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THE ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

WE announced last week that the result of the opening Festival of the current year would be the subject of further comment, and, as usual, we give such comment in the form of an analytical sketch of the subscriptions. We have very good reason for believing that these analyses are not without their advantage. We know they are closely scanned, and are occasionally the subject of sharp criticism. An oversight, a mere clerical error, the appearance of something in the way of a comparison, each and every of these is noted and made the subject of correspondence. It is, however, beginning to be recognised that the spirit in which they are written is one of complete impartiality. If a Province is unrepresented on one of these occasions, it is so stated. If a large Province sends up a small contribution and a small Province a large, it is likewise so stated. At the same time, while a full modicum of praise is bestowed on efforts which have proved more than usually successful, every possible means is suggested for the absence of a Lodge or Province or the smallness of its contributions. It did good yeoman service last year, or it is about to support one of the sister Institutions. If its contributions are modest, they have at least the merit of being regular. If, as has more than once happened, we have found a Province regularly unrepresented, we have felt it to be our duty to point this out—not in any unfriendly spirit, for people must not be abused because they do not give, but as it were palliatively, as though a better organisation or greater exertion were alone needed to place it on a level with the other Provinces, or because we happen to know there is in existence some local charitable Institution which boasts of a considerable annual income, and is proving a great boon to the indigent brethren, bereaved widows, or orphan children of Masons in that district. We approach our task on this occasion in the same spirit as we have done before. We shall deal with the figures which are, and the facts which are not, though as regards the latter a friend has very kindly suggested that “facts which are not” is merely an Irishism for “nothing,” and as every one knows, “*ex nihilo nihil fit.*” If so, our labours will not be very onerous, while the friendly critics cannot be very severe over “nothing.” But to proceed with our remarks without further exordium.

The Festival of the 9th inst. must be written down as a very substantial, if not an unprecedented, success. Even with the big figures we have grown accustomed to during the last three or four years, a total of over £12,000 is one of some magnitude. Nor must we lose sight of the fact that if the Benevolent Festival of last year yielded very little short of £2,000 more, the Chairman on that occasion had, as regards the number of its Lodges, our largest Province to back him; while Lord Zetland's Province of N. and E. Yorkshire stands in this respect only about tenth on the list. E. Lancashire, with nearly ninety Lodges, contributed one-fourth of the £14,000 subscribed last year; this year N. and E. Yorkshire heads the Provinces, with, in round figures, one-fourteenth of the total sum; but then it has on its roll only some twenty-six Lodges, so that it cannot be said that it has done otherwise than support its chief most effectually, as well as most honourably and in proportion to its abilities. In this respect then, these Provinces—and the same may be said of all that do their duty thus Masonically—stand on the same level. Be it re-

membered, however, that in what we have just said, we have had no idea of instituting any comparison: we have been content with stating facts as they are. We may, indeed, offer our congratulations to the noble Chairman of last Monday week—who has an hereditary as well as a personal claim upon our respect—on the success of the Festival over which he so ably and so genially presided. This, in the minds of our readers, will have gone without saying, but our general remarks would have had an air about them of incompleteness had we not written what we have written.

Passing next to the details of the list, one feature about it will be especially noticeable, namely, that the difference in the totals of the London and Provincial contributions is more pronounced than usual. We find from the figures, as published last week, that the former, which was represented by 126 Stewards, subscribed in all £7,340 19s 6d, the Provinces, which sent up 101 Stewards, contributing £4,710 18s, while the District of the Punjab gave £52 10s, making a total of £12,104 7s 6d, or nearly £100 in excess of the figures that were announced at the Festival itself. These differences are inevitable when it is remembered that even on the morrow of the gathering a fresh list of contributions may be handed in to Bro. Terry; at the same time, however, they in no wise affect the main description. But to resume. London is a long way to the fore on this occasion, whereas in other cases it has been only slightly ahead of or behind the country. This, as we suggested last week, is probably due to the Secretary having devoted a larger share of attention to the Metropolitan Lodges than in former years, and also no doubt to an increased zeal on the part of the Lodges themselves. These Stewards represented 112 Lodges, and six Chapters, while one figures on his own account, and the brethren are certainly to be congratulated on the result of their conjoint labours; nor must we allow it to pass unnoticed that there is more than the usual number of three-figure lists among these London contributions. The place of honour is taken by a Lodge that is named after our respected Pro Grand Master, namely, the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, hailing from Notting-hill. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse acted as Steward, and his list amounted to the handsome, unusually handsome sum of £400. This Lodge has barely as yet enjoyed an existence of four years. All honour then to Bro. Parkhouse and his co-members for the work they have succeeded in doing. Following this list at a wide interval comes the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, with the excellent total of £276 5s, a sum which will suffice to show that the brethren of this Lodge are distinguished in reality as well as nominally by a “prudent” regard for the needs of Masonic indigence. A seven-year old Lodge, the Islington, No. 1471, meeting in the northern suburb of Highbury, stands third, with £228 13s 6d, and then the Sincerity Chapter No. 174, whose contribution of two hundred guineas by the hands of Comp. Theophilus Hallett is indubitable evidence of the “Sincerity” with which this body of Royal Arch Masons follows up its original profession of Masonic faith. A group of three West-end Lodges, all close together, next claims attention. The first of them in order, the well-known Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, is set down as contributing by the hands of Bro. Giddy £187 3s, a sum which sufficiently shows the members of this Lodge are not unmindful of the familiar saying that “friends in need are friends indeed.” At all events, by this and former liberal contributions to our several Charities, these “Friends in Council” have proved themselves “friends indeed” to all our Institutions. The Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259,

with the Junior Grand Warden of the year as its representative, contributes £178 5s, and the Creaton, No. 1797—a better name for so promising a Lodge could not have been chosen—stands next with £174 5s. The "Lily of Richmond," No. 820—a pretty deed matches well with so pretty a name—is down for £144 16s, while the Egyptian, No. 27, treads close on the lilies, but hurts them not, with £140 3s 6d. Another young Lodge, warranted as recently as 1877—the Temple Bar, No. 1728—has evidently not suffered by the removal of the Bar to which it owes its name. It flourishes sufficiently to be entered on the list for £137 0s 6d, while the military element, in the shape of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, is only a few paces to the rear of Temple Bar with £131 5s. Well done, Masonic members of the oldest military body in the United Kingdom! Then passing rapidly westward we come upon the Kilburn, No. 1608, which, albeit only as yet a young Lodge, had given already over £500 among our Institutions, as mentioned last week in our report of its Installation Meeting. At this Festival its Steward, Bro. Brooks, still further increased this amount by taking up £127 11s 6d, Bro. C. J. Perceval, of Loyalty, No. 1607, being close up with £125 4s. Prosperity, No. 65, per Bro. Charles Daniel, sent £124, in token, we may justly assume, that in its "prosperity" it is not unmindful of other people's adversity. Brother Charles H. Webb, of Sincerity, No. 174, took up a list of £121 8s, which must be regarded as a very serviceable contribution, if we bear in mind that Sincerity Chapter No. 174 figures in the same list for £210. The Corinthian No. 1382, with £119 6s, West Smithfield No. 1623, with £115 10s, Crusaders No. 1677, with £114, Canonbury No. 657, with £113 7s, and Southwark No. 879, and the Yarborough Chapter No. 554, each with one hundred guineas, complete the tale of three-figure lists. It is also worthy of mention that of the Lodges consecrated last year no less than five figure in the Metropolitan roll. They are to be congratulated on having commenced their career so well. So, too, must the older Lodges which figure invariably or very frequently on these occasions. There is no doubt, likewise, that many Metropolitan Lodges distribute their support most impartially among the three Institutions, preferring, and that perhaps not unwisely, to throw their whole strength for the year into the support of one only. These manifestly are the reverse of neglectful of their duties, while the best method of treating those which invariably hold themselves aloof from contributing to our central Charities is to pass them over in silence.

We come now to the Provinces, twenty-seven of which are contributories of over £4,700 among them. Let us, however, begin by noting the absentees. First of all, and seemingly as a matter of course, appears Beds with its five Lodges. We should have thought that among them the Lodges of Bedford, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, and Luton, might occasionally contrive to send up a few annual subscriptions, if not a Life Governorship or Life Subscription. It is not improbable they find the wherewith to banquet; would it not be well to think of the aged and the orphan who are mostly hard pressed to find the common necessities? Bristol (eight Lodges), though absent on this occasion, was a contributor on a small scale to this and the Girls' Institution last year, and to the Benevolent both in 1877 and 1878. Cambridgeshire (four Lodges) evidently needs rousing. We should have thought the Scientific, the Three Grand Principles, and the Isaac Newton University might have managed to figure, if only occasionally. Oxford University is not unmindful of one of the grand moving principles of Masonry, why should Cambridge University be so? Cumberland and Westmoreland (nineteen Lodges), as we have noted in former analyses, is now and again represented by Bro. McKay, or some other equally active member. Durham (twenty-five Lodges) certainly makes an annual donation of fifty guineas from its funds to this Institution, and, in addition, has figured at least once in each of the years we have been privileged to note, so that we may hope to find it among the contributing Provinces at one or both of the remaining Festivals. Herefordshire (four Lodges) let us hope will bestir itself a little more, especially as it is presided over by a new chief. As we know the spirit of Masonry is abroad in the Province of Leicester and Rutland (ten Lodges), we assume it is reserving itself for the Girls or Boys. On former occasions—in 1877, 1878, 1879—it gave over £750, or an average of £25 per Lodge per occasion. Lincoln-

shire (twenty Lodges) we have had the pleasure of noting at previous Festivals, if not at this, and so we have Norfolk and Northumberland, although very rarely, for this Institution. It occurs to us that the latter, containing as it does the important town of Newcastle-on-Tyne, with eleven of the nineteen Lodges, should figure more frequently. We do not think of sending coals to that northern town, but that is no reason why it should not send the equivalent of coals to our Masonic Institutions. Notts (nine Lodges) has been represented in 1875-6-7-8-9, and we hope will be so again this year. Somerset, which boasts of our Pro Grand Master as its chief, with over twenty Lodges, is very seldom among the absentees; nor has Staffordshire been often in the same list. Worcestershire did excellently well at the Boys' Festival last year, and backed up Bros. Terry and Hodges with smaller amounts—the result, no doubt, of its being presided over by a new and active chief. South Wales East, the Channel Islands, (Masonically speaking, comprising Alderney and Guernsey, Jersey being a distinct Province), and the Isle of Man complete the number of the unrepresented.

