inability to pay the amount due, previous to his being erased, and the Lodge shall have been satisfied with this statement." This was seconded by Bro. M. Alexander P.M., ably discussed, and eventually carried. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. H. Hyams S.W. was unanimously elected. Bro. J. S. Lyon was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Five brethren were elected on the Board of Management; eight to serve on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, and two appointed as Auditors. Bro. L. Lazarus P.M. proposed, and Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. seconded, That a sum of five guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the retiring W.M., Bro. M. Spiegel, with a Past Master's gold jewel for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. The acting W.M. informed the brethren it was the wish of Bro. Spiegel that there should be no subscription from the brethren; he desired to wear this gift solely as a Lodge jewel. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to light refreshments. The W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander Past Master and President replied to the toast of "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund." The W.M. said he had now a very important toast to propose, and that was the health of the W.M. elect. He hoped Bro. Hyams would have health and strength to fulfil the duties of the chair. Bro. Hyams returned thanks for the way in which the toast had been received; he hoped to have many opportunities of performing the ceremonies, in which he should be ably assisted by the Past Masters. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who, in replying said, in conducting his Lodge, he had studied economy in every shape; he was pleased that they had altered the bye laws; this would, he hoped, tend to promote peace and harmony. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, who severally responded. The P.M.'s were next honoured; the W.M. thanked them for their assistance during his year of office. Bros. L. Alexander and S. Hickman responded. The toast of the Officers included Bros. E. P. Albert Hon. Sec., and J. S. Lyon the re-elected Treasurer. The former Bro. first responded, he was followed by several of the junior Officers. Among the Visitors were—Bros. G. L. Moore W.M. 169, Arthur Roberts 733, B. Kauffman 1732, F. Silvester 193, Thaddeus Wells 205, Warr 169. Some excellent songs were sung by Bro. Silvester (Sidney Franks), Thaddeus Wells, Benjamin, &c.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st December, at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Pulsford W.M., Chapman S.W., Fraser J.W., J. D. Langton Sec., Beeton S.D., Barnett J.D., Cuthbertson I.G.; Bro. Smallpeice Preceptor; Bros. Escott, Williams, Brittain, John Wood, Joseph Langton, &c. Lodge opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Williams, a candidate for the third degree, answered the questions, and was raised to the degree of M.M. Lodge was called off; the first section of the lecture was worked. Bro. Cuthbertson was elected a member. Bro. Chapman was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Bro. Williams proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. J. S. Fraser for his kindness in acting as Preceptor during the period that office was vacant. This was seconded by Bro. Joseph Langton, and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed until Monday next, at six o'clock.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd December, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present:—Bros. L. W. Harvey W.M., James Forbes S.W., Frederick Clifford J.W., James Abbott P.M. Secretary, Thomas Moring P.M. Treasurer, E. D. Willey J.D., Edward Coste Steward, Alfred Eadcan I.G., James Rawles Tyler; Past Masters Bros. W. R. Marsh, W. Willey, W. T. Scott, S. Vallentine. After preliminaries, Bros. Henry Cordery and Dr. Josephus Shaw were passed to the degree of F.C. Mr. Walter Baker was initiated by Bro. L. W. Harvey, who performed his duties in a very able manner. The ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in favour of Bro. James Forbes S.W. Bro. Thomas Moring P.M. was re-elected Treasurer; while Bro. S. Vallentine P.M. was again elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. James Rawles, on a show of hands, was re-appointed Tyler. After an Audit Committee had been named, it was proposed and carried unanimously that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. L. W. Harvey the W.M. for his services to the Lodge during his year of office. The labours of the evening being ended, the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, to banquet.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—A meeting was held on 4th December, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bro. J. Da Silva W.M., Valentine S.W., Hill J.W., L. Norden Sec., D. Moss J.D., Quartly I.G., and other brethren. Business—After the usual preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. D. M. Davis acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the lecture. Bro. Davis, an entered apprentice, answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree. Bros. Davis and Quartly were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd December. Bros. Moss W.M., Daniel S.W., Valentine J.W., Roberts S.D., Maidwell I.G., Barber and Hollands. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Barber candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The report of the auditors was read, adopted and entered on the minutes. The working expenses of the Lodge for the year amounted to 9s. The remainder of the receipts (£7) were spent on the following Charities:—Five guineas to the Girls' School, £1 to the Old People's Entertainment, and £1 for four five-shilling tickets, per Bro. Brown of No. 65.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—A meeting was held on 4th December, at the new White Hart Tavern, Belvedere-road, Lambeth. The Lodge of Instruction was held for the first time in the spacious Hall which has been specially erected for the convenience of Masonic Lodges. Present—Bros. J. Skirving W.M., W. Watterton S.W., J. De Sol'a J.W., G. Isaac Treas., J. G. Bond Sec., H. Ball S.D., C. Nett J.D., H. Field Tyler; also Bros. Kohler, Janeway, Stuart, Birch and others. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The first, second and third sections were worked. Bro. Watterton will preside next Thursday evening.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Thursday evening, at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, opposite Moorgate-street Railway Station of the Metropolitan Railway. Present—Bros. Alfred Withers W.M., W. Radcliffe S.W., W. W. Morgan Hon. Sec. J.W., Usher Bach S.D., W. E. Young J.D., F. J. Hentsch I.G.; P.M. Bro. George King Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. W. H. Rudderforth, J. R. Foulger P.M., and Alfred Kent. Business—Lodge was opened and the ceremonies of the second and third degrees were rehearsed by the W.M., Bros. Hitch and Rudderforth respectively acting as candidates. Later in the evening reference was made by Bro. Usher Bach to the very comfortable quarters the member had secured for their Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. also congratulated the brethren, and expressed his indebtedness to the Officers for the way in which they had supported him. Bros. Foulger, Radderforth and Kent were elected members, and the latter Brother had the compliment of honorary membership conferred upon him. Bro. W. Radcliffe will preside on Thursday next, when the brethren will assemble at eight o'clock.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction.—This popular and prosperous Lodge of Instruction held its annual banquet at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canouby, N., on Friday evening, under the presidency of Bro. Eldridge, Treasurer and P.M. 187. There was a large number of guests, and with his usual forethought, the host, Bro. T. Meekham, had obtained an extension of hours for the accommodation of those assembled, in order that there should be no interruption to the harmony. It was a peculiarity that the toasts usually proposed were given in the ordinary way, and without the usual Masonic honours, the gathering being understood to be simply a social one, though under the auspices of the Instruction Lodge of the Royal Standard. Their labours concluded, some members of the popular troupe of minstrels who have so long delighted the public at the Agricultural Hall attended, and their vocal effusions considerably enhanced the pleasure of the company. Messrs. Egbert Roberts, George Eustace, and C. Temple were especially applauded, and broke through the strict rule observed elsewhere by acceding to encores. Bro. R. G. Thomas was the accompanist, and he lent valuable assistance to the vocalists by the exercise of his musical skill.

