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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held this day (Saturday), at noon, in the Great Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, for the transaction of the usual business and the election of thirteen from an approved list of forty-five candidates. Dealing with the election, we find that the first four on the list, of whom one has a sister in the Institution, have stood on three occasions, but only in the case of the fourth, who has 912 votes to her credit, has any real progress been made towards success. The eight girls that follow have tried on two previous occasions, and in the case of three of them (Nos. 7, 8, and 10) success must be achieved to-day, or not at all, as they will be ineligible, by reason of age, in October. Five of these eight—namely, No. 5, with 772 votes, No. 6, with 984 votes, No. 7, with 958 votes, No. 10, with 880 votes, and No. 12, with 1005 votes—stand extremely well already; while No. 8 has only 19 votes. No. 9 has a sister in the School, and No. 6 a brother in the Boys' School. In the case of the next sixteen, this is the second time of asking, the votes already recorded ranging from 429 in the case of No. 17, and 395 in that of No. 26, down to as few as 6 for No. 28, 2 for No. 22, and 1 for No. 13; while No. 21 is voteless. Two of these—Nos. 14 and 23—have each already a sister in the School, and No. 18 a brother in the Boys' School. The remaining seventeen are applicants for the first time, and of these Nos. 34, 35, and 42 have each a brother in the Boys' School. Of the whole number of candidates five have lost both parents, while eight have both living; all the others are fatherless. In twelve cases the father has subscribed to, or filled the office of Steward for one or more of our three Institutions. Looking to see how the candidates are distributed throughout the country, we note that seventeen out of the forty-five hail from London. Hants sends up the very considerable number for a Province of six, Warwickshire three, Devonshire, Kent, and Lincolnshire send up each two; and a single candidate is furnished from each of the following:—Cambridgeshire, Devon, Lancashire East, Lancashire West, Yorkshire (N. and E. Ridings), Essex, Hong Kong, South Wales (West), Durham, Somerset, Suffolk, and Middlesex; while in two cases the candidates owe a divided allegiance—one between Cheshire and Wilts, and the other between Canada and Northamptonshire, though, as regards Canada, the allegiance, if any, is due to Scotland, as it was in the Scotch Lodge Elgin, No. 348, the father of the girl was initiated.

Let us now turn to the business of the meeting, which is heavier and more interesting than usual. The first notice of motion on the agenda paper stands in the name of Bro. Lient.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, to the effect that "it being desirable to enlarge the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by maintaining, clothing, and educating twenty-five girls, in addition to those already in the Institution, the House Committee be directed to make the necessary arrangements" to accommodate them, and that such twenty-five girls be elected when the Committee in question have reported that the arrangements have been completed. We have already expressed our views on the policy or rather impolicy of adding to the strength of the School until such time as the permanent

income of the Institution has been largely increased. Those who contribute so liberally have no doubt the right to say, through the medium of those whom the laws have invested with the requisite authority in such matters, that the money shall be spent as it comes in. But there is another and equally important duty which must not be lost sight of. We have no business to bind down those who come after us to maintain an establishment which, with all the will in the world, it might be out of their power to keep up. We heartily wish it were possible to return the whole of the forty-five candidates whose names are at this present moment on the list, and who will undergo the ordeal of a ballot to-day, in order that less than one-fourth of them may be received into the School. But such a quality as discretion is needed in the arrangement of large Institutions, especially when they have only a very limited amount of invested moneys, nor must it be forgotten that the country may not always be in the enjoyment of that prosperity, which during the past few years has enabled so much good to be done by our Charities. We can understand in a measure and applaud the action of the Grand Treasurer, who takes the lead in proposing these increases in the number of pupils in these establishments, and if we felt assured his action were based on data which, as regards the future, were certain to be realised, we should fully endorse his various propositions. With him no doubt the wish is father to the thought that all will go as prosperously henceforth as it has gone hitherto—that, indeed, is the case with all who take an interest in this and our other Charities. But it strikes us we have gone ahead sufficiently for some little time to come, and our present duty lies rather in the direction of strengthening and confirming what we have done than in going still further forward.

The third notice of motion, standing in the name of Bro. H. T. Thompson P.M. 742, is, we presume, intended to be tentative in its character. He will submit to the Court that "£6 be voted to each of twenty-five children, next highest on the poll to the successful candidates at this election, in aid of their maintenance and education until the election in October next." The proposition is very simple, and one with which substantially no fault can be found. We know of no law of the Institution which would justify such a disposition of any portion of its funds, and we anticipate therefore that it will fall through for this reason. That being so, it materially strengthens the position we have taken up in reference to the proposed Assistance Fund, that it might be extended beyond its original scope and made to include assistance to unsuccessful candidates as well as to former pupils. As to the propriety of the next motion, by Bro. G. E. Webster P.M. No. 139, West Yorkshire, that those entitled to vote at the General Courts shall be permitted to vote by proxy, we urged this strenuously at the election of Secretary in 1878. We are of the same mind still and for the same reason, namely, that it is not fair to Provincial brethren to submit them to the alternative of incurring much trouble and expense in journeying to London or sacrificing their votes in important elections. If it is permitted to Conservative and Liberal candidates for parliamentary honours to pay the legitimate expenses of outlying voters—and we all know how jealously the legislature guards against excessive and improper outlay at elections—then, in all reason, there should be no objection raised to so simple a matter as allowing our provincial brethren entitled to do so to vote by proxy.

The last notice of motion by the same Bro. Webster is, that

all donations, subscriptions, and legacies not distinctly to be appropriated to the Sustentation of Building Fund, shall be devoted to the maintenance and education of the children, and to that object alone, and that any surplus there may be when all the expenditure on that account has been defrayed, shall be invested in Government Stock, and the interest appropriated to the same purpose. Here again we think Bro. Webster ought to have the whole Quarterly Court in his favour. A leading member of the bar has already given it as his opinion that moneys subscribed to the general Fund of the School—that is, of course, for its management and the maintenance of the pupils—cannot legally be expended on buildings, and having regard to the very considerable sums which have been latterly voted for buildings and the purchase of buildings, we think it is high time this opinion, coming as it does from an impartial source, should be embodied in a law. When these motions have been disposed of, the election will commence.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly General Court of this Institution will be held at the same time and place on Monday next. In this case there are more vacancies to be filled, but at the same time and unfortunately, the proportion of candidates is greater than for the Girls' School, the former being twenty, and the latter seventy-nine, or as nearly as possible in the ratio of four candidates to one vacancy, while in the Girls' School it is three and a half to one. Sixteen, or about one in five, are from London, the remaining sixty-three being distributed as follow:—Hants and Isle of Wight seven, Devon, Kent, and Warwickshire four each; Worcestershire and Yorkshire (N. and E.R.) three each; two each from Lincolnshire, Dorset, Essex, Surrey, Durham, Middlesex, Northumberland, West Yorkshire, East Lancashire, South Wales (West); and one each from Beds, Berks and Bucks, Bristol, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Gloucestershire, Herts, North Wales and Salop, South Wales (East Division), Suffolk, Sussex, Guernsey, Cape Town, South Africa, West Coast of Africa, West Indies, Singapore, and Hong Kong. The first in numerical order on the list has to his credit 727 votes as the result of six previous ballots, and has a brother in the School. The next four have been candidates already four times, No. 2 having 1095 votes to the good, and No. 3 617, Nos. 4 and 5 having respectively 18 and 4. One of them, No. 3, has a sister in the Girls' School. The eight that follow have tried three times already. No. 8 has a brother in the School, and No. 11 two sisters in the Girls' School. As to votes, No. 10 has 1450 to his credit, No. 9 has 1273, and No. 7 has 1089. Then come fourteen who have been candidates at two previous ballots, and of these (No. 15) has 1413 votes to his credit, while two are voteless. The twenty-five from Nos. 28 to 52, both inclusive, made their first attempt in October last, and two of them, No. 37, with 785 votes, and No. 47, with 623 votes, polled with a fair amount of success, while others had not even one vote recorded for them. Among them No. 29 has a brother in the Institution already. The other candidates, twenty-seven in number, will have had their cases submitted to the ordeal of the ballot for the first time on Monday, and two of them, Nos. 63 and 70, will be shut out by reason of age, if they are not fortunate enough to be elected on this occasion. Six of the candidates have lost both parents, and three have both still living, though in one case the mother has been deserted since 1871, and the boy is to all intents and purposes fatherless. Of the remainder one has lost his mother, while all the rest are fatherless. The fathers in thirteen cases have contributed to, or acted as Steward for, one or more of our Institutions. The majority of the fathers were subscribing members for less than ten years, some even for two or three years only. However, the father of No. 7 was a subscriber for a quarter of a century, and that of No. 41, for only a few months short of that period, while others were members of the Craft for only less considerable periods, ranging from fifteen to twenty years.

The *Masonic Review* of Cincinnati, Ohio, has now reached its fifty-third volume, and contains sixty-four pages of excellent matter, instead of forty-eight, as before.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

#### ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR BROTHER AND SIR,—As Bro. While, in this week's *Freemason*, continues to boast he will do all in his power to injure a "Fund" which, if it does not meet his approval, his Masonic duty should teach him he ought not to abuse or slander, I think for the benefit of your readers you should publish my reply, as it contains facts which, as they are in print, are indisputable, and may prove beneficial to the welfare of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund you so kindly support. I have, I hope, done nothing to hurt Bro. While's feelings; and believe me I am actuated by no vindictive feeling, but am simply prompted by a sense of duty I owe the "Fund" and its Patrons.

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLIFFE.

#### ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In strict justice I consider you should let me answer your leaders and letters, and I will be as brief as possible. I think the extracts and references given below will prove how incorrect Bro. While's assertions and your suppositions have been. Immediately after the Boys' Festival in June 1879 I wrote to you and other papers, suggesting the formation of a Fund. On page 273 of your issue 5th July 1879 appeared my letter, from which I will give extracts (although the subject, to my mind, is so worthy of your space that to repeat the whole of the articles and letters would not be the most uninteresting portion of your paper) as they may suffice to prove my case.