Having disposed of the absentees, we turn next with pleasure to give particulars of the contributing Provinces in their order of publication. Six Stewards, representing five Lodges, support among them the honour of Berks and Bucks, three of the five Lodges being located in the former county and two in the latter. One list is at present blank, but the other five together handed in £215 3s 6d, close on £200 of this, however, being Berks contributions. It would seem, therefore, that the Bucks are not as active in these matters as the Berks folk. It should be noted that the Union of Reading, with its two Stewards, gives upwards of £150 of the whole. We have before noticed this difference in the exertions of Berks and Bucks, and we should like to see them more nearly on a level in such excellent work. However, it is satisfactory to find the interests of the Province so uniformly looked after by some of the Lodges. Cheshire has a considerable array of Lodges, two only of which figure in the list, and for under £70. But, as we have also noticed on former occasions, this Province has a very flourishing Masonic Educational Institute of its own, which is continually doing invaluable service, both directly as regards the local interests of Freemasonry, and indirectly as affording considerable relief to the Central Charities. One Cornish Lodge gives in a list of sixty guineas, by the hands of Bro. Bake, but we have often had the pleasure of calling attention to the labours of this Province in the field of charity, and we know that in particular Bro. Hughan has shown himself a staunch and successful advocate of the interests of our Institutions on several occasions. Two lists for Derbyshire, amounting together to £132 3s, represent the work of this Province on this occasion. It has figured occasionally at other Festivals. Devonshire, as ably represented by Bros. Godtschalk and S. Jones, has sent up £191 13s a sum which Bro. Terry no doubt welcomes the more as this Province was not represented at his Festival last year. It has, however, done good service for the Schools, and doubtless will not be unmindful of its duties. Moreover, it is setting about establishing a local Institution, indeed for aught we know to the contrary, this may be already in working order. Dorsetshire, with its compact list of thirteen Lodges, is extremely well represented, the Province itself being entered for £183 10s, Bro. Burt being its representative, and Bro. Montagu as Steward of St. Mary's No. 707, Bridport, contributing forty and five guineas, making together a total of £230 15s. We have so often had occasion to congratulate this Province on its liberal support of our Institutions that further remark now is unnecessary. Three Stewards, representing a Chapter and two Lodges, do duty for Essex with its twenty Lodges, the amount being just within £90, and there is yet a list to come in. Doubtless under its new Grand Master this Province will outdo the praiseworthy efforts it has before made in behalf of our Charities. Gloucestershire, with four Stewards on behalf of the Province and two of its Lodges, is down for £88 8s. It did extremely well in 1878, when it distributed considerably over £700 among our Institutions, and proved itself a staunch supporter of them in 1879, £312 19s being its contribution to the Girls' School alone. The contribution of Hants and the Isle of Wight just exceeds £100 as against, in round numbers, £187 to the Benevolent last year, but then it is almost always included in the list of contributories, and we must occasionally look forward to smaller amounts as to larger. Little Herts, with its

eleven Lodges, stands well, as it mostly does, with over £218, the joint contributions of four Lodges and one of its four Chapters, the King Harold No. 1327, of Waltham New Town, taking the lead with £92 7s, and the Cranbourne No. 1580, of Hatfield, being a good second with £75 11s. Jersey, which figures occasionally at our Festivals, sends a useful contribution of fifty-five guineas on behalf of its seven Lodges. It is a comparatively remote Province, and the amount is probably on that account the more welcome. Seven Kent Lodges, by the hands of eight Stewards, send up over £236. Last year it gave nearly twice as much to the Benevolent, and over £480 to the Girls. In fact, Kent never misses an opportunity of showing its sympathy with Masonic distress. It is a well organised Province, and invariably, therefore, appears to great advantage whenever these periodical appeals for assistance are made. Lancashire has more Lodges than any other county in England, excepting of course the metropolitan counties, and though for its Eastern and Western Divisions, together the amount reaches only £213 15s—one-fourth being the sum of the former's contribution, and three-fourths being the latter's—still we know that both are liberal and make strenuous efforts on occasions. Thus East Lancashire, as we have said already, contributed one-fourth of the grand total of £14,000 subscribed at the Benevolent Festival last year, when its chief occupied the chair. Western Lancashire liberally supported Lord Skolmersdale not long since, when he occupied a similar position in 1876, and as his Lordship has accepted the presidency for the approaching Boys' Festival, we may anticipate it will shew its full strength then. Middlesex, with nine Stewards, acting on behalf of eight of its Lodges, contributes £356 6s. As it is a regular contributor, and on a considerable scale, no comment of ours is required for purposes of encouragement or as an appeal. We may, however, congratulate it, as we do most heartily. Monmouthshire, though a small Province, is represented by one Steward, to the extent of £46 15s. Last year it gave the Benevolent over £136. Its appearance is frequent, if not invariable, and its subscriptions are in proportion to its zeal. Norths and Hunts, with one Steward, sends £115 10s. It liberally supported its Grand Master in 1878, to the extent of £300, and has not been found wanting on other occasions. A ten guinea subscription by a brother, on his own behalf or that of his Lodge, is all we have to note in connection with North Wales and Salop, with its numerous array of Lodges. We think it might be more strongly represented at times. Oxford's contribution is within a fraction of £232, upwards of two hundred guineas coming from Apollo University, which was represented by three Stewards, of whom one achieved the honour of a three figure list. It always does well, and doubtless will make a supreme effort for the Girls in April, when its chief, Prince Leopold, has undertaken to preside. Suffolk, as regards the Province, gives £100 8s, and there is a list yet to come from the Steward of Lodge British Union, No. 114, of Ipswich. Last year it subscribed £171 to the Benevolent, and almost invariably contributes. It has in its ranks some very able and active Masons, among them the Rev. C. J. Martyn. We are not surprised, therefore, at the regularity of its attendance. As there is one list still outstanding, we may look to the comparatively modest total of £69 5s for Surrey being increased; in fact, it may already have been so. This is not as large a sum as was given to the Benevolent last year, but then the Province is always sending up representatives. Sussex stands second among the Provinces, with a total of £600, a very handsome amount, reflecting the highest credit on the Province and its representative, the worthy Deputy Grand Master thereof, Bro. J. H. Scott. Here, too, it is only necessary we should remark that Sussex plays its part well, though in this instance it has surpassed the efforts of more recent years. We now come to North and East Yorkshire, the total of whose contributions is £855 4s. The personal contribution of its chief, who was the Chairman of the Festival, is one hundred guineas. His Deputy, Bro. J. Pearson Bell, acting for the whole Province, figures for £325 13s, the Steward of the Old Globe, No. 200, of Scarborough, has a list of one hundred guineas, while the York Lodge, No. 236, and the Zetland Chapter attached, together contribute £116 7s 6d, Sir James Meek being Steward for the former, and the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett acting in the same capacity for the latter. As we have had occasion to lament the non-appearance of this Province at former Festivals,

it is with infinite pleasure we note the great success it has achieved on this occasion. The West Yorkshire Board of Stewards, headed by the P.G.M. Sir H. Edwards, and including Worshipful Bro. Tew, his Deputy, and other Masons of weight and eminence, are together responsible for £370, which would not seem excessive, considering the strength of the Province, were it not that we know it is always represented, its contributions being always reckoned by hundreds, even to the extent of some £900. South Wales West, but for Lord Kensington's apparently personal donation of ten guineas, would have been out in the cold. Last year it figured at the Benevolent for £225, while in 1878 it gave the Girls over £236, apart from its contributions at other Festivals. Wilts, though with a solitary list of £15 15s, is a small yet willing Province, and every now and then shows that it has in it plenty of true Masonic stuff, and so likewise does Warwickshire, though only one of its Lodges was represented on this occasion, and the one list returned was comparatively a small one, twenty guineas, there being one other yet to be returned. A sum of fifty guineas by the hands of that prominent and justly popular Mason, Bro. Major Ramsey, District Grand Master of the Punjab, is the only contribution from abroad, and this is very far from being the first occasion on which our Charities have had the benefit of his assistance. With this remark we bring our analysis to a conclusion, and we can only hope that at the other Festivals yet to come our task may be as agreeable as it has proved in this instance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE MASONIC RITUAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is so much go and verve in Bro. Jacob Norton's communications to your columns that they compel attentive perusal even when, as I fancy is often the case, they fail to carry with them the conviction of the reader.

Permit me to offer a few remarks in connection with Bro. Norton's letter in your issue of the 7th inst.

I do not purpose to re-open the controversy on Uniformity of Ritual; and this the rather because, as it appears to me, Bro. Norton has availed himself of the movement led by Bro. Stevens merely as a *peg to hang a hat upon*.

The real gist of Bro. Norton's remarks is the introduction of a proposal, which would, if carried into effect, produce an entire revolution in Freemasonry as it is accepted everywhere, so far as I know, except in France.

The proposal seems to be to render Masonry universal in a wider degree than it is at present, or than it ever has been, by striking out of our Ritual and Lectures not only the abundant references to Scripture history, but also to any belief in the existence of God, a future life, and a resurrection of the body. All these matters Bro. Norton classes together, and condemns wholesale, as being "accumulated rubbish."

But our worthy brother seems to me to have a *bee in his bonnet*. Your readers will not have forgotten Bro. Norton's defence of the action of the Grand Orient of France two years ago in throwing open the doors of the Craft to Atheism pure and simple; nor his condemnation—somewhat gratuitous, as coming from a brother hailing from the U.S.—of the action of our own Grand Lodge in the matter. And now he gallantly returns to the charge, and challenges Bro. Stevens to enlist under his banner and tear up Freemasonry, as it is now accepted, root and branch, substituting for it a society which owns neither God nor heaven, nor any motive for righteous living, except such as shall be drawn from purely mundane considerations.

Suffer me to ask on what ground does our brother suggest or defend such a serious upset of all our preconceived ideas?

If he could urge that the lines at present drawn exclude unfairly a large and estimable class of our fellow-creatures, that there are many, in all other respects eligible candidates, whose accession would be of great service to the Craft, who complain that their conscientious scruples will not permit them to join us under our present constitution. Were this the case, the question would be worth our serious consideration, but nothing of the kind is stated.

Instead of this, Bro. Norton assails the existing constitution of the Order on the ground that it is based on "sectarian dogmas."

Here, Sir, I beg to join issue with the worthy brother. The bases of Freemasonry are not *dogmas*, and they are not *sectarian*. Bro. Norton reminds me of the well-known definition of a crab, as being "a little red fish that walks backwards." An excellent and accurate definition, barring the facts that a crab is not necessarily small, is not red by nature, is not a fish at all, and does not walk backwards. A dogma is a definition or exposition of theological truth put forth by the authority of the Church as a corollary to Divine revelation. Sectarian implies that the noun qualified by the adjective belongs to or is connected with a sect or section, that is a part of the body as

distinguished from the whole. I submit that in no respect are these three points, which lie at the root of the religious aspects of Freemasonry, sectarian dogmas. They are held by the entire body of Christians throughout the world not in obedience to any human authority, secular or religious, but, if I may use the expression, as axioms based on the instincts and experience of mankind at large, and only incapable of demonstration by reason of their being matters of faith.

Further, two of these points certainly, and I think few will contradict me if I add the third also, viz, the resurrection of the body, are held equally by Christians, Jews, Mahometans, Parsees, Buddhists, in fact by all men who have any idea of religion. Masonry therefore is to all intents and purposes universal; just as it is true to say that men universally have two feet, albeit some poor creatures are born without the full complement of members—so it is not necessary to go out of our course to consider the accidental monstrosities, to be found, alas! in every age, who deliberately shut their eyes, and then proclaim themselves as being the only people who are not in the dark.

Bro. Norton makes an amusing mis-quotation. He speaks of the W.M.'s promising candidates that "Masonic duties will not interfere with their religious opinions." Surely the W.M. merely says to the candidate *who has already confessed his faith in God*, that his Masonic OB. will not clash with his religious duties. Imagine the religious opinions of a man who denies the existence of a God or a future state!

Further, Sir, Bro. Norton sneers at clerical brethren. Let me assure him, as a clergyman and a Mason of 25 years standing, that opposition to a scheme for the "secularising" of Freemasonry will not come from the clergy only; we in England are proud to know that the overwhelming majority of our lay brethren are at one with us in a sincere and loyal faith in the primary elements of religious truth. If we, which God forbid, were content to be silent, they would immediately cry out and shame our silence.

Lastly, Sir, Bro. Norton is sick and tired of hearing that *Masonry is a religion, and that it is not a religion*. The italics are his. Can he really not understand how a man may with perfect consistency say, "I am a religious man, holding and practising according to my ability religious truth; but it is not my office to teach it, and I decline to do so? Similarly a body of men may fairly claim a religious character for the society to which they belong, and yet withhold from pronouncing, or as our brother would say "dogmatizing" in matters of faith.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

11th February 1880.