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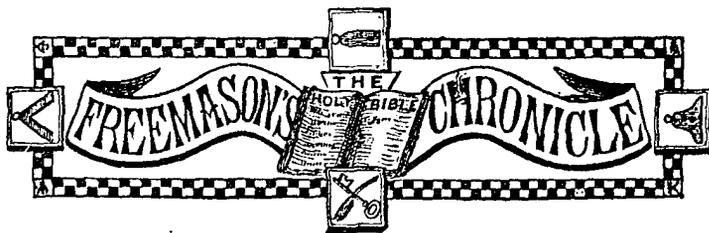
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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, Bro. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, presiding. There was an immense gathering of Grand Officers and other brethren, most probably drawn together by the expectation of seeing a new Grand Secretary appointed, and hearing some lively discussions on the proposal to grant Bro. Hervey a pension of £800 a year; on Bro. James Stevens's motion for a

Committee on the subject of Uniformity of Ritual, and on Bro. Clabon's motion to set aside two-thirds of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence for apprenticing the children of Freemasons when they leave the two Schools. After Grand Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication read, Bro. Frank Richardson, W.M. elect Grand Stewards' Lodge, nominated the Prince of Wales for Grand Master for the year ensuing. The nomination was received with the usual enthusiastic demonstrations of approval, and Col. Burdett then stated that the Prince of Wales had again appointed Bro. J. M. Clabon as President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and that Bro. Joshua Nunn was again elected Senior Vice President of that Lodge, and Bro. James Brett Junior Vice President. The election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence was the next business on the paper, but as only twelve had been nominated there was no necessity for an election. There were seventeen recommendations by the Lodge of Benevolence of grants to distressed brethren and widows, and on motions duly made and seconded sixteen of these were granted. In one case, however, Bro. Clabon stated that a letter had been received that morning from the Lodge to which the brother seeking relief belonged, protesting against the grant of £100, and he recommended that the matter should be referred back to the Lodge of Benevolence for enquiry and consideration. Several brethren opposed this measure, and a long discussion ensued; but in the end it was resolved to refer it back to the Lodge. Bro. Monckton then introduced the Report of the Board of General Purposes, a copy of which appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last week, and after that Report had been agreed to be taken as read and received, and entered on the minutes, Bro. Monckton moved the acceptance of the resignation of Bro. Hervey. In a few short sentences he described the excellent qualities of Bro. Hervey, the services he had rendered to the Craft, and the large increase in Masonry since he was appointed by Lord Zetland in 1868. The motion was seconded by Bro. next Levander, and carried unanimously. Bro. Monckton introduced the subject of the pension to be granted to Bro. Hervey. Instead of proposing £800 a year, he divided the grant into a pension of £550 a year and an annual gratuity of £250. This proposition met with strong opposition. Bro. Montague J. Guest, Prov. G.M. for Dorset, leading it with a proposition that the retiring pension should be £300. To this there was an equally strong opposition, £500 and £600 being suggested. After considerable delay, and many speeches on all the proposals, the brethren divided, and it was resolved to grant Bro. Hervey a pension of £500 a year and a gratuity of £300. The remaining portion of the Report was then adopted, the brethren loudly cheering the resolution that 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 several annual Festivals, hand lists of the names of brethren entitled to the same. Bro. McIntyre recommended the dismissal of the appeal of Bro. Pallot, and Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation. Bro. James Stevens brought on his motion for a Committee on Uniformity of Ritual, which was seconded by Bro. W. R. Marsh, but opposed by Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, who moved the previous question. This was seconded by Bro. While, who spoke under some difficulty, as the brethren during the latter part of his remarks refused to hear him. Bro. Stevens's motion was carried by a large majority, but the naming of the Committee was deferred. Bro. Clabon endeavoured to bring on his motion for dealing with the Fund of Benevolence, but after a short discussion upon whether his proposal came within the term "Charity," for which purpose only the Fund of Benevolence was established, Colonel Burdett held that it did, and as the hour of ten p.m. had arrived, Bro. Clabon agreed to postpone his motion till next Quarterly Communication. Grand Lodge was then closed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sure Relief. The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms or electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pang-, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills, taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials resulting from thoroughly assimilated food—wanting which, the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge was held, on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Tavern. The Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. presided. The following report of the General Board was taken as read:—