Page 273, column 2, line 39, "I would propose on the next Stewards' papers a column be left for subscriptions and donations to the "Assistance Fund;" this would save expense of collecting, and as an inducement to the Brethren and Stewards to collect for the Fund, to allow, say, one vote for every £20 collected for this purpose. There need be no special banquet or festival, simply let it be recognised as a special Fund, and Stewards for the Boys' and Girls' Festivals invited to solicit subscriptions."

July 18th, page 128, *Scottish Freemason*, the above letter was also published. On page 127, column 2, line 14, THE EDITOR WRITES—"We fully agree with what our Bro. Earl Rosslyn said in conclusion, only we do not call it a fault but simply a want." "The system will not be complete until something more is done for the children when starting in life, the most critical time in the life of man." "This, however, in England would necessitate a fourth Institution." (This I do not personally agree with, as I hope some measure will be devised to make it a supplementary fund). After waiting to see if my suggestions were taken up, I determined to act. On page 314 of your issue 2nd August, I wrote informing you of the fact, and concluded with this remark, "I shall be very glad to receive the names of any brethren willing to act as Stewards, or support the scheme, and rough proof of prospectus (I sent one to you) shall be forwarded for their approval. Suggestions will be received by, &c." This letter also appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and a leader by the same paper with favourable review, entitled "Our Scholars in After Life," promised support; and also again in issue of 9th August a second article, under same title (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). In this same number, page 101, is a letter of mine, in which occur these passages:—"The question is such an universal one it would be arrogance on one man's part to dictate. I am anxious to hear suggestions as to how money could be raised, how it should be applied. The more I think that we have no Assistance Fund ATTACHED to our Grand Charities, the more inexplicable it is. There is scarcely another Charity to be found that does not assist, &c." On August 16th I find a letter of mine in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and the prospectus; this I expected would have appeared in your issue of same date, however you published it later. On page 148 *Scottish Freemason*, 29th August 1879, appears the prospectus. In the *Freemason* issue of 30th August you do print the prospectus, but not my letter; but in the same issue, page 348, you devote a whole column leader to the "Assistance Fund." I give a few of your comments:—"Started under high auspices." "A list of names follow, including Bro. Kenning's, and the names of many more will soon join the movement and it will easily be got into working order." "It appears to us a practical scheme, and likely to commend itself to all." "There is nothing about the plan grand or pretentious, chimerical or Utopian. It is simply a plain and practical development of what is right, needful and truly considerate." "There has been happily a growing conviction that our duty to the orphans cannot and does not cease with the conclusion and limits of 'school age.'" "All over the land great anxiety has been evinced to discover a method and elaborate a plan by which the boys and girls on leaving school might find a continuance of culture, care, friendly help, and genial "surveillance" by which at the most dangerous period of life they may be shielded," &c. "This new Society will seek to carry on the good work, and watch over, &c., to enable them to reap the benefits of that admirable education," &c. "We are aware that this is not the best of times to make appeals or found new Charitable Institutions, but we think the useful, the needful, and the practical so PREDOMINANT in this simple and straightforward scheme, which we print elsewhere in detail, that we have

thought well to call the attention of our readers specifically, if shortly, to it." "As the *Society* increases in size and commences its work in good earnest, as we doubt not we shall have much pleasure in reporting." . . . I think you will agree with me that the "*Society*" has increased. Compare the list of patrons, &c., and I feel you must agree I have worked in "good earnest;" I have pushed forward as fast as possible, and but for the unfortunate cause of adjournment of first meeting the *modus operandi* ere this would have been before the Craft. A rough plan of "working" has long been drawn up; part of the *modus operandi* is to enlist the services of the Boys' and Girls' Schools' Committees, and had you referred to the Earl of Rosslyn's speech, this is plainly mentioned; but, as I have repeatedly explained, nothing will be decided upon without the careful deliberation of a committee.

On page 365 *Freemason*, 13th September, a report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Boys proves I submitted the scheme and received unanimous support. I cannot find the report of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, but my memory tells me the Chairman moved that the application should "lie on the table." Does this not contradict all assertions that I am striving to work without the Committees? Surely my first letter proves I am desirous some one should take it up, and nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have seen the Fund started by the Committees, for I should have been saved much work. On page 369, col. 3, line 49, of *Freemason*, 20th September 1879, appears the following:—"Bro. Binckes desired to be allowed to say one word on the subject of the Pupils' Assistance Fund. He wished every one to understand that it was not intended to be *competitive* with any Fund for the Masonic Charities."

Without wishing to criticise, or say anything to hurt your feelings, I cannot but feel you have been misguided in your late criticisms. In your issue of 30th August, you laid the scheme and print the prospectus, which has always remained the same except the addition mentioned last week, which *must* meet your approval, as it so thoroughly accords with the work being done by you with the London Masonic Charity Association.

In your issue of 20th March, you withdraw, and suggest the scheme being abandoned, giving no reasons. Had you forgotten your leader of 30th August?

In your issue of 27th March, you again approve the Fund as a necessary supplement to our well managed institutions.

How can you reconcile all these contradictions?

And in your issue to-day you still suggest the work being carried on by the Committees. Why did they not take it up from the first? Lord Leigh suggested this; but how are they to get the funds? will the Committees join the list of patrons? I know Lord Rosslyn and the other patrons would be delighted to see them supporting. Now as to the mode to be adopted, as to working, it is most unfair to criticise or even assume that action is taken to shut out the Committees, and Earl Rosslyn's speech fully points in a contrary direction. As to "P.M.'s" letters in the *Times* and your papers, if he will disclose his name, and favour me with a call, I shall be glad to show him the whole of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund correspondence, books, &c., &c. As to Bro. While's assertions, I shall take no trouble to answer them further than to inform him I have never yet done anything to warrant his attacks. I deny having any knowledge of the correspondence that troubles him; I have never replied to his letters on any subject but the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. I certainly wrote to the *Times*, as did also others; these letters were not inserted, proving how one-sided an opinion is formed by answers not being allowed, as readers consider the attack is so genuine the "attacked" have no power to reply. I appeal to all if my letters warrant the remarks contained in Bro. While's letters, and in answer to Bro. While's "charitable" P.S., please send him a copy of your paper of 30th August, refer him to pages 348 and 351; I have not compared the paper, but if reported correctly he will find the "charitable" *did venture* to ask, and you very kindly *did publish* and approve the prospectus. To conclude, in justice to all concerned, and to repair a wrong you have done the "Fund," which aims at nothing but doing good, I must ask you to publish this, and hope you will inform your readers there is no contradiction, nor second Dick Radclyffe. He who endeavours to promote a scheme you have so kindly and favourably approved, still continues to do so, but for some little time, owing to the political duties to be performed by the patrons, it will not be possible to have a meeting; though it certainly will be called *as soon as possible* and convenient to the illustrious chairman. In the meantime, the same Dick Radclyffe is organising a Bazaar which is receiving most cordial support, and I hope will receive yours, as some return for the damage you have, I feel unintentionally, done the good cause. As I am pledged to the patrons of the scheme to do all in my power to promote the Fund, I cannot afford to waste more time *answering attacks* and "monstrous exaggerations" that the Fund is to "sap the energy, self-reliance and self-dependence of the children." To provide "marriage portions for girls, and look after them through life, and to the vaccination of their children, to stand in position of mothers-in-law to them (? *Fathers*)," &c. Your leader of 30th August is the best contradiction to the opinion you hold of the "charity run-mad" correspondent. On page 312, your article "Keep your Temper" I would commend to Bro. While, especially the concluding lines, "How very charming; see how those Freemasons, always talking brotherly love, like to abuse each other."

I sincerely hope I have not abused or hurt our Brother's feelings. I aim simply at repairing an injustice done to my patrons and supporters.

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It would be useless my asking your contemporary for space in its columns in order to reply to Bro.

While's letter which appeared last week, for the Editor, in the exercise of that discretion with which he is very properly vested, has ruled that "the discussion must now cease." I must ask you, therefore, to permit me to make certain comments on that communication, as I think it contains statements which it would be extremely unjust to the promoters and patrons of the above Fund to allow to pass unnoticed. I promise you I will be as brief as possible under the circumstances.

I can well understand that Bro. While will never attempt the folly of answering what he is pleased to describe as "the painfully illogical, uncertain, and irrational communications which have appeared." I presume he has lived long enough to know by this time that abuse is not argument. It is the latter, not the former, which is necessary to enable a man to answer communications with something like effect. He may, if he chooses, call them "illogical, uncertain, and irrational," just as I, if I have the bad taste to do so, may describe A, B, C, or X, Y, Z, as a fool, but in neither case will the mere description constitute a fact. It is true, they may be all he has affirmed they are, and a great deal else besides, in his estimation, but he must allow others the right he exercises of judging for themselves, and even he, I venture to say, will hardly have the effrontery to say there is no one else in the world, except himself, capable of deciding what is logical, certain, and rational, or the reverse. I shall willingly submit to be written down a fool when Bro. While has sense enough to prove I am one. Till then, however, I claim to be as capable of forming an opinion on this or any other subject of which I have some knowledge as he is.

The reason Bro. While gives for not deigning or attempting to answer communications which, if they are what he describes them, require no answer at all, is that he has "drawn out the fact, which is now patent to all, that behind the princely, the noble, and the worshipful patrons of the many-handed bawling which is to be brought into the world, behind even Bro. Radclyffe, there stands a 'charitable' clique, whose idea of charity is, 'Let us raise subscriptions; others must be called upon to subscribe, in order that we may arrange how it shall be spent.'" There is only one word in the English language for this amazing fact, which Bro. While claims to have discovered, and for the discovery of which, as far as I am personally concerned, I am sure he will have the entire credit—it is a "mare's nest." Since Saturday I have asked every one I have met, who and what manner of men they are that constitute this "'charitable' clique," and the answer in every case has been, "I know of no clique." Therefore, it is clear that if this fact, which he boasts with so much self-complacency of having drawn out, has any existence at all, it must be in Bro. While's playful imagination. At all events, I can vouch for this much, that there are some among the "all," of whom he speaks to whom the fact is not patent, and it is more than probable that others will be able to record the same experience as myself. Let him tell us who form this clique, and then every one will be able to judge for himself what foundation there is for the charge he has made.