P.G.C. Oxon, 489.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I quite agree with you that in any scheme for assisting the children of deceased or indigent brethren, Warwickshire would play its part right loyally, but it strikes me the fear as to expense as expressed by Bro. Machen in his letter of the 3rd inst. is groundless. The Assistance Fund once raised will be invested in the names of certain trustees. There will be an honorary Treasurer who, will receive and disburse moneys on account of the Fund. A Committee of Management, to receive and consider applications for assistance would be necessary, but this would cost nothing, as those who already take an active interest in our Schools would, I am sure, be only too glad to give the slight services—slight as regards the time they would occupy, though important in other respects—that would be required of them, gratuitously. There would remain only the expense of postage, circulars, and an annual report, which need not and, I imagine, would not be excessive. The Fund would not require to be a large one, for I presume it is not contemplated to incur the expense of sending a number of pupils to one or other of the Universities, or to give a preliminary course of education to all who are candidates for admission into our Schools until they succeed in being elected. Only now and then will be found a pupil who is likely to achieve distinction at a University, and in assisting others on leaving School to begin the battle of life, a moderate sum, judiciously applied, will go a long way. Nor is the education of small children in the neighbourhoods in which they live likely to be very heavy. Thus, there is no reason why, in administering a supplementary Fund, a numerous staff of paid officials should be organised.

Fraternally yours,

BETA.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND BRO. S. BARTON WILSON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read with much regret in your account of the meeting of the Committee, that Bro. Stephen B. Wilson's claim, which has been so long under consideration by the authorities of the Boys' School, has been referred back to the House Committee. Now this strikes me as being most unbusiness-like. The House Committee have already considered the claim, and there is little likelihood of their being able to throw further light upon it. There is but one issue which has to be determined, and many months are not needed for the purpose. Either the claim is just or unjust, and Bro. Wilson a long time ago handsomely offered to submit it to the arbitration of a prominent member of his own profession about whose worthiness to act in that capacity there cannot be the slightest question. This shows that Bro. Wilson has perfect faith in the justice of his charges, and as it is hardly possible to find a better way of settling the matter, I am at a loss to see why the Committee

have rejected Bro. Wilson's offer. Without further and more satisfactory explanation than any the authorities have yet given, I should say—speaking of course Masonically, as certain other people speak in a Pickwickian sense—that harsh treatment is being, and for some time past has been, meted out to Bro. Wilson in being thus bandied about from pillar to post, or to be as precise as possible, from House Committee to General Committee, and back again to the former, and the question very naturally arises, are these Committees competent to settle whether an architect's charges are just or unjust? I imagine not, any more than a lay tribunal is competent to decide on technical points of law. Why not then have recourse to arbitration, when the matter in dispute can be settled in a few minutes, always providing, at least, the arbitrators possess a sound knowledge of the business to be determined. It may cost a little more than a brief "consideration" repeated monthly across a table, but it will be more dignified and less expensive than it must be if the difference has to be settled legally. In Committees there may be safety, in the sense of security from all responsibility for individual opinions, but I question if there is always a display of wisdom. Let us hope the House Committee, by the time these lines meet the eyes of your readers, will have completed their portion of the arduous task of considering. It is a fine thing to have a proper idea of duty, a still finer thing to fulfil that duty conscientiously, but it is the finest thing of all when people are able to bring common sense to bear in the conscientious fulfilment of a duty they appreciate and understand; and references and considerations, needlessly repeated, are not in accordance with common sense, but rather with a dilatory and perfunctory style of work; or, shall I say? with what has come to be known in Parliamentary circles, as the policy of "obstruction."

I am,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

T. G. R.

[We think there is some force in our correspondent's remarks as to the unbusiness-like character of these repeated delays, and shall take an early opportunity of considering the subject. We think, too, with him, that while Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson is having more than his just share of consideration of one kind, he is receiving less than he is entitled to expect of consideration of another kind.—Ed. F. C.]

The following verses, describing an incident that occurred at the opening of Parliament by the Queen on Thursday, 5th February last, are culled from a contemporary:—

DISAPPOINTED.

On Thursday morning last our office-boy
 Remarked, "In state the Queen will open session."
 Said we, "Well, go, if it will give you joy,
 And try to make a great and good impression,—
 By uttering a loud though childish cheer,
 And smiling sweetly right from ear to ear."

Forthwith he went, and quickly found a place
 Before the mighty crowd awaiting Royalty;
 He put a cheerful smile upon his face,
 Which savoured more of impishness than loyalty!
 Yet, ah! his wish to cheer was most impatient,
 And waiting idly made him quite impatient.

At last the Queen arrived. A breath he drew
 As near to him the prancing horses pattered;
 He raised his hat, and raised his small voice too,
 But all his cherished hopes were rudely shattered.
 A very stout policeman, indiscreetly,
 Eclipsed our little office-boy completely!

A moment more, and then he moved aside;
 But, ah! the Queen had journeyed on ahead!
 Our little office-boy gave way and cried,
 For all his fondly-cherished hopes were dead.
 No matter how he smiled, how loud his cheer,
 Her Majesty could neither see nor hear!

6th February 1880.

F. JULIAN CROGER.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence and the Quarterly Board of Masters was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn took the chair of President, Bro. James Brett the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Kench the chair of Junior Vice-President. Nearly a hundred brethren attended. The agenda paper, on which were several important and interesting matters for discussion at next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on the 3rd of March, was read to the brethren by the Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke; after which the Lodge of Benevolence was opened, and the brethren confirmed the granting of £270, recommended at the last meeting. The new list of petitions contained the names of thirty-one applicants for relief, and the consideration of these occupied a protracted sitting of close upon five hours. In the result two cases were deferred, and the remaining twenty-nine were relieved with recommendations of grants, and grants amounting in all to £913, viz., three of £75 each, three of £50 each, five of £40 each, three of £30 each, three of £25 each, seven of £20 each, two of £10 each, two of £5 and one of £3.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 95.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 17th February, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and was numerously attended. Bros. Edwin Bonner W.M., Ruff S.W. and W.M. elect, Ayres J.W., E. Davis P.M. Treasurer, Edinger Sec., and a number of Visitors, amongst whom were the following:—Bros. J. Keen 766, Ralfe 1018, Birch 1712, Searboom P.M. 217, H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158, Wath 186, Bristo W.M. 1361, Davison 216, Roberts 1702, Hume 134, Hollington W.M. 933, Wayland 1227, Wharton 1706, Hanson 1706, Dutton 1706, C. T. Speight P.M. 27 and Prov. Grand Tyler for Surrey, &c. The minutes of the previous Lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hill P.M. was called to the chair, and the Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Davis presented to him Bro. H. W. Ruff S.W. and W.M. elect, to receive from him the benefits of installation. After the usual preliminaries, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Ruff was placed in the chair of K.S. as Worshipful Master of the Eastern Star Lodge for the ensuing year. He appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. M. Ayres S.W., Wardell J.W., Howard Ruff S.D., Macklin J.D., Davis Treas., Edinger Sec., Collier I.G., Marriott D.C., and Speight Tyler. Bro. Hill then concluded the installation ceremony, delivering the addresses in a most impressive and correct manner, and at the termination was rewarded with unanimous applause; it is only justice to him to remark that such a demonstration was well deserved. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, and when it was stated that the fare was served in Bro. Painter's best style, and for which the Ship and Turtle has long been famed, no more need be said on that head. At the conclusion of the repast, grace was sung by the professional brethren—Wharton, Dutton and Hanson—who had been specially engaged for the occasion. The W.M. said the first toast he had to propose was that of "The Queen," and on these occasions it was usual to couple with it "The Craft," which was done, followed by the National Anthem. The W.M. said the next toast he had the pleasure to propose was "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." They all knew the great interest he took in everything connected with Freemasonry, and therefore any comment upon the toast was unnecessary. This, like the preceding, was enthusiastically responded to, and followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales," which was sung in exquisite style by Bro. Hanson. The next toast was "The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers." The W.M. said all the brethren knew how well they performed their duties, and therefore he proposed the toast without further comment. This likewise was drunk cordially, and Bro. Wharton sang in first-rate style the old song "Hearts of Oak." Bro. Bonner I.P.M. said, it became his pleasing duty to propose the next toast, which he might call the toast of the evening; it was "The health of the Worshipful Master," and very proud was he to see him in that position. The toast was well received, and the W.M. in reply said, after the very flattering remarks of their immediate Past Master, he hardly knew how to respond to the terms he had been pleased to use towards him. He should only be too happy to do everything that he ought to do, and next year when he had to give up the chair he hoped that he should be able to give a good account, and to show them what he had done. He could assure them that he thanked them sincerely for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast, believing as he did that he possessed the goodwill of every member of the Lodge. He had then to propose "The health of Bro. Bonner the Immediate Past Master," who had fulfilled the duties of the chair most creditably, had been most punctual in his attendance, and they all know the great interest he took in the Lodge; he asked them to give him a good reception, and an "Eastern Star fire." He had now a pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Bonner with a P.M.'s jewel, and in attaching it to his breast said he was justly entitled to it, and he hoped he might be long spared to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented Feb. 17, 1880, by the brethren of the Eastern Star Lodge No. 95, to the Worshipful Brother Edwin Bonner W.M., as a mark of esteem for the zeal and ability displayed by him as Worshipful Master 1879." Bro. Bonner I.P.M. said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks to the brethren for their very handsome present; he should wear it with pleasure as long as he lived, as coming from them. They were indeed a band of brothers, and when he received such a token from them, it expressed to him a thousand times its intrinsic value; he thanked them one and all for the honour they had conferred upon him. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was the health of Bro. Hill, the Installing Master; he felt sure that it must have been a great treat to all who had the privilege of witnessing the manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Hill P.M. in reply said he thanked the W.M. most heartily for the very flattering manner in which he had proposed the health of the Installing Master, and the members of the Lodge for the way in which they had responded to the toast. He could assure them that it afforded him a great deal of pleasure, not only on that evening, but on other occasions to instal their W.M. It gave him peculiar pleasure to instal Bro. Ruff, who carried with him their esteem and regard; he felt assured that he would go through the duties of the Lodge with credit to himself and the satisfaction of every member of it. He then, in very flattering terms, alluded to another pleasure he had that evening received in placing a collar of office on Bro. Collier. It was a red letter day in the history of the Lodge, and he hoped to have the privilege of installing him in the chair. The P.M.'s was the next toast given, after which Bro. Hanson delighted

the members by his rendering of Dibdin's "Tom Bowling." Bro. Marriott and several other Past Masters returned thanks, the former had been a member of the Lodge ever since 1845. The W.M. said he should propose the next toast with a great amount of pleasure, as it was the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. Davis and Edinger were two of the most energetic members of the Lodge. Bro. Davis said it afforded him much gratification to find that his services were so much appreciated by the members of the Eastern Star Lodge; he had been associated with the Lodge for twenty-two years, and after that lapse of time, it was gratifying to him to know that he had not lost their confidence; but if in the course of twenty years they could not find out a man's worth they would never find it out at all. He spent the happiest moments of his life when assembled with his brethren round the table of the Eastern Star Lodge, and he would always take care to afford them as much comfort as the funds would allow. He then in feeling terms alluded to the death of one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, whom they could ill afford to lose, but it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to take him from them; he also remarked that he found old age was creeping upon him, and the late cold weather and fogs had nearly done him up, but he felt great pleasure in coming amongst them that evening, knowing that he possessed their confidence, or they would not have elected him year after year their Treasurer, as they had done. Bro. Edinger also jocosely returned thanks for the honour they had conferred upon him. The Visitors was the next toast given, to which several of them responded, and Bro. Thompson, in the course of his observations, took occasion to refer to the manner in which Bro. Hill had performed the ceremony of installation, and remarked that after a somewhat lengthened career as a Mason, he had never heard the ritual more impressively or correctly given; he thought the members of the Eastern Star had reason to be proud of having so talented a brother amongst them. Some other toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast brought a most interesting meeting to a close. The vocal arrangements were conducted by Bros. Dutton, Hanson and Wharton.