The number of certificates issued during the six months ending 30th September last, is 496, making the total of registered advancements 12,908. In the same period five warrants for new Lodges have been issued, viz.:—245 Simon de St. Liz, Northampton; 246 Duke of Connaught, Derby; 247 Alfred, Oxford (city); 248 Broadley, Malta; 249 Empress of India, Woolahra, N.S. Wales.

During the year ending 30th September there have been issued 167 certificates for Royal Ark Mariners, the register showing the total number of brethren elevated to this degree to be 507; and thirteen warrants for new Lodges have been issued, viz.:—

Mount Horeb, attached to St. John's Lodge, T.I., Bolton.			
Carnarvon	"	Carnarvon	" No. 7 London.
United Manchester	"	St. Andrew's	" " 34 Manchester.
Mount Ararat	"	Fidelity	" " 98 Lahore.
Panmure	"	Panmure	" " 139 Balham.
Grosvenor	"	Grosvenor	" " 144 London.
Olive Branch	"	Lebanon	" " 207 Allahabad.
St. Wilfred's	"	St. Wilfred's	" " 209 Alford.
Ararat	"	Ardvoirlich	" " 219 Rawal Pindi.
Axe	"	St. John's	" " 221 Meean Meer.
Refuge	"	Garnet	" " 228 Dinapore.
Brixton	"	Brixton	" " 234 Brixton.
Sanc Elmo	"	Broadley	" " 248 Malta.

The Treasurer's accounts, subjoined, show that the receipts from all sources for six months were £545 2s 4d, and that on the 30th September the balances were—

In favour of the General Fund	..	..	£154 12 9
" " Benevolent Fund	..	..	42 16 5
" " Educational Fund	..	..	90 13 0

while investments have been made—

On account of Benevolent Fund	..	..	200 0 0
" " Educational Fund	..	..	200 0 0
" " General Fund	..	..	200 0 0

That the objects proposed by the establishment of the Benevolent and Educational Funds are widely and increasingly appreciated and approved is convincingly manifested by the support extended thereto at the Anniversary Festivals, the Festival held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, 2nd July last, under the presidency of W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, Prov. G.S.W. of Sussex, having proved most successful, the proceeds of the 32 Stewards' lists amounting to £542. The first election of a boy for the benefits of the Educational Fund took place on 20th May last, when Harry Lowndes Edwards was elected, and is now being educated at the Manchester Grammar School. Two new Provinces have been constituted—Tunis and Malta, Berks and Oxon. Bro. Alexander Moyrick Broadley has been appointed as R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the former, and was installed at Malta on the 11th September. No event of greater interest in the history of this Grand Lodge has occurred than the establishment of a Mark Lodge, in the first place, and recently of a Province, in a locality rich in so many antiquarian associations as the site of the world-renowned city of Carthage. Masonry in all its branches is flourishing there, but no degree has attracted so much attention, or has been pursued with so much avidity, as that of the Mark, and with the details and information received from time to time, the Board considers itself justified in thus making prominent mention of so exceptionally gratifying a circumstance, and in testifying to the zeal and ability of the R.W. Bro. Broadley, whose exertions have tended so materially to produce such successful results. The Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey P.G.W. has accepted the appointment of Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Oxon, and there can be no doubt as to the beneficial effect of his Lordship's rule, supported by the ability and energy of the brethren who have been instrumental in fostering the Order in the United Province. The G.M. has also been pleased to appoint Bro. Thos. Trollope, M.D., to be Prov. G.M.M. of Sussex. In the same period the following Provincial changes have occurred:—

CORNWALL.—Bro. Colonel John Whitehead Peard has been appointed R.W. Prov. Grand Master, vice Bro. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, deceased.

KENT.—Bro. Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., has been appointed R.W. Prov. Grand Master, vice Bro. Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, resigned.

SOMERSET.—Bro. Gen. H. E. Doherty has been appointed R.W. Prov. Grand Master, vice Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, resigned.

The Board, in testifying to the admirable manner in which the duties of their responsible offices have been discharged by the distinguished brethren, the loss of whose services they regret, have every confidence that the interests of Mark Masonry will be successfully promoted by the brethren whom the M.W. Grand Master has selected as their successors. It is also with extreme gratification that the Board is enabled to report the re-organisation of the Province of Jamaica under the vigilant care of R.W. Bro. Dr. Hamilton (33°), and the consequent resuscitation of the Sussex Lodge, No. 42, followed by the establishment of three new Lodges—Clifton Mount Keystone, Kingston, No. 230; Royal Keystone, Kingston, No. 240; Phoenix, Fort Royal, No. 242,—all of which are now in a flourishing condition, with every prospect of continued prosperity. The Board have very great pleasure in stating that official information of the recognition of this Grand Lodge by the Supreme Grand Chapter of

Scotland has been received, a copy of the communication from the Grand Scribe E. being now subjoined. It affords the Board the highest possible satisfaction thus to announce the consummation of efforts extending over a number of years to effect a friendly understanding and fraternal agreement between the two bodies.