Bro. While speaks with an attempt at sarcasm, which ought to be very withering, of certain "eminently 'charitable' persons," who "have thought-fit to assail" him "in the most violent terms," and "have not scrupled even to attempt injury" to him in his "profession." "The slanders thus published," he says, "are contained in a paper which claims to have 'authority from Grand Lodge,' and the personal attack which has been made upon me is the fruit of my late successful efforts to prevent the printing of those matters which Masons are bound to *hele*, as well as of the proofs I have given that, for one, I will not allow the public or the Craft to be misled by the subtle or the foolish, or, as is sometimes the case, by both together, without raising a word or two of warning," and he tells us he has been "pressed into the service of combating folly and cunning by the varying phases of this gigantic scheme, as well as by the abuse which has been levelled" at him. Passing by without comment the egotism which is conspicuous in these sentences, I may observe in the first place that if he has been assailed in violent terms he has only himself to blame. He began the abuse by saying as regards the proposals in the circular he alludes to, that "the common sense of every one plainly expressed that, when not Quixotic," they were "idiotic." He it was who said he would have nothing to do "with any cut and dried organisation," his experience in such case being that "all the Committee" were "merely so many puppets for some clever manipulator to conjure with." He it was who said if the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys did not turn out boys at sixteen capable of beginning the battle of life, it was "so much the worse for the School," and that it was "time to consider whether the whole itself" was "not a mistake." He it was who used the phrase "blessings of a paid Secretariat." He refused, and for aught I can make out to the contrary, refuses still, to accept Bro. Radclyffe's explanation, that the so-called "objects" were the various "suggestions" that Brother had received from various quarters, and he described Lord Rosslyn as having virtually withdrawn from the proposals or objects, after his lordship had allowed his name to be placed on the interim Committee, whose duty it will be to prepare the way for formulating the objects of the proposed Fund. I say nothing of the taste which prompted such remarks, but I venture to think that calling people "puppets," and "clever manipulators," and describing proposals as "Quixotic" or "idiotic," is very much in the way of what is commonly understood by the word "abuse." And these slanders were contained in a paper "sanctioned" by Grand Lodge, which I take is something other than having "the authority of Grand Lodge." Well, be it so, but Bro. While's innocent little cuphuisms appeared in your Masonic contemporary. Thus, if he attacks people in one Masonic paper, he at all events should be the last person in the world to complain that others attack him in another. But I fail to see how it can be a slander, an assault in violent terms, or abuse, to take a man roundly to task for the use of language which even in what we call the profane world, no circumstances could possibly justify. Who, I pray, is Bro. While that he should be permitted with impunity to call people "puppets," and "clever manipu-

lators"? It is said that even a worm will turn when trodden upon, and even a Mason may be pardoned for declining to be made the subject of impertinent remarks by a brother Mason, though his retort courteous may take only the form of the modest and unoriginal *tu quoque*.

The third paragraph of Bro. While's letter is a long one. I need say nothing about boys "embarking on a begging-letter career in soliciting votes to be helped by the 'Fund.'" Bro. Radclyffe has already explained that the votes, if any, which are to be given to the several classes of subscribers, will be used for the election of the Committee, to which will be entrusted the administration of the Fund, so that electors and the elected may have greater confidence, the former that the regulations will be properly carried out, and the latter that the arrangements they may see fit to make will have the approval of the general body of subscribers. Having perfect faith in the sincerity of Bro. Radclyffe, Bro. While is anxious to save him from "the mortification which may come to him hereafter when he finds, as he assuredly will, that his energies have been devoted to raising money with the result of doing that which he never dreamt of doing, and which no honest man would ever dream of doing." I have no doubt Bro. Radclyffe will feel eternally obliged to Bro. While for furnishing him with this certificate of the sincerity of his motives; but even supposing the intended scheme were the most ambitious project ever started by the brain of man, I cannot for the life of me see anything in any of its proposals to which an "honest" man may not subscribe. I can understand its being described as a mistaken act of generosity to help people to get on in life, but there is nothing dishonest about it. I may be a fool, but it does not follow as a consequence that I must be a knave. Again, I ask, who is Bro. While that he should be permitted with impunity to call some people "puppets," and others "clever manipulators" and "charitable wire-pullers," and question the honesty of purpose of those who are helping to set this Fund on its legs. But says Bro. While, the object of these wire-pullers is to "get subscriptions," "get money," and they are laying out the organisation for a fourth Masonic charity, "without, however, as yet, making provision for the paid secretary." I cannot be in the secrets of these wire-pullers, for I do not know who they are or even if there be any, neither have I the gift of divination, so as to be able to trace out clearly the future of the proposed Fund; but even if it should turn out that the services of a "paid secretary" were required, I see nothing in that to evoke all these terrible denunciations. I maintain it is a scandal to Freemasonry when any brother goes deliberately out of his way to ascribe other people's actions to unworthy motives without the shadow of a justification for so doing. So far as I know, I am not a "puppet," a "charitable wire-puller," or a "clever manipulator," nor have I thrown out any suggestions, "Quixotic," "idiotic," or other, and no attack by Bro. While will deter me from doing all I can, in my small way, to make the proposed Fund a success.

Nor had I the wealth of Croesus and the wisdom of Solon should I think of withholding any contribution I might think proper to make till the plan was more matured and the arrangements in something like working order. Having faith in the disinterestedness of the interim Committee, Treasurer, and the Secretary, I am content to wait till they, and those whom they invite to act with them, have sifted and examined the various proposals, retaining those which may be thought practicable, and dismissing those which may seem ill-advised or out of place. I hope it will be clearly understood that, in saying this, I am not so presumptuous as to figuratively pat these gentlemen on the back. I merely desire to indicate my belief that they will loyally fulfil the duties they have undertaken, and I should say the same of the Committee were it otherwise constituted, unless, indeed, I knew it was composed of unscrupulous "wire-pullers" with a sprinkling of "puppets" to give it the semblance of respectability.

I am not singular in the belief that, having started on his denunciatory expedition, by calling people hard names and ascribing to sundry of whose existence there is no proof whatever all kinds of evil-mindedness, it is rather late in the day for Bro. While to think of posing before the Masonic public in the rôle of injured innocence. He, forsooth, may attack people, but as he does so only in the interests of purity, good taste, and gentlemanly feeling, none may venture to oppose him. He may step forward and say to the Craft and to the public (who are appealed to for aid) that, until more is known of the purpose of the "Fund" and the organisation which will direct it, contributions should be withheld, however high in position and well-meaning may be those in front; but for another person to tell the Craft and the public that such a warning is uncalled for, and such distrust un-Masonic, is of course a slander on, or abuse of, Bro. While. I confess my inability to appreciate this kind of one-sided action, in which one man is at liberty to pommel another to his heart's content, while the latter is gagged and bound hand and foot, so as to be unable to offer either remonstrance or resistance, and if in saying so I lay myself open to the charge of offending against good taste, good breeding, and fair play, I must fain plead guilty.

I fear I have trespassed a little on the space at your disposal, and the patience of your readers. Let me, therefore, in conclusion, suggest to Bro. While the reasonable probability that the good men and true who take an interest in the success of this Fund are quite capable of protecting themselves against the insidious machinations of those imaginary wire-pullers and manipulators of whose existence he speaks so unctuously. If they ever do require the services of a champion, it strikes me they will go elsewhere than to Bro. While, chiefly because a champion, to be of any help, must exhibit discretion as well as valour, and additionally, in this particular instance, because, being a Mason among Masons, he will be expected to display quite as much kindness of feeling as common sense. Certain of these are just the very qualities which, in his recent letters, Bro. While has shown unmistakably he does not possess.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

QUOUSQUE TANDEM?

## THE ART OF POLITE LETTER WRITING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been very much amused by reading Bro. While's communication in the *Freemason* of last week. In it he complains of having been assailed "in the most violent terms," of the "slanders" published in a certain Masonic journal, of the "personal attack which has been made" upon him, and the "abuse which has been levelled" at him. One might imagine from all this that Bro. While is a very ill-used man, and that, being himself harmless and inoffensive, he has nevertheless been made a butt for the abuse and slanders of others. I do not know Bro. While, but I am one of those who think it is only fair the public should have both sides of a dispute placed before them, so that they may form an impartial judgment as to which of the disputants is most to blame. Confining my attention to the letter I have referred to, I find it contains the following passages which are doubtless fair specimens of those amenities of journalistic correspondence for which Bro. While is so great a stickler.

"Behind even Bro. Radclyffe, there stands a 'charitable' clique, whose idea of charity is, 'Let us raise subscriptions; others must be called upon to subscribe, in order that we may arrange how it shall be spent.'"

"I will not allow the public or the Craft to be misled either by the subtle or the foolish, or, as is sometimes the case, by both together."

"I am pressed into the service of combating folly and cunning by the varying phases of this gigantic scheme, as well as by the abuse which has been levelled at me."

"When he" (Bro. Radclyffe) "finds, as he assuredly will, that his energies have been devoted to raising money with the result of doing that which he never dreamt of doing, and which no honest men would ever dream of doing."

"So with the charitable wire-pullers behind Bro. Radclyffe. They have given him a pen, and they spur him on to the one end—'Get subscriptions' from Lodges, Ladies, Masons, and the public. Work upon all; but 'get money.'"

"An objection is raised that a fourth Masonic charity is not wanted, and they answer, this is not one; but, at the same time, they proceed to lay out the organisation for one, *without, however, as yet, making provision for the paid Secretary.*"

"I say to the Craft and to the public (who are appealed to for aid), that until more is known of the purpose of the 'Fund' and the organisation which will direct it."

"Before the public and the Craft are asked to subscribe to this proposed lottery we must know the necessity of the class for whom this elaborate 'Assistance Fund' is *nominally* sought to be created."

I will not bore you or your readers with any remarks of my own about the sentences or clauses I have quoted above. I will merely ask, in the most general terms, whether any one who allows such passages to occur in his letters—and it must be remembered that the letter preceding this contained similar sentences—has the right to complain that he is attacked, assailed in most violent terms, slandered, and so forth. Either let Bro. While conduct his polite letter writing in the manner prescribed by the usages of society, or let him have the manliness and good sense not to begin whining and crying out when others retaliate upon him with his own weapons.