LONDON LODGE, No. 108.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, 14th instant, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bros. H. W. Green W.M., C. J. St. Alphonse S.W., W. Giles P.M. S.G.D. Essex as J.W., Raynham Stewart P.M. &c. Treas., E. H. De Phillipe P.M. Sec., James Edell I.G., G. A. Berkeley D.C., Marsh Tyler; Past Masters Hyde Pullen, F. Giles, D. Rolls, F. Snellgrove; Members—E. B. Holloway, C. W. Tayleur, R. F. Macswinney, Thos. Patrick, C. Morgan, W. Winter, Dr. Derry Jones, &c. Visitors—R. J. Chappel P.M. No. 7, H. G. Heald P.M. No. 11, L. Raf P.M. No. 12, R. G. Durant, G. J. Montefiore, Dr. Ramsay, and J. E. Shand S.W. 1563 P.M. 1056. Business—Bro. Wilcock was passed to degree of F.C. in his usual impressive style by Bro. Green W.M. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. H. Pullen P.M. acting as Installing Master. This brother's ability is so well known we need hardly say that the work was rendered very effectively and impressively. Bro. S.W. Alphonse was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bro. Smith S.W., Davidson J.W. (both by deputy, as neither were present), Green I.P.M., Raynham Stewart P.M. Treasurer, Phillipe Secretary, J. Edell S.D., Holloway J.D., Tayleur I.G., Berkeley D.C., Marsh Tyler. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that in consideration of Bro. Green's courteous and efficient discharge of the duties of W.M. a P.M.'s jewel be presented at next meeting. The sum of twenty guineas was voted to be placed on Bro. Raynham Stewart's list for the Girls' School. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in admirable manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, including that of the Installing Master, Bro. Hyde Pullen. Reference was also made to the return of the Treasurer, Bro. R. Stewart, after an absence occasioned by illness; all rejoiced at his restoration to health. The Secretary's health was drunk with enthusiasm. The Visitors' toast was connected with the names of Bro. J. E. Shand S.W. City of Westminster, and Bro. Montefiore, each of whom in suitable terms thanked the W.M. and brethren for the compliment. The health of the Officers was given, and responded to by Bro. Edell S.D. (in chair of S.W.), and Bro. Holloway J.D. (as J.W.) Several lively songs were sung by the brethren, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and agreeable evening to an end.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE annual festival, or what is usually termed the installation meeting of this Lodge, was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., on Monday the 16th inst. Bro. G. Pare W.M. presided. There was work in the third and second degrees, and that having been satisfactorily completed, the W.M. vacated the chair, which was at once occupied by Bro. J. D. Barnett P.M., the Installing Master. Bro. W. D. Bailey having been presented in due form, was then regularly installed, the Board of Masters consisting of twenty Masters and Past Masters. When the brethren were permitted to re-enter the Lodge Bro. Bailey commenced to exercise his new functions by appointing his subordinate Officers in the following manner, namely, F. Croaker S.W., T. W. C. Bush J.W., J. Constable P.M. Treas., P. Levy Sec., B. D. Barnett J.D., S. Barnett J.G., M. Boas D.C., J. H. Peartree W.S., Potter Tyler. This selection appeared to give entire satisfaction. The Offices of S.D. and Organist being left open, because Bro. Staley S.D. sojourns for a short time on the Continent, and Bro. Geo. Bilby, the highly esteemed Organist, is suffering from severe indisposition, at which very genuine regret was universally expressed. The Lodge was next called off for refreshment. The banquet, of which nearly one hundred persons partook, was served under the superintendence of Bro. M. Silver, who on all occasions does the thing most

creditably, but who in the present instance seems to have especially exerted himself. Grace having been sung by the professional brethren, the W.M. gave the health of the Queen, whose dignity as a monarch, and amiability as a woman endeared her to every one of her subjects. (Cheers, in which all present most heartily joined). H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present was next given, and with this toast was coupled the name of Bro. R. W. N. Giddy R.W. the District G.M. of Griqualand, who in thanking the brethren for his reception remarked upon the excellent working of the Immediate P.M., but more especially upon the brilliant eloquence displayed by the Installing Master. In 22 years' experience as a Mason, during which period he had had many opportunities of witnessing the performance of the same ceremony, it had never been his lot to see the work done with such perfection as it had been his great privilege to listen to that evening. The health of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Saver Treasurer of the Tranquillity Lodge, Sydney, N.S.W. Bro. Geo. Pare I.P.M. next proposed the toast of the W.M., remarking upon the harmony which has invariably existed among all the Officers of the Lodge, and terming it a happy privilege to have worked with him in harness together. The new W.M., who was greeted with tremendous applause, replied that it was a most difficult task to respond to a toast like this, as one does not like to speak in praise of oneself, for that might have the appearance of vanity; and then ideas of gratitude come tumbling over each other, leading to confusion of words. He concluded his humorous remarks by expressing his thanks to the brethren for the unanimity with which he had been voted to the high position he is occupying. Bro. Bailey then gave the toast of the Installing Master. He remembered when being initiated Bro. Barnett acting as J.D., and the kindness and care with which the duties of the Office were performed had made a lasting impression upon him. No one could fail to have been delighted with the feeling eloquence and perfection with which the addresses were delivered. Responding, Bro. Barnett expressed his sense of gratitude, and stated that he had to thank Bro. Constable, who taught him all he knew of the ceremony, the performance of which seemed to have given so much satisfaction. Bro. Saul Solomon P.M., replying for the Benevolent Fund said, there was no need for him to direct attention, as was usual, to the existence and details of the Fund, the W.M., adopting a new principle, had done that for him. For years it had been attempted to raise the Fund to £1,000. They had now reached the sum of £900, although a great deal had been done by way of helping the unfortunate, not by small doles, but by considerable sums, sometimes amounting to £100. The next toast applied to the prosperity of the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Binckes thanked the brethren, and expressed his pleasure and satisfaction for their hearty response to the toast. Adverting to the long prevalence of commercial depression, he gloried in the fact that his good Brother Terry had nevertheless succeeded in obtaining a sum exceeding £12,000 on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. He trusted that under the auspices of Prince Leopold and Lord Skelmersdale the other two Institutions would be equally well supported, although he feared that the political agitation, which must of necessity shortly accrue, might possibly greatly interfere with the success of the two Festivals. Nevertheless, he trusted Masonic principles would be held aloof from, and raised beyond and above political agitations. Some opposition had of late been manifested as to the Secretaries attending these meetings and urging the claims of the Institutions; he however thought differently, and while his health and strength were spared (and God knew he was losing both), he would take every opportunity to persist in urging the claims of those who cannot speak for themselves. (Great cheering). For the Treasurer and Secretary Bro. Constable replied in his usual terse way, and in the course of his observations directed attention to the "Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund," and also to the fact that a Bazaar is about to be held in aid of that fund, at which his wife and daughter will attend at a stall. Bro. J. H. Peartree, as the youngest, responded for the rest of the Officers. The Lodge was then called from refreshment to labour. Among other matters it was announced that £30 had been granted to a poor brother, and £3 3s were voted towards the above mentioned Bazaar. The balance sheet, showing a most flourishing condition of the Lodge, was received and adopted, and the Lodge closed. Amongst those present were Past Masters S. Solomon, S. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss, M. Harris, J. D. Barnett, J. H. Ross, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil. The visitors were R. W. H. Giddy District Grand Master Griqualand, Jacob Norton Boston, T. Griffiths P.M. 907, L. Alexander P.M. 188, E. P. Albert P.G.P., T. Cubitt P.G.P., E. A. Harris 201, J. Harris 201, W. Spark 201, Giles P.M. 108, Dr. Mickley P.M. 449, Martin 554, Roques 907, T. H. Miller P.P.G.O. Middx. P.M. 907, J. S. Lyon Treas. 188, H. W. Dixon P.M. 172, W. F. Papperoll 180, W. Thompson 72, E. D. Culver S.D. 63, E. Bowyer P.P.G.D. P.M. 1580, Jas. Terry P.M. &c., Grakom S.D. 1540, Plummer 177, Harris 72, D. S. Woolf 72, Rudderforth W.M. 1668, Drake P.M. 186, Tibbits J. W. 59, F. Binckes P.G. Stwd. &c., Saver Tranquillity Sydney, N.S.W., Lawler, Carter 382, and Montem Smith. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. Carter. The programme included: Grace—"For these and all Thy Mercies," "God save the Queen," "Ode to the Prince of Wales," Glee—"With sighs, sweet Rose," "The Loves of the Brave and Free," by Bro. Montem Smith, Glee—"Breathe, my Harp," "My Queen," by Bro. Carter, "Katty Moyle," by Bro. Lester, Glee—"Bold Robin Hood," "In Cellar Deep," by Bro. Lawler, "Excelsior," Bro. Carter, Glee—"Poculum Elevatum," &c.

GOOCH LODGE No. 1238.

THE members of this compact little Lodge—as we often hear it called—gathered on Monday last, the 16th inst., at Bro. Philips's well-known hostelry, the Albany, Twickenham, for the business of their Installation Meeting. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. E. C. Woodward, who was supported by his Officers, and