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, held upon the 18th day of June, A.D. 1879; A.L. 5883.

Having taken into consideration an application from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales for recognition, and the interchange of Representatives, with relative documents, and the Report of the Committee thereon, the Supreme Chapter unanimously resolved to recognize the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales as a lawful governing body of that degree in these countries: further, that the Supreme Chapter would grant no new Mark Warrants therein, reserving the rights of the Supreme Chapter as regards Warrants already granted; farther, that Mark Lodges in the Colonies, holding of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, be recognised as lawful, but that no exclusive jurisdiction be conceded to the Grand Mark Lodge, beyond the countries of England and Wales. Farther, it was resolved to delay consideration of the proposal to exchange representatives till next Quarterly Communication, and Comp. Mann, Grand Scribe N., intimated that he would then move that representatives be appointed

Extracted from the Minutes of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, this 17th day of July, A.D. 1879, A.L. 5883.

(Signed) L. MACKERSY, Grand Scribe E.

Formal communications with recognition have also been received from the Supreme R.A. Chapters of Maine, Texas, and North Carolina, U.S.A. The Board have had under their consideration the arrangement of the work in the Grand Secretary's office. They are of opinion that the eminent and lengthened services of the Grand Secretary deserve that he should be excused from attending to the daily routine of the ever-increasing business of the office, and at the same time that he should retain his full salary. In consideration of the additional labour that will fall on the Assistant Grand Secretary, they recommend that his salary be increased to £200. The Board recommends the following grants from the Benevolent Fund:—£10 to S. C. A., widow of Bro. R. M. A.; £20 to Bro. J. H. B. The mode of electing the five members of the General Board by Grand Lodge being deemed unsatisfactory, the Board recommends the following alteration in Clause 98 of the Book of Constitutions:—After the words "at the meeting in June," on the seventh line, to add, "in manner following; the names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination are to be delivered in writing at the Grand Secretary's Office, at least fourteen days prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge, in order that the names so proposed may be printed in a list, a copy of which shall be delivered to each member attending Grand Lodge, when the balloting lists shall be collected by scrutineers appointed for that purpose, and the result of the election ascertained and announced." The Board also recommends that in clause 111 of the Constitutions, the words "signed in open Lodge" be added after the word "certificate," in the first line of the clause.

(Signed) G. R. Portal, Past G.M., President.

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months to the 30th September are subjoined, which show:—

GENERAL FUND.

Balance from 31st March 1879	£143	6	8
Half-year's receipts	£520	12	9
Dividends	24	9	7
		<u>545</u>	<u>2 4</u>
Disbursements	£688	9	0
	£533	13	9
Balance on 30th September 1879	£154	15	3

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Balance from 31st March 1879	76	14	10
Half-year's receipts	£380	9	0
Dividends	24	9	7
		<u>404</u>	<u>18 7</u>
Disbursements:—		£481	13 5

Grants in relief	£46	0	0
Expenses	7	9	0
Transferred to Education Fund	200	0	0
Purchase of £200 Cape of Good Hope Debentures	198	5	0
		<u>451</u>	<u>14 0</u>

	£29	19	5
At Credit on account Stewards' Festival account-	12	17	0
Balance on 30th September 1879	£42	16	5

EDUCATION FUND.

Balance from 31st March 1876	£100	0	0
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	200	0	0
		<u>£300</u>	<u>0 0</u>
Disbursements	£11	2	0
Purchase of 200 Cape of Good Hope Debentures	198	5	0
		<u>209</u>	<u>7 0</u>
Balance on 30th September 1879	90	13	0

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.

29th October 1879.

All the recommendations in this report were adopted. Col. Shadwell Clerke nominated Lord Skelmersdale as G.M. for the ensuing year, and the acting G.M. afterwards distributed Charity jewels to the Stewards of the last Benevolent Fund Festival. Before Grand Lodge was closed, Bro. Portal drew the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact of its recognition by Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and moved that a letter be written thereto, expressing the gratification of Grand Lodge, and trusting that this extra link in the chain of communication between the two bodies would tend to unite them still more closely. Bro. Binckes seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and Grand Lodge was formally closed. A banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern followed.

PROVINCE OF BERKS AND OXON.