Faithfully yours,

London, 5th April 1880.

N. S. E. & W.

## MARK MASONRY.

TRINITY COLLEGE MARK MASTER MASONS' LODGE, No. 244.

THE second installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge Rooms, 61 Weymouth-street, Portland-place, London, on the 1st instant. In consequence of the unexpected absence of the W.M., whose business engagements had compelled his resignation of membership, the Officers of the Lodge had invited the assistance of the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O., and W. Bro. Thomas Poore P.G.I.G., to perform the necessary ceremonies, and those brethren were ably supported by the W. Bro. Croft Worgan Dew, Past Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. The Lodge members having assembled, Bro. Stevens opened the Lodge, and all matters relating to the business of the past year, including audit report and correspondence, were disposed of in due order. The resignations of the W.M. and Treasurer were received. Bro. Poore then presented the V.W. Bro. Professor Edwin M. Lott L. Mus., 30, G.M.O., the W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation was carried through in the perfect manner identified with the able working of the distinguished brethren who undertook the duty. The newly-installed Master appointed his Officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. H. J. Stark B. Mus., L. Mus., S.W., M. A. Cuffe L.L.D. 18, J.W., Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt B. Mus., L. Mus., M.O. and Chaplain, E. J. Hoare S.O. and Secretary, Plant Martin J.O., J. Gabriel S.D. and Treasurer, W. J. Jennings B.A., L.A., J.D., Professor J. G. Saunders D. Mus., L. Mus., I.G., A. W. S. Hoare Organist, G. Harrison Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses to W. Master and Officers, the W.M. made grateful acknowledgment of the services rendered by the installing Officers, and by the unanimous vote of the Lodge they were severally elected honorary members, with privileges of subscribing members. The W.M. then requested Bro. James Stevens to accept the collar as acting I.P.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. Stevens, Poore, and Dew expressed their thanks for the honour which the Lodge had conferred on them. Arrangements were suggested for an early meeting whereat the musical talent of the members might be made available for an exposition of the ceremony of advancement with full musical service. The Lodge was then closed in due form and the brethren dined together, and at the close of a most harmonious and agreeable evening separated, well pleased with the results of their unanimous proceedings.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), S. Rosenthal, Don. M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, Dudley Rolls, C. H. Webb, A. J. Duff-Filer, J. G. Chancellor, H. Massey, W. F. C. Moutrie, Henry W. Hunt, George P. Gillard, Arthur E. Gladwell, Frederick Adlard, Thomas Meggy, Leopold Ruf, John Constable, Richard Tyrrell, W. Paas, W. H. Perryman, H. Young, G. W. Cooper, and F. Binckes Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Chairman mentioned to the brethren the subject of the dispute with Bro. S. B. Wilson, and without any further discussion it was agreed that the House Committee should have the control of the matter. Five petitions for placing candidates on the list for election to the School were read, and of these three were accepted, one was deferred, and one rejected. Outfits were granted to three former pupils, and on the Chairman mentioning the inconvenience of twelve o'clock in the day as the hour of meeting for the Quarterly Courts in January and July, Bro. C. F. Matier gave notice of motion for altering the hour to four o'clock. The brethren then separated.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked at the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, on Thursday, 15th April, at the Feathers, Ealing, W. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. George Read P.M. 511 and 1767 W.M., George Davis 167 S.W., A. C. Alais P.M. 834 J.W., Henry E. Tucker Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary. First Lecture:—Bros. R. Josey, H. E. Tucker, J. C. Roe, G. Coop, A. C. Alais, M. A. Maillard, C. Thompson. Second Lecture:—Bros. E. Rogers, W. G. Reynolds, H. Foskett, C. Andrews, E. A. Dutton. Third Lecture:—Bros. Gillion, P. Burton, George Davis. The West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction meets every Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

The following among the members already elected to serve in the new Parliament are members of the Society of Freemasons, namely, Sir D. Gooch, Bart., Cricklade, P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Gloucestershire East; W. W. B. Beach, Hants North, P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; T. F. Halsey, Herts, P.G.M. Herts; Marquis of Hartington, Radnor Burghs, P.G.M. Derbyshire; Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., Shoreham, P.G.M. Sussex; Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., Worcestershire West, P.G.M. Worcestershire; Earl Percy, Northumberland North, P.G.M. Northumberland; Lord Lindsay, Wigan, P.G.M. West Aberdeenshire; Lord Ramsay, Liverpool, P.G.M. Forfarshire; Baron de Ferricres, Cheltenham; Rt. Hon. Robert Lowe, London University; Sir F. G. Johnstone, Bart., Weymouth; Sir Harcourt Johnstone, Bart., Scarborough; Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., Herefordshire; T. Brassey, Hastings; Rt. Hon. E. Knatchbull-Hugessen and H. A. Brassey, members for Sandwich; G. W. J. Repton, Warwick; Sir T. D. Acland, Bart., Devonshire North; Lord Kensington, Haverfordwest, P.G.W.; Viscount Folkestone, Wilts South; Hon. E. F. Leveson-Gower, Bodmin; Professor Storey-Maskelyne, Cricklade; Major F. W. Cartwright, Northamptonshire North; E. H. Kennard, Lymington; H. S. Northcote, Exeter; J. Whitwell, Kendal, Dep. P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland; W. B. Hughes, Carnarvon Burghs, Dep. P.G.M. North Wales and Salop; Sir R. J. Buxton, Norfolk South; Lord Henry Thynne, Wilts South, P.G.Sup. Wilts; Lord Brooke, West Somerset; T. W. Boord, Greenwich; D. McLaren, Edinburgh, P.G.M. Linlithgowshire; Earl of Bective, Westmoreland, P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland. Our readers will greatly oblige if they will forward us names of other brethren who have been elected to Parliament, so that the foregoing list may be as complete as possible.

The Marquis of Hamilton P.G.S.W. England, and eldest son of the Grand Master of Ireland, has failed to secure his seat for Co. Donegal by 60 votes.

Among candidates for Parliamentary honours whose success or failure has not yet been determined, are the following brethren, viz.:—Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; Col. Stanley, Deputy P.G.M. West Lancashire; Hon. W. Egerton, P.G.M.M.M. North Wales and Cheshire; Sir G. Elliot, Bart., P.G.M. South Wales (West Division), and J. W. Ellison-Macartney.

Bro. Reed, P.M. 1287 and 193, will be much obliged by brethren sending him, at 16 Tottenham-court Road, London, any votes for the Boys' School they may have unused or not promised. The case he is interested in is that of the boy Unwin, whose mother has been left with three children quite unprovided for.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir F. W. Truscott, who was a candidate for Gravesend in the Conservative interest, was unsuccessful, his Liberal opponent, Mr. Bevan, being returned at the head of the poll. Bro. Charles Dalrymple, who sat on the Conservative side of the House in the last Parliament, failed to obtain re-election for Buteshire by seventeen votes, the numbers being—for his opponent 568 votes; for C. Dalrymple, 551 votes. Bro. Dalrymple is P.G.M. for Argyleshire, Scotland.

Our worthy contemporary is just now suffering from a fit of the horrors, and we sincerely hope it will emerge from it more vigorous than ever: We judge so at least from its second editorial note of last week, in which, it exclaims against the motion of Bro. H. T. Thompson—whom it describes as “one of the leaders of the recent agitation,”—that £6 shall be voted to each of a certain number of unsuccessful candidates, towards their education and maintenance until October next. Where, it piteously asks, “is all this nonsense to end”? And if the Court is to be subjected to the infliction of the sarcasm of one brother, the eloquence of another, and the preliminary puff and subsequent “high falutin” of a third, why should not Bro. Hedges provide biscuits and sherry all round, with cigarettes for those who like them, “for the support of exhausted nature, and to soothe excited Life Governors, to say nothing of a much abused Chairman?” We presume these Courts are not mere formal gatherings for the dispatch of routine business, and that it is open to members attending them to bring forward proposals they may think likely to prove beneficial, even though they are not of the same mind as the chairman on certain questions of policy. We have a great respect for the chairman, but we are a very long way off from thinking him infallible.

The *Keystone*, quoting from a Boston paper, gives some very interesting particulars of the celebration of the centennial birthday of Bro. Sam. P. Bailey, who was initiated in the Mount Vernon Lodge in 1818. Among those present was a Captain Charles French, who is in his ninety-sixth year, and we are informed that when Bro. Bailey had sung several verses of an ancient Masonic ode, “with a clear and firm voice,” the Captain rose and danced with the old-fashioned steps, “in a manner so lively as to elicit great applause,” the way he cut the “pigeon wing” being very remarkable “for one who lacks less than five years of being a centenarian.” Bro. Bailey has seven children living out of eleven, ranging from 75 to 55 years old. Of these four were present on the occasion, as well as his only brother, aged 77, and three grandchildren. Bro. Bailey, it is added, has been a temperance man for some eighty years, and takes no tobacco in any form.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba held its fifth annual communication in the Masonic Hall, Winnipeg, on the 11th February. The Grand Master Bro. Rev. S. P. Matherson having delivered the customary address, the following among other Officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, namely, Bros. John H. Bell G.M., E. G. Conklin Dep. G.M., G. McMickin and J. M. McGregor G.S. and G.J. Wardens respectively, Rev. C. O'Meara G. Chaplain, J. J. Johnston G. Treas., D. G. Dick G. Reg., W. G. Scott G. Sec., Chas. S. House and G. F. Carruthers G.S. and G.J. Deacons respectively, D. B. Murray G. Lecturer, Jas. Colceugh G.D. of C., Jas. Irvine G.S.B., R. Brown G.O. and T. W. Robinson G.P.

In a recent number of the *Keystone* is recorded the death, on the 3rd March, of Bro. Captain Dan. P. Bruen, a Past Grand Master of New Jersey, who, having been born in 1795, had attained the ripe age of eighty-four. Bro. Bruen had been a member of the St. John's Lodge, Newark, for half a century, and was a direct descendant of Obadiah Bruen, one of the forty-one who founded the town, in which he had so long resided, and of one of whose Lodges he had been so bright an ornament. No less than six Masonic Lodges were represented at his funeral, the pall-bearers being Past Grand Masters Whitehead, Pine, Wagoner, Marshall B. Smith, Pembroke, Cannon, and Trimble, and Past Masters Valentine and Jones.