the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—Bros. R. Lonsdale, W. D. Townsend, A. W. G. Weeks, E. A. Baber, W. F. Laxton, F. Honeyman. The Lodge was formally opened, and the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Past Grand Deacon, entered the Lodge, and received the salutations appropriate to his exalted rank. He was accompanied by Bro. H. C. Levander Prov. Grand Secretary, and among the other Visitors we may mention Bros. John Close P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Henry Smith 1257, G. W. Saul I.P.M. 1201, Chas. F. Johns 1287, W. H. Van Baerle late 1238, J. H. Rutherglen 1642, and W. W. Morgan 211. Bro. Woodward tendered to Col. Burdett his gavel, which compliment was gracefully acknowledged, but the Prov. Grand Master directed Bro. Woodward to proceed with the business of the evening. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Gillingham and Mayo were examined as to the knowledge they had acquired in the first two degrees of Freemasonry. It may be in the recollection of some of our readers that the former brother received his second degree in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No 1642. The questions were answered by each candidate most satisfactorily and Bro. Woodward performed the ceremony of the third degree to their advantage. The next business on the agenda paper was the installation of Bro. Mesrouze, and for this ceremony Bro. P.M. Townsend officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Mesrouze was duly presented, the obligations administered, and a board of Installed Masters opened. In due course the members who had not passed the chair were re-admitted, and the new W.M. saluted. The investiture of Officers then took place, the following brethren receiving the collars:—E. C. Woodward I.P.M., Varley S.W., Harding J.W., Baber P.M. Treas., Laxton P.M. Sec., Weaver S.D., Lonsdale P.M. W.S., Townsend P.M. D.C. Bro. Townsend, who throughout had acted most efficiently, then delivered the addresses, which were listened to with rapt attention. By direction of the W.M. Bro. Townsend presented to the retiring Master the P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted by the brethren. He trusted Bro. Woodward might live many years to be with them, and that among the many jewels he was entitled to wear, he would not prize any more highly than the one of which he had been the recipient that night. Bro. Woodward said he would lose no time in acknowledging the compliment that had been paid him. He esteemed it a great honour that had been paid their Lodge by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master and his worthy Secretary, Bro. H. C. Levander. Col. Burdett was well known to members of the Craft not only in England, but also in Scotland; as a Provincial Grand Master he was second to none. To the members he (Bro. Woodward) was deeply indebted, and he should always value the jewel they had presented him. The ballot was next taken for Mr. Charles Pierre Sellier, proposed by Bro. Mesrouze, seconded by Bro. Laxton P.M. The result was unanimous, and the candidate was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Mesrouze evidencing, by the way in which he conducted the ceremony, that he had spared no pains to make himself proficient. We regret we are compelled here to refer to the incompetency of the S.W.; considering that brother is a P.M., and has but just left the chair of a Lodge, it seemed to us incomprehensible he should exhibit so little knowledge of the duties required of him. Noticeable features of the evening's business were the voting by the members the sum of £10 10s to the R.M.B.I., and the presentation to the Lodge, by the I.P.M., of a set of pedestals for the candlesticks, the latter gift being recognised by the members recording a vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes. This completing the work of the day, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was furnished by Bro. Philips, and the good things provided had justice done them. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Mesrouze proceeded with the toasts. In speaking of her Majesty he, as a foreigner, could say the Queen of England might be accepted as an example for the Sovereigns of Europe. As the Patroness of our Institutions, she had especial claims on us as Freemasons. The toasts of the M.W. the G.M., the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge having been fully honoured, Bro. Mesrouze rose to propose the health of the R.W. Prov. G.M. of the Province of Middlesex. He had not incorporated the name of Col. Burdett with the last toast, though no Grand Officer Past or Present was more highly esteemed. The zeal displayed on behalf of Freemasonry by the gallant Colonel was nowhere more appreciated than by the members of the Gooch Lodge, who fully realised the honour conferred by the Prov. Grand Master attending their meeting. Bro. Col. Burdett, on rising to reply, assured the W.M. and brethren of the Gooch Lodge that he felt intensely gratified at the way in which his name had been received. He esteemed it a very great honour to be associated as an Officer of Grand Lodge, which had at its head most worthy brethren. It was now some ten or twelve years since he had been appointed to preside over the Province of Middlesex, and he had pleasing recollections of having attended a gathering of members of this Lodge when they assembled elsewhere. In speaking of the Officers of this Province, Col. Burdett remarked they were ever ready to exert themselves for the welfare of the Order, and personally he was satisfied with the way in which they did their duty. He would also touch upon matters that more nearly concerned their Lodge. He could compliment the Installing Master on the way he had conducted the ceremony; while the way in which the Worshipful Master had performed the ceremony of initiation left nothing to be desired. This was the more commendable as Bro. Mesrouze was a foreigner. Before sitting down he would ask the brethren to drink heartily to the toast of their W.M. This compliment was acknowledged briefly, but with great fervour by Bro. Mesrouze. For the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers, Bro. Levander replied; he likewise paid a deserved compliment to the W.M. for the way the business had been conducted. Bro. Townsend replied for the P.M.'s. The Initiate received due recognition, the Visitors were heartily greeted, and the remaining toasts were expeditiously gone through, the exigencies of train service not allowing much time for oratorical display. The Tyler gave the parting toast, and the assembly dispersed.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1643.

THE Installation and Annual Festival of this young but flourishing Lodge took place on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Carr-street, Hebburn-on-Tyne. There was a very large gathering of Members and Visitors from all parts of the two Provinces. The Lodge was opened at 3.30 by Bro. G. Hardy W.M., supported by the following Officers:—Bros. McCulloch I.P.M., J. S. Mitchell S.W., W. Eckford J.W., S. Chadwick Sec., J. Marchant P.M. P.P.G.S.B. S.D., J. F. Stalk J.D., G. M. Richardson Org., W. Bewick I.G., M. H. Dodd J.S., and H. Bell Tyler; Past Masters T. S. Wrath and T. G. Mahane P.P.G.S.D. The visiting brethren present were—Bros. E. D. Davis P.M. 40 P.P.G.S.W., W. M. Bell P.M. 1557 P.P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland, B. Ford I.P.M. 1427 P.P.G.Org. Northumberland, W. H. Crookes P.G. Sec., R. Hudson P.G.D.C., R. Knox P.M. 406 P.P.G.S.D. Northumberland, John Page W.M. 406 P.G.S.B. Northumberland, R. Witfield W.M. 48, D. Taylor P.M. 1520, J. Bondee P.M. 1119, J. Wood S.W. 48, G. W. Lax S.W. 406 P.G. Steward Northumberland, John Mackey S.W. 424, J. G. Smith J.W. 48, J. W. Hodgson J.D. 1274, J. Mathews 48, M. J. Wetley 48, G. Davidson 240, G. Bradford 406, E. Thewbrooks 48, R. Brown 48, J. Allen 636, L. McFadjen 437, J. Marris, M. Chorlton, G. H. Thompson 240, and S. M. Harris Sec. 406 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Lodge being opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the Treasurer submitted his report, which showed the Lodge to be in a very flourishing condition. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. James Mitchell, the W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ancient charges were duly administered, and the usual formalities gone through. All below the rank of Installed Master then left the Lodge, and a Board of Past Masters was formed, and the ceremony proceeded with. On the re-admission of the brethren, they were informed by the Installing Master that Bro. Mitchell had duly and properly been placed in the chair of K.S., and they accordingly saluted him in the usual manner. The newly enthroned Master then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. G. Hardy I.P.M., W. Eckford S.W., A. Brodie J.W., Rev. W. Hedley Chaplain, J. McCulloch P.M. Treas. and D.C., S. Chadwick Sec., W. Bowick S.D., W. Gowens J.D., R. Richardson Organist, W. Nowlands I.G., W. Atkinson S.S., W. H. Fowkes J.S., H. Bell Tyler, &c. The Installing Master gave the several charges to the Wardens and brethren in a perfect manner, the whole of the ceremony being rendered most impressively, reflecting the greatest credit on Bro. Hardy for the amount of study and time he must have devoted to it in order to have acquitted himself so well. There were four propositions for initiation, amongst the gentlemen who offered themselves being the Mayor of Gorrow-on-Tyne. The names of four brethren were submitted as subscribing members. The W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the many visiting brethren, and a sum of £5 5s was voted towards presenting the I.P.M. with a jewel, in recognition of his many services to the Lodge. Other routine business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, numbering seventy-four, adjourned to the banquetting hall, where they did full justice to a well-arranged menu. The dinner was provided by Bro. W. Bewick, of the Ellison House Hotel, and reflected great credit on him as a caterer, the viands and wines being of remarkably good quality. Grace having been said, the brethren adjourned to the smoking room to give an opportunity for laying the dessert. In a very short time the tables were tastefully dressed, and the brethren took their seats, the W.M. proceeding with the toast list. The first that received attention was "The Queen," which was followed by that of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The W.M., in giving H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, said the post he occupied in Masonry, as well as that which he holds in the nation, entitled him to their love and respect. He, therefore, charged the brethren to drink his health with all honour. The next toast, which emanated from the chair, was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge. The W.M. expressed his opinion that they had more to do in Masonry than the Prince. He would not occupy their time by further remarks, as doubtless the brethren were anxious to smoke. Bro. Hardy I.P.M., in submitting the health of the Prov. G.M. Bro. J. Fawcett, the D.G.M. Sir Hedworth Williamson, and Officers of Grand Lodge, was sure the toast required no words of his to ensure it a hearty and enthusiastic reception. He regretted they had not had the honour of having the P.G.M. with them that day, but they had been favoured with the presence of two worthy and distinguished Officers, namely, the P.G. Sec. and the P.G.D.C. He trusted they had been satisfied with what they had seen; he should therefore couple with the toast the names of Bros. Crookes and Hudson. Bro. Crookes P.G. Sec. in replying, thanked them cordially for the way they had spoken of the Prov. Grand Officers, but more particularly for the way the Prov. Grand Master had been mentioned; he was sure all were proud of serving under a Mason like him. When it is remembered that he is a man of eighty years of age, he truly takes a good deal of trouble and interest in Masonry. Another thing they all might be proud of was, that he installed the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, at which ceremony he (Bro. Crookes) acted as one of the Stewards. On behalf of the Past Grand Officers, Bro. Hudson after expressing his thanks, congratulated the brethren on their Lodge room and the beautiful hall in which they met, which could not fail to impress the candidates with a proper feeling during the ceremonies. He also complimented the Installing Master on the perfect way in which he had conducted the ceremony, and hoped it would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of being amongst them. The W. Master then gave the toast of Earl Percy and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland; it was in the sister Province he had first seen the light of Masonry, being initiated by Bro. Knox, a distinguished Officer in that Province, whilst he was Master of the Northern Counties Lodge; he would, therefore, couple his name with the toast. Bro. Knox P.M. was afraid that the Province of Northumberland would suffer at his

hands, and regretted that another Officer had not been selected to respond to the toast. Personally, he was delighted to be present that day, having initiated the W.M.; he hoped that each Province would continue to exchange Masons like him, and so cement the unity already existing. Bro. Wrath P.M. then gave "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," to which Bros. Capt. Bold and Quartermaster McCulloch snitably replied. Bro. Hardy, in a few well chosen and flattering remarks, introduced "Health, prosperity and long life to the W.M." After dilating on his many good qualities, he called on the brethren to drink the toast with bumpers. The W.M., who was enthusiastically received, returned his sincere thanks not only for the way his name had been received, but also to the brethren for the proud position they had placed him in; he hoped to hand the Lodge over to his successor in as flourishing a state as he received it. Before sitting down he passed some well merited encomiums on Bro. Hardy, the I.P.M. and Installing Master. He was sure no words of his were required to insure his name being well received. Bro. Hardy felt amply repaid for anything he had done by the approbation of the brethren. The Visitors received a hearty welcome at the hands of Bro. Wrath, and the toast was responded to by Bros. Mackey, Don, Taylor, and Wilson. The next toast on the list was "The Press," proposed in suitable terms by Bro. Hardy, who expressed his pleasure at having four representatives present, amongst whom was one from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. J. H. Thompson (*Newcastle Chronicle*) acknowledged the compliment, and in course of his remarks intimated to the brethren that his Lodge at South Shields, St. Hilda, No. 240, would celebrate its centenary meeting on the 31st of next month, at which he hoped to see all the brethren. The Past and Present Officers, and the Masonic Charities also received due attention, and the Tyler was then called. Bro. McCulloch acted as toast Master in a very efficient manner. Some exceptionally fine harmony was kindly rendered by Bro. Leatham of Durham Cathedral, also some amusing songs and imitations by Bro. George Thompson. During the banquet some well executed selections were performed on the harmonium, which were most enjoyable. We must congratulate the brethren of this Lodge upon having such a convenient and splendid Hall to meet in, the fittings of which are both elaborate and complete; they are fortunate in having a brother amongst them like brother Bewick, who has furnished and fitted the hall throughout at a considerable outlay, and leased it to the Lodge at a nominal rental. We are sure this generosity on the part of Bro. Bowick is duly appreciated by every member of the Lodge.

A Fancy and Full Dress Ball will be held under the auspices of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557, in the Town Hall, Hexham, on the 2nd of April. Bro. E. D. Davis Provincial Grand D.C. has kindly consented to officiate as M.C., assisted by Bro. W. M. Bell I.P.M. 1557 P.G.A.D.C., by whom this movement is initiated. There is every prospect of its being a very large and successful gathering, after which it is contemplated, we understand, to hold one in aid of the Masonic Charities.