ON Thursday, 27th ult., the ceremony of installing a Prov. Grand Master for the newly-constituted Province of Berks and Oxon took place in Reading. The proceedings commenced at the Masonic Hall, where the Provincial Grand Master (Designate), the Earl of Jersey, was installed Master of a Mark Master Masons' Lodge. The ceremony took place in the Leopold Lodge, and Lord Jersey was duly installed by Bro. Margrett W.M. Subsequently the brethren of the Leopold Lodge opened a Lodge in the Foresters' Hall, and this having been done a great number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers entered the room. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then formed, and Lord Jersey was installed. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. of M.M.M. and Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight. Bro. Portal suitably addressed the Prov. Grand Master with reference to the duties which he would have to discharge. Lord Jersey then took the chair and invested the Prov. Grand Officers. The following is a list of those who took collars:—Bros. Charles Stephens Deputy Prov. G.M., H. R. Cooper Smith P.G.S.W., Edward Margrett P.G.J.W., Walter Ballard P.G. Master Overseer, Samuel Patey Spiers P.G.S.O., Fredk. Wm. Ansell P.G.J.O., Rev. Charles Robertson Honey P.G.Chaplain, Rev. Henry Deane P.G.Chaplain, E. J. Trendell P.G.Treas., Edward Leader Shepherd P.G.Registrar of Marks, Thomas Jell Pulley P.G.Sec., James Mace Dormor P.G.Assist.-Sec., John Thornbull Morland P.G.S.D., Christopher Park P.G.J.D., John Tomkins P.G. Inspector of Works, John Egginton P.G.D.C., James Jenkin P.G.Assist.D.C., H. Lovell Hawkins P.G.Sword Bearer, William Belcher P.G.Standard Bearer, William Richard Bowden P.G.Organist, Henri Brett P.G.I.G., Emberlin P.G.S., Samuel Sandbach P.G.S., William Hedges P.G.S., William Hemmings P.G.Tyler, George Norwood P.G.Tyler. After the Officers had been invested, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Portal for the impressive manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Portal returned thanks, and the Lodge was closed. Subsequently the brethren, to the number of about a hundred, dined together at the Town Hall. The banquet was excellently provided by Bro. Watts, and a choice selection of wine was supplied by Messrs. Ferguson. The chair was taken by Bro. the Earl of Jersey, and there was a large attendance of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. After dinner Lord Jersey proposed "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and the M.W. G.M.M.M. (Lord Skelmersdale), and Past G.M.M.M.M. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, in responding, referred to the great progress which Mark Masonry was making. Twenty-three years ago, when Lord Leigh (the father-in-law of the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Oxon) was appointed Grand Master there were only three Lodges of Mark Masons. They had now more than two hundred Lodges, and that very day the twenty-ninth Province had been constituted. Mark Masonry would, he believed, be soon acknowledged by Grand Lodge. It was acknowledged by the Grand Lodges in other countries, and it had been recently acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It was with great pleasure that he (Bro. Portal) had taken part in the inauguration of the new Province. He was glad to see his old Lodge, the Apollo, joined with such a go-a-head district as Berkshire. He congratulated the Province in having such a Prov. Grand Master as Lord Jersey. His services as P.G.M. had been coveted by a large Province in Wales, but he had thrown in his lot with Berks and Oxon. He (Bro. Portal) wished Lord Jersey a most prosperous term of office. Bro. Portal concluded by proposing the health of the Earl of Jersey, and the toast was received with great enthusiasm. The Prov. G.M., in responding, said that in coming amongst his brother Mark Master Masons he was reminded somewhat of Rip Van Winkle. There was, however, this difference, that when Rip arose from his long sleep he found that there were changes everywhere. He (Lord Jersey) found, however, in coming again into a Mark Lodge that the old landmarks had been preserved; the old words were spoken; the old paths were trodden. He himself had been a somnolent brother, but he was glad to wake up and find himself in such a company. In his new office he should do his best, and if there were any feebleness on his part he knew that it would be made up for by the energy of the officers and brethren. He thought that the combination of Berkshire and Oxfordshire was a most happy and appropriate union—as they stood on the two banks of the great national river. Lord Jersey then proceeded to speak of the great assistance which he had received, especially from Bro. Dewar and Bro. Pulley. He had great confidence in the Officers who had that day been appointed, and when he was in difficulty or doubt he was sure that he should receive from them every assistance and support. The health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Stephens, was next proposed and most cordially received. In responding, Bro. Stephens mentioned that it was probable there would soon be an increase in the number of Lodges in the Province. "Success to the New Mark Province of Berks and Oxon" was next given, and was responded to by Bros. Cooper Smith W.M. Apollo Lodge, Oxford, E. L. Shepherd W.M. Abbey Lodge, Abingdon, Margrett W.M. Leopold Lodge, Reading, and Ansell W.M. Alfred Lodge, Oxford. Bro. Binckes proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," and said that one of the objects of the Fund was to

assist Mark Master Masons in the education of their children. It was not necessary that the persons thus benefitted should be in distressed circumstances. The object was to assist those M.M.M.'s upon whom the expense of education fell very heavily. Bro. Meggy returned thanks. Bro. Stephens proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Broadley, the G.M. of Tunis and Malta. Bro. Broadley, who had a most enthusiastic reception, made an interesting speech, in which, after stating that the site of Ancient Carthage was within his Province, he said that in his Province there could be seen on buildings of the greatest antiquity the most obvious evidence of the workmanship of Mark Master Masons. He mentioned also that in one or more of the Mark Lodges in his Province brethren belonging to seven different creeds could be found working together in the utmost harmony. On resuming his seat Bro. Broadley was loudly applauded. One or two other toasts were proposed, and the brethren then separated. During the evening there was some excellent singing by Bros. Cozens P.G.O., Hubbard, and Simons. The gathering was altogether most pleasant and most successful.—*Berkshire Chronicle*.

Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Trocadero, 6 Broad-street-buildings, on Monday, 1st December. The following brethren were in attendance, viz.:—Bros. Venn W.M., Moon S.W., Nicholls J.W., Tanner M.O., J. Pinder I.G., Turquand Preceptor, Gimmingham Secretary. Visitor—Bro. Donald M. Dewar Assist. G.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly read and confirmed, Bro. Turquand worked a portion of the ceremony of advancement, Bro. Venn acting as Candidate and Bro. Gimmingham as Deacon. The regular formalities having been complied with, Bros. Dewar and Pinder were elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned until Tuesday, 15th December, at 6.30 p.m.