The Masonic Board of Relief of New York City has been reorganized, with Bro. F. R. S. Drake, of Lodge No. 16, as President. Thirty Lodges were represented.

## ROSE CROIX.

**Rose of Sharon Chapter, Malta.**—A meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on the 31st March. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley M.W.S., W. Kingston 30 P.M.W.S., G. Second Treasurer P.M.W.S., Lieut. Coffey R.A. 1st G., Surgeon-Major Mackinnon 2nd G., Captain Blake R.A. H.P., Starkey Recorder, Grier R., Walker D.C., Finch-Noyes G.M., Mortimer Herald, Major Ewing Organist, and Beck Guard. There was a fair attendance of members, including the M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. Captain F. R. Beechey 30. The minutes having been confirmed, a ballot resulted favourably for Bro. the Rev. J. K. Lethbridge P.P.G.C. Cornwall and Malta, as a candidate for the 18 degree. The candidate was perfected by the M.W.S. elect. The accounts as audited being passed, and other routine business disposed of, Bro. Broadley installed his successor, Bro. Beechey, in due form. The M.W.S. then appointed the following Officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Fleet Surgeon Flanagan 1st G., Surg.-Major Mackinnon 2nd G., Starkey Recorder, Second (elected) Treasurer, Grier Raphael, Mortimer Herald, Walker D.C., Finch-Noyes G.M., Major Ewing Organist, and Beck (elected) Guard. The Chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

**Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.**—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 5th April. Bros. McDowall W.M., R. Olley S.W., Droscher J.W., J. Garrod S.D., Crano J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Stephens Treas., C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. Jacob, McMillan, Allen, Finch, Jones, Glaskin. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jacob as candidate. Bro. Allen worked the first and second lectures, assisted by the brethren. Bro. R. Olley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**Ivy Lodge No. 1441.**—Among the items brought forward at the last meeting of this Lodge, a report of which appeared in our last issue, was the following communication which had been addressed to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge:—

“152 Stamford Street, 15th March 1880.

“Dear Sir and Brother—I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith a cheque for the amount of subscription due on the 23rd inst. As the Lodge is now firmly established, and as my further support is no longer considered to be necessary, I shall be glad if you will kindly communicate to the brethren my desire to withdraw from the membership. Sincerely hoping that the objects for which the Lodge was established may be carried out in their integrity, and that its proceedings may continue to be distinguished by harmony and goodwill.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

“Truly and fraternally yours,

(Signed) CHARLES SMITH,  
“Founder and First Master.”

**Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.**—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham Road, Dalston, on Monday, 22nd March, under the able preceptorship of Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1415. Bros. W. McDonald W.M., Myers P.M. S.W., Partridge J.W., Goddard S.D., Kimbell J.D., Robson I.G., and Seymour-Clarke Secretary, also many others. The Lodge was opened in due form to the third degree, and resumed to the first, when the first lecture was worked by the following brethren 1st Section Bros. Robson, 2nd Seymour-Clarke, 3rd Partridge, 4th Goddard, 5th McDonald, 6th P.M. Myers, 7th McDonald, Bro. Seymour-Clarke was elected W.M. for the next meeting and the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Monday, 5th April. Last Monday the Lodge was opened in due form under the same able preceptorship of Bro. P.M. Myers. Bros. H. Seymour-Clarke W.M., Partridge S.W., Goddard J.W., McDonald S.D., Robson J.D., Kimbell I.G., also Bros. S. L. Groen W.M. 1445, Rayner, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Green being candidate. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded to the W.M. for his ability in rehearsal, this being the first time he had filled the chair. Bro. Partridge was elected W.M. for next Monday, 12th inst., when a good attendance is desired.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.**—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday 1st April. Present:—Bros. Seward W.M., A. Jones S.W., A. J. Burr, J.W., J. Wells S.D., C. Bellerby J.D., J. W. Woolmer, I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, C. Andrews P.M. Secretary; also Bros. H. Kasner, E. C. Porter, J. J. Clarke, C. Meadows, E. Smith, M. W. Wyville, Tink Brown, and H. Stephens. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. M. W. Wyville candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the first lecture. The Fifteen Sections were to be worked on the 15th inst. The W.M. and Officers of the West Middlesex Lodge will take their places at the next meeting. Bro. A. Jones was unanimously appointed W.M. for the meeting on the 29th inst. The annual banquet will take place on the 22nd, when Bro. A. Beasley P.M. will take the chair. The Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, the 8th inst.

**The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.**—The regular weekly Convocation was held at the “Jolly

Farmers,” Southgate Road, on Thursday, 1st April. Present:—Comps. J. L. Mather M.E.Z., J. Cusworth H., H. Braine J., R. Halford Treasurer, J. Osborn S.E., J. Hunter Secretary, R. Percy P.S., Hubbard and others. The Chapter being declared open for improvement, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hubbard acting as candidate. The arrangements for the anniversary dinner were then considered, and it was decided to hold it on the 15th April at the rooms as above. The S.E. announced that Comp. L. A. Leins M.E.Z. of the mother Chapter had kindly consented to preside on the occasion. Chapter was then duly closed.

The Report of the Committee of the Second Tottenham, Enfield, and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association is before us; from it we gather that a sum of £371 0s 6d had been already subscribed, out of which thirty-one appropriations have been made to the three Charities. Undoubtedly this Association may be congratulated upon its general success. Any of our readers who may desire it can obtain further information of Bro. James Garrod I.G. 754, Holly Cottage, Bruce Grove, Tottenham, N., who is the Honorary Secretary.

It is generally the case where a Mason wears a profusion of Masonic emblems to attract public attention and advertise himself, his Masonic education has been sorely neglected, and in many instances he cannot explain the meaning of the jewel he wears, and it is doubtful if he could work his way into a Lodge of Entered Apprentices with credit to himself or the Lodge he hails from.

**THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.**—The *Telegraphic Journal* of 1st April contains a description of a new form of lamp for the electric light, which has recently been invented by Bro. Charles Stewart, M.A. It consists of a number of square carbon rods placed radially upon a disc of wood or metal in such a manner that the inner ends of the carbon rods form a complete circle. There is a circular opening in the wooden disc through which the electric light is seen from underneath. The carbons which are all forced towards the centre by a uniform pressure move forward as they are consumed, and together form the positive electrode of the lamp. The negative electrode consists of a covered hemispherical cup of copper which before the current enters the lamp rests upon the ring formed by the carbons. On the current entering the lamp an electro-magnet raises the metal electrode and the electric arc is then formed between the circle of carbons and the metal electrode. There is a flow of water through the latter to keep it cool. The advantages which this lamp possesses are:—1 It is automatic in its action; 2 It is capable of burning for a very considerable period; 3 It does not throw any shadows; 4 It is of simple and comparatively inexpensive construction; 5 The intensity of the light may be increased if so desired. This is the second lamp for the electric light which Bro. Stewart has recently invented.

According to the *New York World*, five Chinamen have lately applied to the Supreme Court of New York for the incorporation of a society styled the “Long We Tong Eng Wi,” which, being interpreted, is stated to signify, “The Order and Brotherhood of Masons.” They say they are good Masons, and that Masonry has existed among their Masonic ancestors in China for over a thousand years, and they can prove it.

## ABOUT VISITING ENGLISH LODGES.

To the Editor of the *Masonic Review*.

COLUMBIA TENN., 18th February, 1880.

DEAR BROTHER,—The caution which I felt it my duty to utter in regard to visiting Masonic Lodges in London, and which you did me the honour to publish in the December number of the *Review*, was based upon the following experience.

When about to go abroad in 1878, I received a letter from Bro. Wheeler, of the *Masonic Jewel*, Memphis, earnestly requesting me to continue my contributions to the *Jewel*, in the form of Foreign Correspondence, and especially charging me to visit a Lodge or Lodges in London, and give him my views of English Freemasonry. I went abroad in time to join Alleghany Commandery at Lucerne, Switzerland, and continued with them through Italy and back to Paris.

On Tuesday, the first day of October, I found myself in London, and having seen in the *London Freemason* that quite a number of Lodges would meet during the afternoon and evening, I presented myself at Freemasons' Hall, at about 5 o'clock p.m.

The Tyler informed me frankly that it was uncertain as to my being able to visit any of the Lodges. I notified him that my papers were all complete, and that I was ready to stand any test or examination that was legitimate. I will not be positive, but I think that I applied to five out of seven Lodges, then in session, with the same result, that unless I brought some one from the city, to vouch for me to the Tyler, I could not be admitted. I returned to my Hotel, the Bedford, No. 95 Southampton Row, quite near to the Hall, and after tea, referring to the *Freemason* again, I found that Grosvenor Lodge was yet to meet. The Tyler brought back the same response as in the former application. Feeling doubly chagrined, less however at my personal position, than at the surrender of my life-long views of the universality of Masonry, I sent the Tyler back and requested an interview with the Master, which was kindly granted. I was conducted up stairs and presented, at the door of what I took to be an ante-room, with a half dozen or more gentlemen, clothed as Masons in the room. The Master inquired why I had desired an interview with him, and I

informed him that I was an American Mason, and craved permission, under due and proper examination of self and papers, to visit his Lodge. He replied promptly that he could not do so, without having some one to vouch for and introduce me, and declined to inspect my papers, or examine me. I firmly replied that he was requiring an utter impossibility, as I was a stranger, in a strange land, and stood alone upon my Masonry. I asked him with all the pertinence possible, what became of the universality of Masonry? With an impatient wave of the hand he declined to enter upon any discussion of the matter; and humbly apologizing for my intrusion, I bade him good-night; and if this be Masonry, I would bid it a long, long good night.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
J. M. TOWLER.