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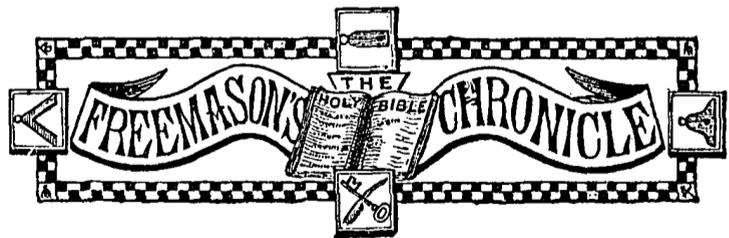
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Institution rendered it impossible for the regular Board Room being allowed. It is the wish of the founders that as many brethren as can make it convenient will attend, and as it is proposed then to announce the amount of subscriptions and promises received, it is hoped that brethren will make known as early as possible the amount of the support they intend to give, in order that the list may be properly prepared. It may also be pointed out that a knowledge of the amount likely to be subscribed will also give a better opportunity of deciding to what extent the benefits of the Fund shall be applied. We are informed that collecting sheets are now ready, and that the Secretaries will be pleased to receive the names of brethren willing to undertake the office of Steward, for which it has been decided there shall be no compulsory qualification, nor is there any fee payable on serving the office. Donations may be paid to the account of the Fund at the Bank of England (Burlington Gardens Branch), or sent to the Treasurer, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Long Melford, Suffolk, or to either of the Secretaries, Dick Radclyffe, 129 High Holborn, London, W.C., or W. W. Morgan jun., FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE Office, 23 Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY communication of the G. Lodge of Scotland was held on 5th instant, in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. There were about 400 of the brethren present, many of them being from country Lodges. The M.W.G.M. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., occupied the throne; Bro. F. A. Barrow P.S.G.W. acted as S.G.W.; and R. Shaw-Stewart was in his place as J.G.W. The Grand Master was supported by the Earl of Mar and Kellie Depute G.M., and A. Smollett of Bonhill Prov. G.M. Dumbartonshire acting Substitute G.M. Most of the Grand Officers were present, as were also many of the Past Officers and numerous representatives of Foreign and Colonial Grand Lodges. The Grand Secretary intimated that apologies for absence had been received from Brothers Colonel Campbell of Blythwood, the Earl of Haddington, Charles Dalrymple, M.P., the Earl of Breadalbane, and Captain Colt of Gartsherrie, &c. Brother R. F. Shaw-Stewart presented his commission as representative of "The Countries" Grand Lodge of Germany, and was congratulated thereon from the throne. Grand Lodge having been properly constituted, reports of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of West Virginia, Nova Scotia, and Massachusetts, and also a copy of a sketch of the Incorporation of Masons and the Lodge of Glasgow St. John, from the author, Brother James Cruickshank Past Depute Prov. G.M. of Glasgow City Province, were received with thanks. An abstract was submitted of the accounts of Grand Lodge for the year from 1st December 1878 to 29th November last, which showed the total estate at the close of the account to have been £16,704, or an increase of funds during the year of nearly £1,570. The income had been £1,450, and the expenditure £2,880. There had been about 4000 entrants and affiliations during the year. An abstract was also tabled of the accounts of the Masonic Benevolence Fund for the same period, which showed an increase of funds during the year of £259—the total estate at the close being £5,460. The income had been £644, and the expenditure £385, of which £350 had been specially voted to benevolent purposes by the committee, and £19 had been granted in casual charities. A *vidimus* by the Grand Cashier of the income and expenditure of Grand Lodge for the three months ending 24th January showed an income of £1,283, which exceeded the expenditure by £604. From a statement regarding the Fund of Benevolence, it appeared that grants to the amount of £72 had been voted during the quarter ending 29th January.

The resignation of Colonel W. Montgomerie Neilson of Queenshill as Prov. G.M. of Glasgow was accepted. In accordance with the recommendation of Grand Committee, it was resolved that fraternal relations be opened with the Grand Lodge of California, and Bro. John Mills Browne was appointed representative of Grand Lodge near that of California. Bro. Rollin Jewett Tucker was appointed Prov. G.M. of Bermuda, in room of the deceased Bro. Dr. F. J. Hunter. Grand Lodge ordered that charters be issued in favour of Lodges *Cœur de Leon*, Moruya, New South Wales, and St. George's, Grenada. It was resolved that the Province of which Bro. the Earl of Haddington has been appointed Grand Master be named the Province of Berwick and Roxburgh shires. Intimation was made of the dissolution of the Lodge Caledonian, Haskieu, Constantinople. Leave was given to the Lodge St. Luke's, Edinburgh (No. 44) to alter its name, to the effect of being known and designated in future as the Lodge of Holyrood House (St. Luke's).

Bro. W. Officer drew attention to the report by Grand Committee that the Grand Master had presented to Grand Lodge a minute book of the Lodge St. Andrew, Dumfries, No. 179, of which Burns was a member, bearing the Poet's signature to the bye-laws, and containing the minute of his admission, the mallet of St. Andrew, and an apron used in the Lodge in Burns' time. Burns held the post of Senior Warden in this lodge during the year ending 30th November 1793. The last meeting of the Lodge at which he was present was held in the Coffee house on 14th April 1796, just three months before his death on 21st July. The Lodge was chartered in 1774, but was cut off the roll of Grand Lodge in 1816. The minute of the poet's affiliation is as follows:—"Saint John's Day, 27th December 1788.—The brethren having celebrated the anniversary of St. John in the usual manner, and Bro. Robert Burns, in Ailliesland, of St. David's,

Strabolton, Lodge No. 178, being present, the Lodge unanimously assumed him a member of the Lodge, being a Master Mason; and he subscribed the Regulations as a Member. Thereafter the Lodge was shut.—Sim Mackenzie." Grand Committee had already thanked the Grand Master; and Bro. Officer moved that Grand Lodge should now mark its recognition of the present by according a vote of thanks for it. The motion was carried with acclamation; and the Grand Master, in replying, assured the brethren it had given him great pleasure to be able to present these interesting relics to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Bro. William Mann then rose to present to Grand Lodge a duplicate of the marble bust of the Grand Master which was lately presented to Lady Octavia-Shaw Stewart, in recognition of the services which her husband had rendered to Grand Lodge during the past six years. In doing so, he said that during that period Grand Lodge had passed from a state of disorganisation and discredit to a state of prosperity and order. He was quite sure a great deal of this had been brought about by the kindness and wise direction of the Grand Master. The bust, which is an excellent likeness of the Grand Master, was then unveiled amid cheers, and in a few complimentary sentences Bro. Mann, on behalf of the Freemasons of Scotland, asked the Grand Master to accept of the bust, to be retained in Grand Lodge through all time.

The Grand Master then asked, whether it was the pleasure of Grand Lodge that the bust be accepted? and this being answered by prolonged cheers, he proceeded to say—That being agreed to, allow me, for my own part, to return you my most sincere thanks for the honour you have done me. As my old friend, Bro. Mann has said, the Masons of Scotland have already paid me a great compliment in the most kind manner in presenting to my wife an excellent likeness of her husband, the Grand Master Mason—presented to herself at her own fireside, there to remain a memorial for my children, and a pleasure and an interest now to many friends coming about Ardgowan. Brethren, you have done more than this, kind as that act was. You have judged me fit to have my bust placed in Grand Lodge—a very great honour indeed. It is no small compliment to be thought worthy of having one's bust placed in the same line with those two already in Grand Lodge. Looking at these likenesses, of Whyte-Melville and Dalhousie, I cannot but remember that it was with very great misgivings, when more than six years ago you did me the honour to elect me to the throne, that I found myself the successor of those able Grand Masters. By no means strong in health at that time, I foresaw great difficulties in succeeding these men, to say nothing of my immediate predecessor, the vivacious and accomplished Lord Rosslyn. I remember expressing in Grand Lodge on that occasion my diffidence and fears as to my success; but I also remember assuring Grand Lodge that I would, as far as it was in my power, devote myself to the interests of Scottish Masonry; and, brethren, your kindness, your very great kindness, shows me that you kindly appreciate my efforts on behalf of Masonry. I do not wish to detain you by making a long speech. I thank my old friend Bro. Mann for the kind words in which he has alluded to me. Believe me that your handsome present to Lady Octavia, your kindness to myself, the confidence you have shown in me, and your friendship, and, moreover, the high honour which you pay me this evening, during my life will ever be gratefully remembered. Cheers were given also for Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart and the Grand Master's family.

Grand Lodge next proceeded to the election of brethren to act as Members of Grand Committee, in room of Bros. George H. Thoms, W. J. C. Abbott, Chas. L. Ramsden, William Niven, Wm. Barton, Dr. John Middleton, John Davidson, John Beveridge, William Officer, James Turner, William Barry, and James Caldwell, who retired by rotation, and William Edwards and William MacLean jun. who held office *ad interim*. There were twenty-nine nominations, and the following were elected, with the number of votes mentioned:—Bros. James Turner, Edinburgh, 336; Hon. Francis Jeffrey Moncreiff, Edinburgh, 327; Sheriff G. H. Thoms, Edinburgh, 310; John Crombie, Aberdeen, 254; William Edwards, Edinburgh, 231; William Officer, Edinburgh, 227; James Caldwell, Paisley, 226; Charles L. Ramsden, Edinburgh, 220; William Barton, Edinburgh, 205; W. J. C. Abbott, Edinburgh, 197; William Barry, Leith, 195; John Davidson, Edinburgh, 186; David Hume, Dysart, 186; and William Niven, Edinburgh, 180.

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.—*Edinburgh Courant*.

Obituary.

WE regret to record the death, on the 10th inst., at his residence, 138 Milkwood-road, S.E., of Bro. Charles Lambert Marshall, at the early age of 46. Our esteemed lamented brother formerly held a distinguished position in the 10th Hussars—retiring shortly after the Crimean war, at which campaign he was present. During the early part of our volunteer movement he took an active part in the development of three regiments, and being an excellent fencer and swordsman, assisted at many of those "Assaults of Arms" which have now become so popular. In the Craft he obtained high honours, being P.M. of the Neptune, No. 22, and P.Z. to Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22, besides a member of several other Orders. After a successful career in business, he retired into private life only six weeks before the G.A.O.T.U. thought fit to summon him—having survived his wife, to whom he was devotedly attached, 17 months. His remains were interred on Monday last, at Norwood Cemetery, during a storm of wind and rain. As we took a last look at the resting place of our departed brother the dark clouds cleared away and the sun shone brilliantly, as if nature herself was emblematically suggesting that although the grave seemed dull and dreary, future life is bright beyond. The principal mourners were Mr. Charles E. Marshall (eldest son of the deceased), Bro. W. Shury Marshall W.M. 1549 (only surviving brother), Messrs. C. E. Santry, Arthur and William Ashwell, Pearce, Bull, and Fisher.

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, 21st FEBRUARY.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

MONDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 8
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1603—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Bardett-road (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common

- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
118—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Holden Bridge
404—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembrokeshire
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1542—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

- 11—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
92—Moin, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Batters 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—Hensley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
61—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Pleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Fillington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheddle
1809—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R. A. 623—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

- 103—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
638—La 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 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent

- 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Rongergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1470—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
R. A. 1356—Do Groy and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes.
R. C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Choquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1237—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1593—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 7.30. (Inst.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
399—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newlegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Pernor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M. M. 31—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (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)
1842—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1395—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Pcuistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 19th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Loadenball-street, E.C. Bros. H. J. Phillips W.M., J. Da Silva S.W., J. B. King J.W., C. H. Webb Preceptor, L. Norden Secretary, A. Abrahams S.D., E. J. Ward J.D., J. Gartley I.G., A. Ellis, Hall, &c. The usual preliminaries were observed, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Abrahams candidate. Lodge was advanced, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Norden, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Hall candidate. Bro. Taylor worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree. Bro. Hall was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the presiding W.M., Bro. H. J. Phillips, for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties, for the first time. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Beaudesert Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 97.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 12th February, at the Lodge rooms, Linslade, Loighton Buzzard. Present:—Bros. Howell P.M. as W.M., H. Poynter S.W., J. Williamson P.M. J.W., Fontaine P.M. Treasurer, McLean Secretary, McCubbin P.M., McDowall M.O., Morgan, Mickley, Gibbs Tylor. Lodge was opened and minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Knight of Lodge 918 was balloted for; the result proving unanimous in his favour, he was advanced to the degree of M.M.M. Lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together.