ROYAL ARCH.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

A MEETING of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Gainsborough, on Monday, the 1st inst., under the presidency of Comp. W. H. Smyth M.E. G. Supt. of Lincolnshire, on the invitation of the All Saints Chapter No. 422. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance, probably caused by the fact of the All Saints being one of the oldest Chapters in the Province, and the Old Hall—which was the appointed place of meeting—being one of the curiosities of the county, it having been at one time, we believe, the residence of John o' Gaunt. Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the D.G. Superintendent, Comp. W. H. Smyth M.E.Z., assisted by M.E. Comp. J. Moxon H., and M.E. Comp. W. Watkins J., at 11.30, after which the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Chapter, held at Grimsby, in 1877, were read and confirmed. The accounts of Prov. Grand Chapter were then presented by Comp. C. M. Nesbitt Prov. Grand Treasurer, showing a balance in hand of £18 0s 9d. In the absence of Comp. F. Watson 297 Prov. Grand Registrar, the returns were presented by Comp. T. C. Lazenby 297. They showed a decrease of ten members since the formation of the Prov. Grand Chapter. The following Companions were then appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers:—Comps. E. Pocock 712 G.H., A. Kirk 432 G.J., J. Fowler 712 G.S.E., G. Housham 422 G.S.N., Rev. G. W. Lowe 272 G. Principal Sojourner, G. Barrell 272 G. 1st Assistant Sojourner, J. Robinson 272 G. 2nd Assistant Sojourner, C. M. Nesbitt 712 G. Treasurer, T. C. Lazenby 297 G. Registrar, G. M. Lowe 297 G. Sword Bearer, W. E. Howlett 422 G.D. of G., George Robinson 422 G. Organist, B. Box 422 G. Janitor. Comps. F. D. Marsden P.Z. 712 and G. H. Porter P.Z. 712 were elected Auditors of the Prov. G. Chapter Accounts for the ensuing year. Several collars and jewels, wanted to complete the equipment of the Prov. G. Chapter, were ordered to be obtained by the Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G. Scribe E. Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed in due form, according to ancient custom.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARLBOROUGH CHAPTER, No. 1399.

THE new Chapter attached to the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1399, was consecrated on Friday, 28th ult., at the Lodge Room, Woodstock. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. David Pryce Owen P.Z. 998, who was ably assisted by Comps. J. Williams P.Z. 581 as H., E. Bruton P.Z. 340 as J., Reginald Bird, M.A., P.Z. 357, Deputy Prov. G.M. Oxon, acted as P.Z. The other Companions present were—J. Potts 340, H. Williams 581, T. Long 340, T. B. Brown 185, H. Plumridge 340, H. Robbins 340, H. O. Crane 340, A. Rowley 340, J. Calcutt 340, G. Norwood Janitor. After the Chapter had been formally opened, Comp. T. B. Brown M.E.Z. designate, was requested by the Consecrating Officer to deliver the inaugural address. The Companions having signified their approval of the officers named in the Charter, Comp. D. P. Owen proceeded with the ceremony of Consecration. Comp. H. Plumridge ably conducted the musical portion of the ceremonial, assisted by Comps. H. O. Crane and A. Rowley. The ceremony of Consecration being finished, the M.E. Companion D. P. Owen installed the Principals. Comp. T. B. Brown was installed in the chairs of J., H. and Z., Comp. H. Williams in the chairs of J. and H., and Comp. James Long in the chair of J. The ceremony throughout was of a very impressive character, being admirably performed. Comp. D. P. Owen delivered all his addresses with great force and much animation. After the ceremony, several propositions for exaltation and joining were made. The Consecrating Officer, and the three Principals who assisted him, were elected honorary members of the Chapter. The Chapter was then closed in ancient form.

Holmesdale Chapter No. 874, Tunbridge Wells.—The annual convocation of this flourishing Chapter took place on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Public Pump Rooms, Tunbridge Wells. Present—Comps. William Stephens M.E.Z., W. Delves H., and Thos. H. Miller as J., Benj. Sidney Wilmot Treas., Rowland Delves Scribe E., Montague Williams Scribe N., and many other Comps. not holding office. On this occasion the only business was the installation of Principals and investiture of Officers. Comp. William Stephens installed Montague Williams, the popular W.M. of the Holmesdale Lodge, as J., and the patriarch P.M. W. Delves, of the same Lodge, as M.E.Z. for the year ensuing. Bros. S. Wilmot was reinstalled Treas., Rowland Delves Scribe E. Langridge, Scribe N., Holt P. Soj., and Bates and Goodhall Assistants. After the closing of the Chapter an excellent banquet was served in the ladies' drawing-room of the Establishment, the M.E.Z. presiding. The usual loyal and customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. A pleasing and complimentary presentation was then made to the retiring M.E.Z., consisting of an elegant P.Z.'s jewel, and a beautiful oak spirit case and stand, mounted with silver, manufactured by Messrs. Ferrar, of Tunbridge Wells, and bearing the following inscription engraved on the front. Presented to Comp. William Stephens Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, P.Z. 862, 1365, and 1489, by the Companions of the Holmesdale Chapter 874, with a P.Z.'s jewel, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his valuable services. His health was proposed in the most felicitous terms, and modestly responded to. Comp. Miller responded for the Visitors, and complimented the Chapter, not only for the reception he had met with, and the duties performed, but also on the splendour of the room in which the ceremonies of R.A.M. had been so suitably conducted. Letters of apology were received from several Officers of the Province, who had been prevented from attending, owing to the consecration of a New Lodge taking place at the same time.