[In reference to this very case there is, in the February number of the *Masonic Review*, a letter addressed to the Editor by a Bro. S. C. Chorlton, who writes that, considering Bro. Towler must have made some mistake, he went at once and consulted an English P.M. resident in the city (we presume Cincinnati), and was told that all the introduction necessary to obtain admission into an English Lodge is the Grand Lodge Certificate verified in the usual way. In the same number of the same Review is a note signed "R. M." who also confronts Bro. Towler on the same ground, that he is under a mistake. He writes: "Never was a greater mistake, as thousands of American Masons can testify. The facility for entering London Lodges by an American brother, able to stand a very moderate examination and having a diploma, properly authenticated, is such that none (thus fortified) is ever refused. We can ourselves endorse what "R. M." and Bro. Chorlton say. We have been frequently present in Lodges when American and other foreign brethren have applied for and obtained admission, and can certify that, due precautions having been taken, no difficulty occurred.—Ed. F.C.]

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Sir Knight Albert G. Mackey considers it an absurdity to make a Knight Templar also a Knight of Malta. There was, he says, a rule between the Orders that a member of one should not be admitted to membership in the other. Moreover, the Templars had a ritual and were a secret Association, while the same cannot be said of the Knights of Malta.

The Editor of the *Liberal Freemason* of Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., pathetically exclaims against those "subscribers," who accept the paper regularly, but give no equivalent in the way of money, among these being several who, when they are called on to pay, either refuse or decline to take the paper any longer. We think the Editor is well quit of such "subscribers." A moderate circulation among people who pay is preferable to a large circulation for a third or the half of which no money is ever forthcoming.

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FREDERICK BINCKES, V.P., P.G. Steward,

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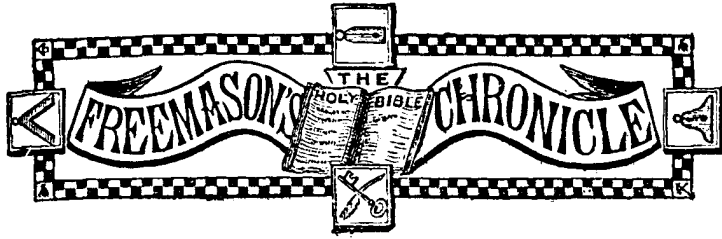
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Mackinnon as G.S.B., Professor Stilon as G.I.G., Mortimer and Stanley G.S., and Beck G.T. There was also a very satisfactory attendance of M.M.M.'s of the Province. The usual grand honours were accorded to Bros. Broadley and Bedford. The minutes of the last Communication were read and confirmed. The G.S. then read a letter of apology, for absence from R.W. Bro. W. Kingston P.M. 107 (D.G.M. Craft), who was unable to be present from indisposition. The report of the General Board was then read and adopted. The results showed that the state of Mark Masonry in the Province, both financially and numerically, was highly satisfactory; that all the Lodges had paid their dues, and that their several muster rolls of active members stood as follows:—Keystone, No. 107, 44 members; Kingston, No. 222, 30 members; Broadley, No. 248, 32 members; and St. Louis, No. 254, 25 members; a total of 131 Mark Masters in the Province. The R.W. Bro. Broadley Prov. G.M., in addressing the Lodge, thanked the Officers and members of Lodge No. 107 for the hospitable reception accorded to himself and the other Grand Officers. He was pleased to tell them that the Mark degree was making rapid progress at home and abroad; twelve new Lodges had been chartered since November, and other applications for Warrants were expected. As regards the Province, it had since their last meeting witnessed the consecration of the St. Louis Lodge, No. 254, amongst the ruins of Ancient Carthage. He then explained the interesting historical associations connected with this Lodge, and the results of his investigations as to the origin of the builders' marks still to be found in North Africa. The ceremony of the consecration of Lodge No. 254, he informed the brethren, had now an additional interest, as it appears to have attracted the attention of the Grand Orient of Italy to the beauties and traditions of the degree. In the official journal of that important Masonic centre, the *Rivista Massonica*, No. 3, of the 28th February 1880, the oration he had delivered on that occasion was published *in extenso*, and the editor preceded it by the observation that Italian Masons could no longer doubt as to the Mark being an important element in the Masonry of the world. He trusted some day to see the Mark flourishing on the Continent. Its teachings would have a beneficial effect in staying the revolutionary tendencies now too current in the Lodges of Europe. He concluded his remarks by thanking his D.P.G.M., Bro. Westrop, for his hearty co-operation, and by expressing his gratification at the universal exertions of the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Coffey, in the discharge of the important duties of his office. Bro. Watson expressed the pleasure felt by Lodge No. 107 at entertaining P.G.L. R.W. Bro. Bedford briefly addressed the brethren, remarking he was truly delighted with all he had seen of Masonry in Malta, especially as regards his favourite degree of the Mark. He paid a graceful tribute to the labours of his colleague their P.G.M., who ruled over the Province of Tunis and Malta with such skill and ability. What he had seen and heard that evening would certainly induce him on his return to England to put forth fresh efforts to promote the progress and popularity of the degree in his district, where he hoped soon to welcome Bro. Broadley. The charitable collection having been made, the P.G. Lodge was closed, and the P.G.M. and his Grand Officers retired in procession. The Keystone Lodge was then closed. The brethren, at the invitation of Lodge No. 107, adjourned to a banquet under the presidency of the P.G.M. The usual toasts belonging to Mark Masonry were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening spent. The Ark Mariners' degree is also making rapid progress in Tunis and Malta, the two Lodges, Sanct Elmo No. 248, and Charles V. No. 254, having a total of 58 members. The P.G.M.M. being also *ex officio* P.G. Commander of the Ark, has made the following appointments to Provincial rank, viz.—Bros. Lieut. C. E. Coffey R.A. D.P.G.C., Captain C. J. Blake R.A. G.S.W.J., J. E. L. Barker G.J.W.S., J. W. Starkey Grand Scribe, J. Segond Grand Treasurer, Rev. G. N. Godwin Grand Chaplain, J. R. Beechey 30 Grand D. of C., J. Walker G.S.D., E. They G.J.D., H. Stilon Grand Guardian, A. Ewing Grand Organist, Mortimer and Curletto Grand Stewards, and Beck Grand Warder.

### NEW ZEALAND.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 1188, E.C.—The annual installation meeting of this Lodge was at the Lodge-room, Alexandra Hotel, Waikato, on Wednesday, 24th December. An unusually large number of brethren were present, some having travelled from Hamilton and Cambridge to take part in the ceremony. After the preliminary business had been transacted the W.M. requested Bro. W. P. Moat, District Grand Registrar, to act as Installing Master on the occasion, and he having consented, proceeded in his well-known efficient manner to instal Bro. T. Finch as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The W.M. then invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. B. Webb S.W., George M. A. Ahier J.W., Neil McLeod P.M. Treasurer, John N. Miller Secretary, T. Coulter S.D., T. Kirk J.D., George Finch I.G., R. McGruther Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren, on the invitation of the W.M., adjourned to the banqueting-room, where the delicacies of the season were served up with the taste which characterises the Alexandra Hotel. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Aubin, the senior P.M. of the Lodge, proposed the health of the W.M. He was one of the oldest members of the Lodge, and had always been most attentive to his duties and regular in his attendance, and the brethren had proved the estimation in which they held him, by electing him to the chair. Bro. Finch briefly responded, and thanked the brethren for the honour done him. He was the first Mason made in the Lodge, and his present position showed they were satisfied with his conduct in the past, and he hoped to perform the duties of his present office in a manner which would secure their approbation. The W.M. proposed the newly-elected Officers, and paid such of them as had held office before a well-merited compliment for the manner in which they had discharged their duties. He especially instanced their Treasurer, Bro. McLeod, who had twice been elected to the Master's chair. Bro. McLeod and the other Officers briefly responded. Bro. P.M. Aubin proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Moat. He (Bro. Aubin) was an old Mason, and he never, in any part of the world, had seen the impressive ceremony of installation more efficiently rendered than it had been that night. Bro. Moat briefly responded and proposed the P.M.'s of the Lodge. All Lodges were indebted to their P.M.'s as a body, but he thought Alexandra Lodge must be greatly indebted to the P.M.'s present, Bro. Aubin having filled the chair three times, and Bro. McLeod twice. When a W.M. was elected to the chair a second time, it was a sure token that he had performed his duties in a more than usually efficient manner. Bros. Aubin, McLeod, and McGruther responded. Bro. Aubin then proposed the health of our late Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. L. C. Brady, whose departure from the district, where he was universally loved and respected, would be regarded as a calamity by the whole community. Bro. Brady responded. He was deeply grieved to sever his connection with the district, where he had lived so long, and with the many friends it had been his good fortune to make there. But the die was cast, and he had to go. He was only a young Mason, but the more he knew of Masonry the more he liked it; and the instruction which he, in common with the rest of them, had gained that evening through Bro. Moat's visit had endeared it to him more than ever. He thanked them for their kind wishes, and assured them that, wherever his lot might be cast, he would never forget his old friends at Alexandra. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Ara Lodge, 348 I.C.—The attendance at the monthly meeting was not so large as usual, but there was a goodly number of members and visitors present. Bro. P.M. Levy presided. Bro. Lodder D.D.G.M. English Constitution and his Officers attended, and were received with the customary marks of respect. Bro. Hatswell, P.M. of Lodge Waitemata, and Bro. Ellison R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, were also present. The principal business of the meeting was the installation of Officers for the ensuing year. Bro. Levy officiated as Installing Master, and conducted the ceremony in a highly impressive and Masonic manner. The following are the newly-installed Officers:—Bros. T. E. Durance W.M., J. B. Grothers S.W., Arthur Wright J.W., Rees P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Rev. Dr. Kidd Chaplain, C. Western S.D., G. Rainey J.D., J. M. Oldham I.G. W. H. Fenton and A. Linabury Stewards. After the Lodge was called off, the greater number of those present sat down to a tastefully laid banquet, which did great credit to the caterer, Mr. Vivian. The newly-installed W.M. presided. After the tables had been cleared and the wines replenished, the Chairman proposed the toast of the Queen and Craft, which was drunk loyally. He then proposed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. English Constitution, and Patron of the Irish and Scottish Constitutions. The toast was enthusiastically drunk with Masonic honours. The next toast was that of the Three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, a toast which was also drunk with honours. The Chairman then announced the toast of Provincial Grand Lodges of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions. Bro. P.M. Moat D.D.G. Registrar responded. He returned hearty thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to. The brethren of the District Grand Lodge of England were most willing to fraternise and assist the brethren of the other Constitutions, as shown by their attendance that night. Nothing would give them greater pleasure than to see the Ara Lodge go on in the future as it had done in the past. Bro. Hitchens responded on behalf of the Scottish P.G. Lodge, and Bro. P.M. Rees on behalf of the P.G.L. of Ireland. Bro. Levy proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M. During the four years he had known him he had got on well, and would no doubt make an excellent and worthy Master. Brother Durance heartily thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had drunk his health, and explained the circumstances connected with the comparatively small attendance that evening. They had elected him to the highest office in the Lodge. It had from the first been his ambition to be P.M. of a Lodge, and he hoped he would be able to fill the

post with satisfaction to them and to himself. Bro. P.M. Moat proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and the Wardens responded. Bro. Wright proposed the Visiting Brethren, and Bros. Hatswell and Hitchens responded. Bro. P.M. Rees, in proposing the toast of the Installing Master, commented on the services rendered to the Lodge during the last two years by Bro. Levy, and the able manner in which he had conducted the installation that evening. Bro. Levy responded. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