Chapter of Elias Ashmole, No. 148, Warrington.—An emergency Convocation of this flourishing Chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, on Tuesday evening, 17th February. The M.E.Z. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland was supported by the Officers of the Chapter, and an unusually large attendance of members and visitors from Wigan, Manchester and Birkenhead. The Chapter having been opened and the Companions admitted, the ballot was taken respectively for Bros. J. Paul Ryland, F.S.A., William Robinson and Dr. Walter. The ballot proving unanimous in favour, and the brethren being present, they were severally introduced and exalted in ample form. The P.S. being Comp. P. J. Edelston P.Z. The historic, symbolic and mystic lectures were given respectively by E. Comps. James Jackson J., P. J. Edelsten P.Z. and the M.E.Z. On the close of the Chapter the M.E.Z. invited the Companions to light refreshment, and a most pleasant hour was spent, during which the health of the newly-exalted Companions and the Visitors was drunk. In responding, the Companions all expressed themselves much edified by the manner in which the beautiful ceremony had been interpreted by the Officers of the Chapter.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At Bro. Seaton's, the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, on Wednesday, 11th inst. Present—Bros. Sayer W.M., Biddle S.W., J. Smith J.W., Walker S.D.; Ramsay, A. W. Smith, and several others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and closed to the first. Bro. Biddle was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

On 18th inst., Bros. Walker W.M., James Smith S.W., John E. Fells J.W., W. Woodward D., Albert Kahn I.G., J. K. Pitt Sec., A. W. Smith, P. Tobias, W. Saint, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Kahn candidate. The questions for passing were put and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. A. W. Smith, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and the Lodge being opened in the third degree, he was raised in due form. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. The Lodge was called off and on, and the W.M. gave the Ancient Charge for the instruction of those assembled. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for next Wednesday evening, 7 o'clock.

Prosperity Chapter, No. 290.—The regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield. The attendance of members was but meagre, compared with previous meetings. Chapter was opened by Comp. B. Hutchinson P.Z., for Comp. Allen Haigh Z. (absent), George Sykes II., Farrer J. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the only business—the election of Officers for the ensuing year—was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Comps. George Sykes Z. (unfortunately not unanimous), Farrers II. and J., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer, Wheawell S.E., Clark Turner Kay J. S.N., J. Beanland P.S., and Smith J. There were also present Comps. John W. Turner P.Z., Murphy, Dyson, L. Brierley, and a few others. Business being concluded, and Chapter closed, refreshments were partaken of, and the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were proposed and responded to. The next meeting of the Chapter will be in November, when it is hoped to have a more successful year than the present, there having been but one ceremony during the season.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548.—There was a large muster of the brethren of the South London district at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, on Monday last, the 16th inst., on which occasion the Fifteen Sections were rehearsed by the members of this Lodge of Instruction, under the presidency of Bro. Milbourn, of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13. The other Officers were Bros. Martin D.C. 879 S.W., Batchelor S.D. 518 P.S. 79 J.W., Anderson D.C. 1536 S.D., Ross D.C. 700 J.D., Coen 169 I.G.,

and Griffin P.M. 933 S.W. 1531 P.Z. 79 and 933 I.P.M. At the appointed hour, seven p.m., Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed in the first. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed, and a commencement of the special business of the meeting followed forthwith, the first and second sections of the Lecture being worked by the S.D., the third by Bro. Greenwood 1571, the fourth by Bro. Duffield 87 and 1571, the fifth and sixth by the W.M.—the questions being put by Bro. Griffin, who holds the position of Preceptor and Treasurer to the Lodge of Instruction—and the seventh by the S.W. The Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and after a brief adjournment, was resumed in the second degree. The lecture appertaining thereto was then rehearsed, the first section by Bro. Gloster W.M. 1531 S.D. 1326, the second by Bro. Hutchins S.W. 147 J.W. 1531, the third by Bro. Taylor W.M. 753, the fourth by Bro. Linniker J.D. 554, and the fifth by the S.W. The Lodge being resumed in the third degree, the three concluding sections were worked—the first by the J.D., the second by Bro. Gibson Hon. Sec. to the Lodge of Instruction, and the third by the S.W. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree. We may state that the working was in all respects most admirably performed, and reflected the utmost credit upon all concerned. That this was so is evidenced by the fact that unanimous votes of thanks were tendered to Bro. Milbourn and to the brethren who assisted him in the labours of the evening. Prior to the closing of the Lodge, Bros. Anderson of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, and Pyo of the West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403, were elected members.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—The regular meeting was held on the 17th inst., at the "Green Dragon," Stepney. Bro. E. W. Walter in the chair; Bros. J. Godwin S.W., Forss J.W., W. Cross Deacon, Mackenrot I.G.; P.M.'s Berry Preceptor, T. J. Barnes and J. H. Thorn; also I. P. Cohen, J. Taylor, C. Veal, W. Hawes, J. Andrews. Lodge was opened in duo form and the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Veal candidate. Bro. J. Taylor worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture, with the assistance of the brethren. Bro. Andrews W.M. 1227 was elected to the chair for the 9th March. The Annual Supper will take place on the 2nd March, when we hope there will be a full meeting.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday evening, 13th February. Present:—Bros. Acworth W.M., F. Botley S.W., Muton J.W., Gomm S.D., C. E. Botley J.D., Goss (P.M.) I.G., Roe (P.M.) Preceptor, Tucker Treas., Gunner Hon. Sec., Blasby, Irwin, Doroy, Andrews P.M. 77, &c., Niner P.M. 710, &c., and other brethren. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The sum of £1 1s was unanimously voted to a distressed brother, and the members kindly supplemented the vote by a subscription amongst themselves. The amounts were handed to the brother, who in touching terms referred to the vicissitudes of fortune which had fallen to his lot, and heartily thanked the brethren for their kindness. The business of the evening was then proceeded with. Bro. Acworth worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Niner kindly acting as candidate. Lodge was opened to 3rd, and closed to 1st degree. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for the meeting on 20th inst. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Roe, Bro. Andrews (P.M. 77) was unanimously admitted a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Blasby thanked the brethren for the hearty good wishes sent in their name to him by the Hon. Sec., on his marriage. In pursuance of notice given at the previous meeting the Hon. Sec., brought forward the motion,—“That a ball be given under the auspices of this Lodge of Instruction, towards meeting the expenses incurred in acquiring additional premises for the Girls' School.” Bro. Gunner expressed it as his conviction that it was the duty of every Mason to endeavour to reduce the strain upon the Funds consequent upon such acquisition; and his willingness to lend a hand in that direction. Bro. F. Botley seconded the proposition in a humorous speech, and Bros. Roe, Goss, Tucker and others expressed their views on the subject, which provoked considerable discussion. The general view appeared to be that sufficient notice had not been given, as many brethren present had not heard of the matter till this evening, after some discursive remarks, and questions to Bro. Gunner regarding expense &c., connected with the proposed ball, the matter was put to the vote. So few of the brethren voted that Bro. Gunner expressed his great disappointment at the failure, for the present, of his motion, and with the consent of Bro. F. Botley (the seconder) begged to withdraw his proposition. Being urged by the W.M. and several brethren not to withdraw the motion, but to bring it forward on another occasion, the Hon. Sec. explained that his experience of such matters was, that from the first step it was absolutely necessary that all should pull together, for a perfect success could never be expected or obtained where, at the outset, one or two adverse voices were raised, he begged, with due respect to the chair, to decline to alter his resolve at least for the present. Bro. Blasby then gave notice that he would at the next meeting, bring forward a motion of a similar purport to that withdrawn by the Hon. Sec. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned for a week.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 16th Feb., Bros. McMillan W.M., Jones S.W., Olley J.W., High S.D., Neville J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Preceptor, also Bro. Featherstone. Lodge was opened in duo form, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Featherstone, a candidate for the third degree, was interrogated, entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Thomas Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

NEW CONCORD LODGE BALL.

THE annual ball of this Lodge, No. 813, was held on 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen St., London, under the presidency of Bros. R. R. Harper W.M. of the Lodge, who was supported by Bro. S. George the S.W., Vice President, and a strong list of Stewards. The gathering was a most enjoyable one, and we think all present enjoyed themselves. After the supper the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. Harper in proposing the health of the Stewards said that every one knew that the success or failure of gatherings like this mainly depended on the ability and energy of the Stewards. He flattered himself he had secured brethren who had one and all devoted themselves to ensuring complete success, a result he thought, beyond question, they had achieved. Bro. George replied, and then proposed the health of the President, to whom he said was due the honour of making the gathering what it really was. All who knew him were aware of his natural geniality, and he could assure those who did not, that no man existed who was more entitled to the respect of his fellows than their W.M. The President briefly responded. He felt amply repaid for any trouble he had taken in the arrangements for the evening by glancing at the pleasant faces he saw around him. He then proposed the toast of the evening—the Ladies. Personally, he thanked them for their attendance. He hoped the arrangements that had been made for their enjoyment had given satisfaction, and also that on many future occasions he should have an opportunity of welcoming them. Bro. Johnson, who throughout the evening acted as M.C., responded. The reputation of the Freemasons' Tavern for ball suppers is too well known to call for mention, and we are also aware that Bro. Best always desires that his guests should thoroughly enjoy what is put before them. To do this comfortably a little time is needed, as Bro. Best is doubtless aware, and perhaps he will take an opportunity of impressing this fact on the memory of his waiters, whose anxiety on this occasion somewhat affected the guests. Dining is, we believe, a fine art; so is cramming birds for the early markets. We have tried the former, but have no desire to extend our researches in the direction of the latter, more especially if we are to be the victims operated on.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 14th February, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bros. Geo. W. Blackie W.M., R. Freeman I.P.M. (in the absence of Bro. Catchpole) S.W., Hamer J.W., N. B. Headon Treas. and acting Sec. The first business was the raising of Bro. Wood to the third degree, the ceremony being most efficiently performed by the W.M. The next item on the list was the passing of Bro. Murdoch, and this was followed by the initiation of Mr. Jury into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. On the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Headon said that he had received a letter from Bro. Moody, the Secretary, resigning his office. It was dated from Blackpool, 1st February, and was as follows:—

My Dear W.M.,—As it is almost certain that during the whole of the present year I shall be away from London, I feel that I cannot continue to do justice to the office of Secretary; and as I should be very sorry for the interests of the Lodge to suffer from the want of proper attention, I have decided, after serious consideration, and with much reluctance, to resign into your hands the collar you so kindly invested me with.

To this were added a few observations as to how the work might be carried on until his successor could be appointed. Bro. H. Thompson P.M. wished to know whether the decision to which Bro. Moody had come was irrevocable, or whether the causes that had drawn it forth were only temporary. Bro. Headon P.M. and Treas. said he believed that they were not temporary, and that indeed Bro. Moody had for some time past contemplated retiring from the office of Secretary. Bro. H. Thompson said that being so, he would, with the permission of Bro. Headon, who proposed merely to move that Bro. Moody's resignation be accepted, substitute for it the following resolution, viz.:—"That the resignation of Bro. Moody of his office of Secretary be accepted, but this Lodge cannot but express its most sincere regret at the retirement of so useful and able an Officer; and although no longer officially connected with them, this Lodge trusts that he may be long blessed with health, happiness, and prosperity, and continue for many years to be a member of The Great City Lodge." He said he need offer no observations in support of this motion, as he believed the kind and genial manners of Bro. Moody were so well known and appreciated that he should find no dissentient to it. Bro. Freeman I.P.M. said he should have great pleasure in seconding the motion, and after a few observations from one or two members, the motion was put and unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Headon undertook immediately to communicate the terms of the resolution to Bro. Moody. Bro. Headon said he had also received a letter from Bro. Catchpole Senior Warden, in which he also stated that in consequence of his almost continuous absence from London he felt compelled to resign his office as Senior Warden of the Lodge. This resignation was received with regret. Bro. Headon said he had received a communication in reference to the existing distress in Ireland, soliciting subscriptions towards the Mansion House Fund. Now, the only fund which they had available for such a purpose was the Samaritan, and he moved that the sum of ten guineas be voted from it to be applied to the Mansion House Fund for relieving the distress in Ireland. Bro. Freeman I.P.M. seconded the motion, which was agreed to with but one dissentient. Bro. Headon then brought forward a motion of which he had given notice at the last Lodge, "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on the list of Bro. Blackie W.M., who represents this Lodge as Steward at the next Festival for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." After a few observations this

was also put and agreed to. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer. There was no banquet, but most of the members assembled afterwards, when various questions were discussed, with a view of promoting the welfare of the Lodge, and several practical suggestions were thrown out, having for their object the extension of its usefulness and the continuation of its proceedings with economy.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 17th February. Bros. F. Carr W.M., Christian S.W., E. Williams J.W., Clark S.D., Smyth J.D., Baker I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, F. Brasted acting Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Polak, Pettit, Allen, Hand, Fraser, Welford, and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Fraser was interrogated, entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Allen worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fraser and Bro. Welford were elected members. Bro. Christian was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge by the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday evening next, at seven o'clock, by invitation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned.