Comp. W. Stephens P.Z. 862, 874, 1365, M.E.Z. 1489, will rehearse the ceremony of Installation of Principals at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, 16th inst., at half-past six o'clock punctually. The ceremony of Exaltation will afterwards be rehearsed at seven o'clock. Companions Principal who are desirous of perfecting themselves should avail themselves of this opportunity.

Among those present at Grand Lodge on Wednesday we were pleased to notice Bro. A. M. Broadley, the Deputy Grand Master of Malta, and we may say the shining Masonic light of his particular quarter of the globe. His numerous friends in England seem to emulate each other in striving to render his present visit to this country enjoyable. Bro. Eastes, the P.D.G.M. of Kent, on Wednesday, undertook the duties of chaperon, or so much thereof as was needed by Bro. Broadley.

We had the pleasure of participating in a private inspection of the "The Criterion Annex," recently erected by Messrs. Spiers and Poud as an addition to their well-known establishment in Piccadilly, and shall give full particulars of the accommodation there afforded, for Masonic and general purposes, in our next issue.

REVIEW.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

The Practical Veterinary; or Farmers' Hand Book and Horse Keepers' Guide. Giving practical information for the treatment and cure of all diseases incidental to animal life. By J. Taylor. London: T. Evans and Co., 309 Goswell-road, Islington.

THIS work, which is produced in a convenient form, suitable for carrying in the pocket, is one which must prove of great value to all who come within the scope of its comprehensive title. Bro. Taylor brings a lengthened course of study to bear upon the subjects of which he treats, and points out, in a short, concise form, the different remedies he proposes for the ills that animal flesh is heir to.

Taking advantage of the concession granted, a few weeks since, by the licensing authorities to Bro. Butt, the spirited proprietor of the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, announce a Masonic Ball for Thursday evening next, at that establishment; particulars will be found in our advertising columns. We sincerely wish the members and their friends may have a pleasant evening's enjoyment.

MASONIC FLAG OF FRANCE.—The *Masonic Newspaper*, tells us that—"The Supreme Council of France some years since originated a decree by which Masonic sailors should be readily able to ask assistance in time of need from other ships manned or commanded by brethren of the Order. This very useful suggestion consists in hoisting a flag bearing a square and circle on a blue ground. To change this signal of recognition into one of distress, the method is to reverse it similarly to the mode adopted in the French navy with the National flag under like circumstances." We like the idea, and, as so many of our sailors are members of the Fraternity, the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and the United States might adopt a similar flag.

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, 6th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
112—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, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, T.W.
210—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
557—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1121—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Permor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sanigate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Fury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
M. M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K. T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R. A. 115—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
181—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
291—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leonminster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sanky-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley

1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R. A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—Ja Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at (Instruction) 8
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
231—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
507—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Inst.)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
852—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill St., Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M. M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M. M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
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.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1228—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1529—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1611—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (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.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
205—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
549—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royal of Edinburgh, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.

1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 236—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
 R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 834—Hanolagh, 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)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborno-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bronwich.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
 1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7
 R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Butt's, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, on Monday, 1st inst. Present—Bros. Symons W.M., Sillis S.W., Balls J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Halle J.D., Gush I.G.; also Bros. H. J. Symons, Sharp, Gyer, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Fenner acting as candidate. Bro. Sillis worked the first, Bro. Gush the second, Bro. Fenner the third sections of the lecture. Bro. Dove gave proof of his proficiency as an E.A. Bro. Tolmie worked the fourth section of the Lecture. Bros. Dove and H. J. Symons, both of the mother Lodge, were duly elected members. Bro. Sillis was elected M.M. for the next meeting. After which Lodge was closed.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd December, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Lee W.M., Linscott S.W., Poulter J.W., John Soper S.D., Snodin J.D., Gilruth I.G. Past Master—Bro. John Bingemann Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bell, of Lodge 26, being the candidate. Four sections of the first Lecture were worked—the first by the W.M., second by Bro. Bingemann, third and fourth by Bro. Hallam. Bro. Bell, of Lodge 26, and Bro. Thiselton, 1599, were elected members. Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday, 10th December, at 7 p.m.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 29th ultimo. Present—Bros. N. Williams W.M., Brasted S.W., Mnlford J.W., Pearcey Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Western S.D., Carr J.D., Evans I.G.; also Bros. Byott, Hallam sen., Lorkin, D. Moss, Valentine, Houghton, W. R. Smith, Ross, Forss, &c. The usual ceremonial was gone through. Bro. Byott proved himself an efficient E.A., and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Byott candidate. Bro. Pearcey worked the second, Bro. Moss the third, fourth and fifth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Brasted was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The sum of one guinea was voted for the relief of the widow of a deceased brother, after which Lodge was closed.

Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction, No. 820.—A meeting was held on Monday, 1st instant, at the Greyhound, Richmond, at 7. Present—Bros. Wade W.M., Hubbard S.W., Reynolds J.W., Phillips P.M. Preceptor, McLean S.D., Turner J.D., Biggar I.G., Bros. Hammond, Wicks, Mouflet, &c. The usual preliminary business was transacted, and then the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Hammond answered the questions leading to the second degree in a most efficient manner, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, he being the candidate. After the transaction of other matters of interest, the W.M. closed the Lodge until next Monday, when Bro. Hubbard will occupy the chair.

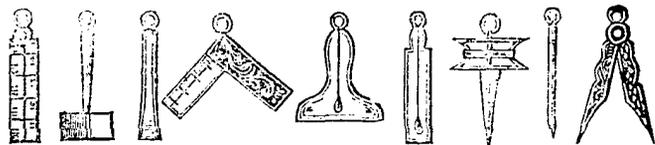
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 2nd December. Bros. Hand W.M., Christian S.W., Smyth J.W., Clark S.D., Greenwood J.D., Collins I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Tr. a., Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Carr, Pola', R. Williams, Wardell, Williams, Baker, Weige, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Carr candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. Pettit answered the questions leading to the third degree. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Dallas worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Bro. Pettit, of Lodge 1523, was elected a member. Bro. Smyth was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Lorkin was re-elected Secretary. A vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, 27th November. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Legg S.W., Gieseke J.W., Westfield S.D., Klein J.D., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec., Bromet I.G.; also Bros. Stroud, Trewinnard, Rd. Defriez, and Piercey. After formal business the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wallbrecht acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Evans, of the Copper Lodge, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Trewinnard for his assistance in working the ceremony and sections. The Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On Thursday, 4th December. Bros. Legg W.M., Gieseke S.W., Westfield J.W., Sergeant S.D., Hine J.D., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Secretary, Klein I.G.; also Bros. Clark, Trewinnard, Richard Defriez, Wilson and Thorpe. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sergeant candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gieseke will preside next week. There was also a Committee appointed to audit the accounts—Bros. Hine, Sergeant and Westfield; after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—On Monday, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, Bros. Tho. Jones, W.M., Fidler S.W., Butler J.W., Peach S.D., Jacob J.D., Bryant I. G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor; Bros. Taverner, Jacob and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taverner candidate. Bro. Peach worked the second and Bro. J. Lorkin the third sections, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened and closed in the second degree. Bros. Bryant, Peach and Taverner were elected members; Bro. Fidler was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, 1625.—The Fifteen Sections were worked on Monday, 24th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End, E., under the able presidency of Bro. B. Candick P.M. 1421, who was supported by Bros. W. Hogg P.M. as S.W., C. Kendall J.W. 1625 as J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. as S.D., T. Wooding J.D., Bird I.G., Bro. T. J. Barnes being I.P.M. There were also present Bros. Wooding, Hallam, Forss, Andrews, Veal, Pringle, Stephens, W. Musto P.M., J. Taylor, J. A. L. Allison Secretary, J. Allison jun., Tarling, W. Hawes, Hedges, Goldstein, Boulton, and numerous other brethren, testifying the great interest taken in the evening's work, the whole of which was ably rendered by the following brethren:—
 First Lecture: First section, Bro. C. Kendall J.W. No. 1625; second, Bro. Harvey D.C. No. 174; third, Bro. Wooding S.D. No. 130; fourth, Bro. H. R. Hallam S.W. No. 1319; fifth, Bro. Forss No. 554; sixth, Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. No. 820 and 1145; seventh, Bro. Andrews W.M. No. 1227. Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. Veal; second, Bro. Pringle; third, Bro. Boulton; fourth, Bro. Barnes; fifth, Bro. G. H. Stephens. Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. W. Musto; second, Bro. Hogg; third, Bro. Taylor. In proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Candick, who is already an honorary member of the Lodge, Bro. Barnes expressed his appreciation of the perfect manner in which the W.M. had discharged his arduous duties, and felt confident, from the good working he had witnessed by the brethren, that when the G.A.O.T.U. should call him from their midst, the work he had performed in improving the working of the ritual would be carried out by competent brethren. The vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Candick, in responding, also thanked the brethren for their assistance. Several brethren were elected members, and Lodge was closed. The next regular meeting will be held on the 8th December, when Bro. T. Wooding will preside, and, we trust, be numerously supported.



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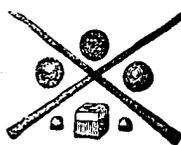
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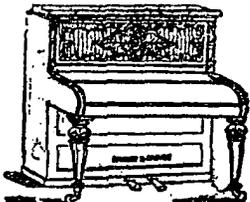
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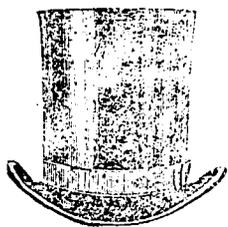
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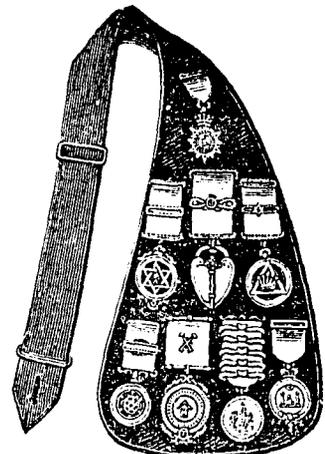
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