**Waitemata Lodge, E.C.**—The annual installation of the Officers took place at the Lodge Room. The room was filled, there being a very large number of visitors from sister Lodges. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Hatswell, the retiring W.M., and his Officers, and on the dais were Bros. Levy P.M. Ara Lodge, Chapman W.M. Eden Lodge, J. Warren P.M. Waitemata Lodge and Eden Lodge, E. V. Macdonald W.M. Remuera Lodge, J. H. Burns P.M. United Service Lodge, H. G. Wade D.G. Secretary attended as Secretary of the Lodge; and subsequently Bros. W. Lodder D.D.G.M., W. P. Moat D.G. Registrar and Cole D.G. Director of Ceremonies attended and took part in the ceremonies. The W. Master having opened the Lodge, put to the ballot the Rev. C. M. Nelson P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge as a joining member, and the ballot being favourable, he was declared elected. He then introduced Bro. W. P. Moat D.G. Registrar as Installing Master, and this old Mason conducted the succeeding ceremonies in an impressive and excellent manner. Bro. W. A. Tanton the W.M. elect was presented by Bros. P.M. Wade and Hatswell, and having been duly installed, he nominated and installed his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. L. Hatswell I.P.M. and Treasurer, A. Wright S.W., W. R. Waddell J.W., H. G. Wade Secretary, J. Butler S.D., H. Evans J.D., Charles Crozier I.G., Charles Porter Tyler, Burcher and Brownhill Stewards. The Rev. C. M. Nelson was nominated Chaplain, but not being present he was not installed. The addresses to the new Officers were delivered in the most impressive manner by the V.W. the Installing Master Bro. Moat. Subsequently the Lodge was lowered, and three gentlemen were nominated and seconded as fit and proper persons to be admitted as Masons. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room of the hotel, where an excellent and plentiful cold spread, surrounded by all the delicacies of the season, awaited the guests who were present. The spread was tastefully laid and well served. The heavy dishes having been cleared off to make room for the dessert, the business of the evening commenced. The newly-installed Master presided, and was supported on his right by Bros. Lodder D.D.G.M., Moat D.G. Registrar Installing Master, Wade D.G. Secretary P.M., and Burns P.M.; and on the left by Bros. Hatswell I.P.M. and T. Cole P.M. The toast of "The Queen and Craft" was given from the chair, and responded to with musical honours. This was followed by the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of the English Constitution," which was loyally responded to with Macdaff honours. The Chairman then proposed the toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland." This was responded to with the customary honours. The Chairman then, in eulogistic, or rather enthusiastic terms, proposed "The health of the D.G.M. Bro. Graham, and his Deputy Bro. Lodder." Bro. Lodder responded; he thanked them cordially for the manner in which they had received the toast, and regretted that Bro. Graham the D.G.M. was not able to be present. He (Bro. Lodder) had tried to persuade him to remain, but his business engagements prevented it. Had it been possible, he would have been present at the installation in this his mother Lodge. As to himself, he felt himself placed in this position—the duties of the office were not so light as many of them supposed. He was often buttonholed in the street to give a ruling on difficult questions, but he thought on the whole that the District Grand Lodge here would compare very favourably with any in the colony. But he hoped they would soon have a better place of meeting than they had now. When he heard in the Lodge that a fund was being raised for an organ, he wondered where they were to put it. It was a standing disgrace to the Masons of Auckland as a body that they had no place to meet in, and if, as was said by Bro. the Rev. Mr. Nelson at the consecration of the Eden Lodge, they could not have a mansion, let them have a cottage. He thanked the brethren heartily for the manner in which they had drunk the health of the D.G.M. and his own. Bro. Burns P.M., in proposing the toast of "The D.G. Officers," complimented them highly on the manner in which the business of the Grand Lodge was conducted. Bro. Warren P.M. responded; it would be always a source of pleasure to members of the D.G. Lodge to assist on occasions like the present, and referred with pleasure to the able manner in which Bro. Moat had conducted the duties of Installing Officer that evening. Bro. P.M. Hatswell proposed the health of the V.W. the Installing Master Bro. Moat. Without his aid they would be wanting in many things. He was always ready to render assistance, and the duties which he had performed that evening were done to the satisfaction of all. Bro. Moat said he could only thank those present for the kind and fraternal manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health. He was quite aware that it was not because of his position as Installing Master that this was so heartily drunk, because in every Lodge he was treated with affection and respect. He really did wish that the same feeling should exist between every member of the Craft as that which existed between himself and every member he had met. Bro. Moat then proposed the health of the newly installed W.M. He had known Bro. Fenton for several years, and no person could have paid more attention to Masonry than he had done, and he had no doubt before the end of his term he would prove a most excellent master, and fulfil the duties of his station with satisfaction and benefit to his Lodge. He hoped the brethren would drink his health in bumpers, and assist him in carrying out his duties. The W.M. replied, thanking them cordially. He was not a fluent speaker, but he could not refrain from thanking them for the high honour they had conferred on him that night—an honour almost beyond what he expected, as a comparatively young Mason. He had tried to press ahead, and had gained his reward, and his success should

be an encouragement to other young Masons. He thanked them all kindly, and especially Bro. Moat for the able manner in which he had assisted him in the duties he had that evening to perform. Bro. Cole proposed the health of the I.P.M., to which Bro. Hatswell responded. The toasts of "The newly-appointed Officers," "The Visitors," "The Ladies," "The Press," "The Host and Hostess," and the Tyler's toast, "Poor and Distressed Masons," were drunk, and a pleasant evening was spent by those present.

## AMOY—CHINA.

ON Thursday, 22nd January, the members of the sister Lodges, Ionic and Corinthian, assembled in their new hall to welcome a large number of guests who had been invited to take part in a Masonic Ball. Passing under a huge "square and compasses" of evergreens at the entrance gate, the visitors found themselves in the verandah of the building, which had been covered in and ornamented with flags. The great hall was tastefully decorated with all kinds of Masonic devices, and brilliantly lighted with chandeliers and bracket lamps; and punctually at the appointed hour the guests began to arrive. When the room was tolerably well filled, the Masons retired for a few minutes to don the regalia of their Order, and then returned in procession, marching to the band of H.I.G.M.'s corvette Luise, kindly lent for the evening by the courtesy of Capt. Schering. The procession was closed by Worshipful Bros. Boyd P.M. P.D.G.J.D., Sidford P.M. P.D.G.S.W., Howard Master of the Corinthian Lodge and D.G.J.D., and by Giles, Master of the Ionic Lodge and D.G.S.W. of Hongkong; and, on reaching the east, the last two officers ascended the dais, and Wor. Bro. Giles, in the name of sister Lodges of Amoy, declared the ball open. Dancing was then commenced in good earnest, and at about five minutes to twelve the dance of the evening, the "Masonic Lancers," was carried through with great effect. Full justice was done to the good things mentioned upon a neat menu card, printed in blue and gold and bearing upon it the seal of one or other of the sister Lodges; and there was a considerable interval before any one felt inclined to pay attention to the toast list. With a stroke of the gavel, Worshipful Bro. Giles rose—The toast of Queen and Craft, which rightly heads the list at every Masonic gathering held under the English Constitution is one usually proposed and received upon its own merits, without prefatory remarks of any kind. This, it must be freely admitted, is by far the most fitting and appropriate method; for he would indeed be a bold speaker who should think by any paltry trick of language to add his item of lustre to the Crown of that noble Lady of whom all British Freemasons are so justly proud; while the Craft, that great and imperishable organisation under whose banners we meet here to-night, may well afford to dispense with the hollow compliments of an after-supper speech. Such then, ladies and gentlemen, would have been the course adopted by me this evening, but for the simple fact that we, the Masons of Amoy, numbering between fifty and sixty brethren, are now entertaining, for the first time in a building of our own, a large and brilliant assemblage of guests. And when it is remembered that a year and a half ago there were barely some half dozen scattered members of the fraternity at this Port, we, as Masons, may fairly be excused if we allude with feelings of pride to the unparalleled success that has attended the introduction of Freemasonry into Amoy, and if we further claim to attribute that success to the purity of those principles which have long ago placed the Craft as an institution beyond the reach of censure or of praise. Wor. Bro. Howard rose to propose a toast that is always received with enthusiasm by Masons. The health of our Most Worshipful the Grand Master. This toast requires no further comment at my hands than this. May his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales live for many years to preside over our ancient and venerable Order, and may his charming wife, the Danish Princess, long be spared by his side to adorn that country she has chosen for her own. Wor. Bro. Sidford then rose and said:—In accordance with the custom of my country I will change the order of precedence and say, "Ladies, Wor. Master, brethren, and gentlemen. I give you the health of the D.G.M. Right Wor. Bro. Linstead, who is at present enjoying a well-earned vacation in England, and wishing him a safe return to the scene of his Masonic labours and renewed health and strength to perform them. I must not say too much in praise of his Officers, for several are present, and I am an insignificant unit amongst them. Of those absent at Hongkong I am at liberty to speak in terms of the warmest praise, for they, with a thoughtfulness truly Masonic, have aided us in the decoration of this hall to-night by sending us a number of magnificent trophies, Masonic and otherwise. Rude Boreas however prevented our lighting the exterior of the building so as to have attracted the whole island within the magic circle of our enchantments, and yet having done his worst outside we have defied him here where light and beauty reign supreme. We trust to further earn the approval of our guests in the ball-room, and I will not delay you any longer, as far as I am concerned, than by asking you to drink the health of R.W. Bro. Linstead and his Grand Officers. The remaining toasts comprised the Visitors, by Bro. R. H. H. Pye; the Ladies by Bro. A. W. Bain; and the Tyler's, which was given by Bro. C. Killeen. Too much praise cannot be given to the tasteful arrangement of the room, under the careful superintendence of Bros. Kopp and Paulsen, or to the excellent catering of Bros. Moalle, Wilson and Nicholls, in both the departments of wine and food. And an opinion was freely expressed by many of the Masons present that a hearty vote of thanks was specially due to Bro. James Bruce, Senior Deacon of the Ionic Lodge, for the great care and attention bestowed by him upon the various details of the ball.