St. Barnabas Chapter, No. 948.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 12th February, at the Chapter Rooms, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard. Present—Comps. F. Howell M.E.Z., H. Poynter P.Z. as H., Mickley J., Fontaine P.Z. Scribe E. and Treas., J. McCubbin P.Z. Scribe N., McDowall Principal Soj., Gibbs Janitor. Visitors—Comps. Williams P.Z. and McLean. Business—Chapter opened, minutes read and confirmed. Ballot for Bro. Knight, Lodge 948, unanimous. He was admitted and exalted. Comp. Williams, at the desire of the M.E.Z., gave the mystic lecture. Chapter closed. Companions afterwards dined together. Comp. Morgan, of the Elephant and Castle Hotel, catered to the great satisfaction of the Companions.

Beaudesert Lodge, No. 1087.—A meeting was held on Friday, 13th February, at the Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard. Present:—Bros. Green W.M., Holdom S.W. and Treas., Grafton J.W., Gotto P.M. Sec., Willis S.D., McCubbin P.M. J.D., Sandall I.G., Gibbs Tyler; Bros. Spiers, Platten. Visitors Bros. H. Poynter P.M. 1087 and 948, J. McCubbin P.M. 948, C. J. Morgan 948, and H. Willis 948. The Lodge was opened in ancient form; Bro. Platten, a candidate for the second degree was examined and entrusted, and on his re-admission was passed, Bro. P.M. Gotto performing the ceremony. Bro. Spiers, a candidate for the third was raised, and the working tools presented, and their uses, operative and speculative, explained by Bro. H. Poynter P.M. The W.M. now resumed his collar and chair, and closed the Lodge in the three degrees. It was announced to the Brethren by Bro. Sandall, the Treasurer of the Subscription Fund for raising a memorial stone over the grave of the late W.M. Bro. Harris, that the list was now complete, and a sub-committee was appointed to select the pattern the memorial should take. The brethren afterwards dined together at Bro. Pickering's.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Thursday, 12th instant. Bros. Peacock W.M., Patrick S.W., Legg J.W., Fenner Proc., Hine S.D., Serjeant J.D., Klein I.G.; also Bros. Silvas, Loeffler, Andrews, Gieseke. The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Hine being the candidate. The third section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by Bro. Patrick. Bro. Patrick was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Enfield Lodge, No. 1237.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 9th inst., at the George Hotel, Enfield, under the presidency of Bro. Oxley, the W.M., who was assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. Taverner S.W., Peach J.W., Mathison Treas., Thompson Sec., Poore S.D., Bryant J.D., Fidler I.G., Vory Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. Thorn W.M. 554, Jaffa W.M. 1579, G. Tegg 1579, Leaman 1707, and Garrod 754. The usual formalities having been duly observed in opening, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the W.M. then raised Bro. F. C. Herbert, after which the Lodge was resumed in the first degree. The ballot was taken and proved in favour of Mr. Thomas Evans, who was that evening a candidate for Freemasonry, and he being in attendance was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Other business of a minor character being disposed of, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, presided over by the W.M., who gave the Loyal, Masonic, and other toasts, which were severally replied to, and a very enjoyable evening spent, the brethren separating at an early hour.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on 11th inst., at Bro. Smith's, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green. Present—Bros. Clark W.M., Abrahams S.W., Lazarus J.W., Smith Treas., Hand S.D., Ward I.G., Hogg P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Loveday, Britton, M. Christian, &c. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Loveday candidate. Lodge was resumed to first degree. Bro. Christian worked first, second and third, and Bro. Hogg fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Abrahams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday, 17th February. Bros. Worsley W.M., Myers P.M. S.W., Watkins J.W.,

Smith S.D., Spencer J.D., Power I.G., Worsley Secretary, Musto P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Cope, Pavitt, Butler, White, Sadler, Barker, Nash, Dixon, and Plater. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cope answered the necessary questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. worked the whole of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, and the Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Myers P.M. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when sections only will be worked, the Preceptor acting as S.W. and Bro. Cundick P.M. as J.W. This should ensure a large attendance when three such excellent workers are performing the duties. The following brethren will assist in working the sections:—First, Spencer; second, Watkins; third, Rawe; fourth Myers; fifth, Andrews; sixth, Pavitt; seventh, Candick; eighth, Watkins; ninth, Johnson; tenth, McDonald; eleventh, Smith; twelfth, Worsley; thirteenth, Barker; fourteenth, Musto; fifteenth, A. Ellis. The supper will take place on the first Tuesday in April, that being the first anniversary of the Lodge.

Mornington Lodge, No. 1672.—The M.W. Grand Master has been graciously pleased to sanction the removal of this Lodge from Wanstead to the King's Head, Fenchurch Street. The usual Lodge meeting was held at the last-named well appointed establishment on Thursday, the 5th inst. After the ceremony of the 2nd degree had been most efficiently performed by Bro. Blackman W.M., ably assisted by his Officers, a capital repast was served by "mine host" Bro. Davies, in the Marble room, and a very pleasant evening was spent, Bro. Marsh P.M. making the most of the opportunity in the cause of charity. This young Lodge has some very earnest Masons and thorough workers in its ranks, and we predict for it, in its new palatial home, a highly prosperous career. At this meeting three candidates for initiation and one joining member were proposed.

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717 (E.C.), Tunis, North Africa.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 7th February. Present:—W. Bros. Dr. Perini W.M., Broadley D.D.G.M. I.P.M. and Secretary, Sulema P.M.; Bros. Souiller S.W., Pentecost J.W., Barsotti Treasurer, Bokopsa D. of C., Dr. Pace-Williams A.D. of C., De Gallais S.D., J. Gaudus J.D., Captain Johnstone Organist, Miviere Steward, Carriglio I.G. and Eymon Tyler; a fair attendance of members, and several visitors, including W. Bros. David Costa W.M. of the Italian Lodge Progresso Costituzionale, at Susa. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Fenech-Nuzzo was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Chaigne and Cohen raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge being lowered, the following honorary members were elected, at the proposition of Bro. Broadley D.D.G.M. Malta, supported by the S.W. and others, viz.:—Bros. R. Bower P.M. 29 Iowa, U.S.A., P.G.H.P. of Iowa, Rev. G. R. Portal P.M. 357, T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611, J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611, F. Davison P.M. 10, H. C. Levander P.M. 142, J. L. Thomas P.G.A.D. of C., F. Binckes P.G.S., D. M. Dewar P.M. 1627, Rev. T. Robinson P.M. 88 and 709, W. J. Beck P.M. 289, J. S. Eastes P.M. 709 D.P.G.M. Kent. It was decided to send these distinguished brethren certificates of their honorary membership. Two French Masons were proposed as joining members, having duly subscribed the declaration as to belief in a Supreme Being, according to the resolution of Grand Lodge on the 6th March 1878. Bro. Professor Clement remarked that, as an old French Mason, he was glad to say that a Conservative re-action was at work in the Grand Orient of France, which would speedily restore to French Masons their ancient formula. A report of the Permanent Committee as to finance having been adopted, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—An emergency meeting was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent-garden, on Tuesday, 10th Feb. Present—Bros. Douglass W.M., Willing I.P.M. Treasurer as S.W., Jones S.D. as J.W., Stiles Sec., Smith as S.D., Sillis as J.D., Hare as I.G., Holt D.C., Daley Tyler; Gray, Verdin, Dickey (2), Armstrong, Ellis (2), Barham, &c. Visitor—Bro. Kauffmann D.C. 1732. The Lodge having met punctually at six, was opened in due form, and Messrs. W. Smith, W. T. Haycock, J. Fisher and W. Bagley were respectively introduced, and initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M.

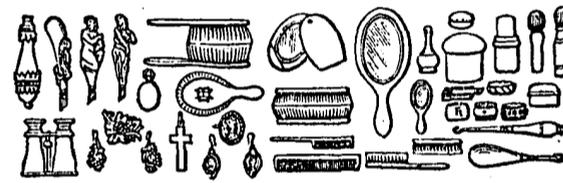
announced the satisfactory amount subscribed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by the brethren, and the Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 22nd inst., at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, "Rising Sun," Globo Road, Bethnal Green. Bro. J. Taylor I.G. 554 will occupy the chair, and be assisted by Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 as S.W., Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 as J.W., and other distinguished brethren. The proceedings will commence at 7 o'clock precisely.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AT TRURO.

WHEN his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales lays the foundation stone of the Cathedral at Truro—as it is probable that it will be done with Masonic honours—the Freemasons of Devon would, to a very large extent, like to be associated in so interesting and important a ceremonial with their brethren of Cornwall. It will be remembered what a splendid gathering of the Freemasons of the combined western provinces of the two counties there was assembled to meet the Prince when he opened the New Guildhall at Plymouth. Then the venerable John Hnyshe, the Grand Master of Devon, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Grand Master of Cornwall, were present to welcome the Prince, with a gathering of Masonic brethren larger than, at that time, his Royal Highness had ever met before. It was certainly followed not long afterwards by that nobler gathering of Masons, when there were some seven thousand of them assembled, to see the Prince installed as the Grand Master of England, at the Albert Hall. Now, on the 20th of May next, I should like to see a repetition of the brotherly welcome afforded to the Prince when he visits the city of his own Dukedom, to be the chief actor in an event the like of which has not happened since the Reformation. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, although he is the G.M. of Cornwall, is a Devonshire Mason, and we have no doubt that he, too, would be glad to be surrounded with brethren from his own province. We trust that steps will be taken in time to ensure this combined action.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

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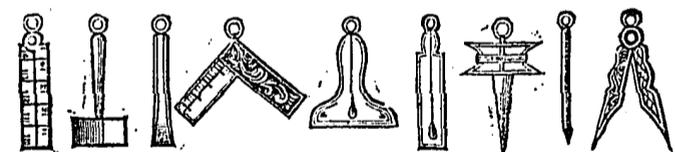
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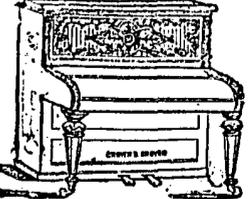
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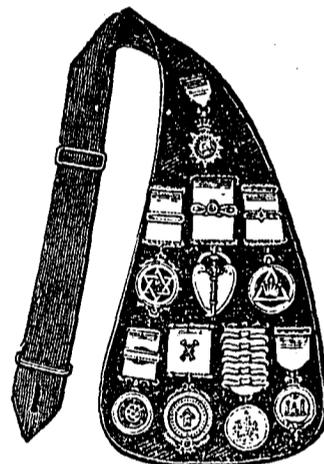
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