According to the Report for last year, the Grand R.A. Chapter of the District of Columbia comprises eight Chapters, and a total membership of 1051, or two less than the previous year.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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## SATURDAY, 10th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.  
1624—Kecleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore  
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

## MONDAY, 12th April.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)  
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6  
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
543—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)  
1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)  
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)  
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth  
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport  
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham  
491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby  
597—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
630—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea  
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
1231—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.  
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8.  
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds  
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York  
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea  
R. A. 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
M. M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.  
R. C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 13th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
85—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. (Inst.)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)  
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Islington, at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
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.)  
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.  
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich  
117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)  
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
496—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)  
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone  
626—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton  
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury  
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
829—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Sidecup  
893—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Loominster  
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport  
1129—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge

1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington  
1325—Stanley, 211 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)  
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks  
1465—Ockendon, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex  
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmahoc  
1515—Baillon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baillon  
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead  
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 14th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.  
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.  
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)  
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowdale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
538—In Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
791—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)  
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Bull, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyno Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1677—Crusaders, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
M. M.—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horsos Hotel, Ipswich  
231—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster  
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
493—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
759—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn. (Instruction.)  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.  
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.  
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)  
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.  
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.  
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
1393—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1520—Earl Shrawsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.  
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales  
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Maccrington  
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
M.M. 145—Constantino, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.  
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

## THURSDAY, 15th APRIL.]

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
211—St. Michael, 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)  
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)  
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)  
42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth  
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
263—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
313—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire  
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes  
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead

## FRIDAY, 16th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
834—Kanelagh, 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)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)  
 R. A. 70—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
 M. M. 101—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 R. C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R. A. 537—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
 M. M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.

### SATURDAY, 17th APRIL.

108—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Marc-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

### AMHERST LODGE No. 1223.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, on Saturday last, 3rd inst., Present:—Bros. W. C. Banks W.M., C. J. Dodd S.W., John Webb J.W., R. Durnell Treasurer, S. Smith S.D., T. J. Baker J.D., A. S. Owen I.G., H. L. Hall W.S., A. W. Duret P.M., E. J. Dodd P.M., C. E. Birch P.M. D.C., Hadley P.M. and W. Cresswell. Visitors:—Bros. The Rev. J. B. Harrison 1096 P.G.C., B. S. Wilmot 874 P.G.O., W. A. Dawson 121 1768 P.M., E. W. Allain W.M. 173, John G. Horsey W.M. Sackville 1619, G. S. Bigley S.W. 1298, H. Dinham 105, F. W. Greenville 243, E. Smiles 1491, James Andrews 1799, J. B. Lassett 466, and T. Weldon 925. The Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. in due form and with solemn prayer. Owing to indisposition Bro. J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O., the Secretary, was unable to be present, and Bro. P.M. Dodd acting in his absence, proceeded to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. Several communications from brethren unable to be present were then read. After the adoption of the report of the Audit Committee the W.M. rose and alluded with feelings of deep emotion to the sad loss the brethren had sustained since they last met by the death of the father of their Lodge Bro. P.M. Newsome and of their much respected Bro. P.M. Mortlock, and the Secretary was requested to write letters of condolence to the widows of these departed brothers. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree and the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles John Dodd, presented for the benefit of installation; he having assented to the usual requirements, and that portion of the ceremony concluded, the Lodge was opened in the third degree. All brethren below the rank of Installed Master then retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Dodd placed with the usual ceremony in the Chair of K.S. He was then proclaimed, saluted, and greeted, and having invested the Installing Master Bro. W. C. Banks as I.P.M., the Board was closed, and the brethren readmitted. The new W.M. was then proclaimed, saluted, and greeted in the three degrees. The following Officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Webb S.W., S. Smith J.W., R. Durnell Treasurer, J. W. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, T. J. Baker S.D., A. S. Owen J.D., H. L. Hall I.G., E. H. Gauntlet W.S., and E. C. Birch D.C. The Tyler was re-elected. The Ancient Charges were then delivered to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren, and the working tools in each degree fully explained. The Installing Master Bro. W. C. Banks was justly praised by the brethren for the careful, able, and impressive manner in which he rendered the beautiful ceremony of Installation. Bro. P.M. Dodd was re-elected a member of the Charity Committee, some other business was transacted, and the Lodge duly closed. At the banquet which succeeded the usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured. During the evening the W.M. presented to Bro. W. C. Banks I.P.M. a handsome Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the brethren of the Lodge, on which was engraved an inscription stating that it was presented to Bro. Banks in recognition of the great services he had rendered to the Amherst Lodge during the past year. The W.M. said he quite agreed with the wording of that inscription, and speaking in high praise of Bro. Banks' conduct of the affairs of the Lodge during his year of office as W.M., sincerely hoped he would live long to wear that jewel; he further alluded to the able manner in which the Installation ceremony had been given that evening. The Tyler's toast having been drunk, the brethren dispersed, most of them driving to Sevenoaks and thence by train to London.

### Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence.

—A meeting was held on Thursday, 1st April, at 2 Red Lion-square. Present—Bros. C. F. Matier as W.M., S. C. Dibdin S.W., Samuel Rawson J.W., S. B. Wilson Treas., D. M. Dewar Sec., Robert Roy I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Fred. Binckes and S. Rosenthal; and Bros. Cubitt, Cooper, Constable, Robins, Soppet, Davison, Anderson, Gingham, Venn, Dicketts, &c. Visitor—M.W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M.G.L.M.M.M. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bros. John R. Shearer, William M. Bywater, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Joseph J. Pope, Wm. Stephens and Fred. Badkin were unanimously elected and admitted as members of the Venerable Order. After the Lodge was closed the brethren partook of a "grill" at the Holborn Restaurant.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Bros. M. Hymans W.M., R. Baker S.W., L. M. Myers J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, J. Benjamin S.D., N. Baum I.G., Dodson P.M. D.C., A. Botibol Steward; P.M.'s Bros. S. Hickman, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson; Bros. Bean, Botibol, Grove Ellis, Gardiner, Wall, Haines, &c. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were confirmed. Bro. Wall was raised to the third degree, perfectly and impressively by the W.M. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Justus Strokirk, which was unanimously in the candidate's favour; he was duly initiated into the Order (by courtesy of the W.M.) by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. Three distressed brethren were relieved from the funds of the Lodge. A letter was received from Bro. M. Spiegel I.P.M., stating he had received the jewel voted by the Lodge, for which he returned sincere thanks; he hoped on his return to this country personally to thank the brethren. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. proposed, and Bro. J. S. Lyon seconded, that in future the fee be £5 5s for brethren who have been initiated in the Lodge. Votes of thanks were recorded on the minutes to Bros. H. M. Levy P.M. and L. Alexander P.M. for their services on this and other occasions, and for the interest they had always shown in matters connected with the Lodge. This was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to light refreshments. The W.M. proposed the toasts, Loyal and Masonic, in a very eloquent manner. Bro. C. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. The toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund was responded to by Bro. L. Alexander President; he dwelt on the merits of this excellent Fund, the balance of which amounts to over £1100, although large amounts had been given to many deserving cases, nearly £500 in the last two years. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly-initiated Bro. Strokirk; he was sure by the attention he paid to the ceremony he would become a credit to the Order; indeed, he had carried out his first lesson in charity by contributing 10s 6d to the Benevolent Fund. The members were all proud to see Bro. Strokirk among them. After this compliment had been acknowledged, Bro. L. Alexander P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.; they were all aware that Bro. Hymans possessed all the qualifications necessary for the Master's chair; they had witnessed his working; the ceremony of raising was performed in a masterly manner, and he well deserved every encomium passed on him—no one in that chair had excelled him, and he hoped they would drink the toast and wish Bro. Hymans health, long life, and prosperity. The W.M. could hardly find words to express his thanks to Bro. Alexander and the brethren for the way they had responded to the toast. When he undertook the duties of the Lodge he hoped it would be to their satisfaction; he trusted to have the same amount of approbation bestowed on him when he left the chair. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, W. H. Stiles P.M. 1732, and Fletcher 180, severally responded; each paid deserved compliments for the able manner in which the W.M. had performed the duties of the chair. The toast of the Past Masters was then given, and Bro. L. Alexander responded. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Wardens, and complimented them on their excellent working; he was sure they were both qualified to occupy the chair. Bros. R. Baker S.W. and L. M. Myers J.W. responded; then the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given, to which Bros. E. P. Albert and J. S. Lyon replied. The toast of the Junior Officers followed, and the Tyler's closed the proceedings. Altogether a very agreeable evening was passed, Bros. Benjamin, Baker, and Stiles contributing to the harmony. Visitors—Bros. W. R. Lyon 185, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, Stunt 1641, Fletcher 180, Hunt, Roberts, Botibol late 188.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, 7th April, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, City. Bros. T. J. Maidwell W.M., A. W. Smith S.W., T. B. Biddle J.W., G. L. Walker Preceptor, Anderson S.D., Fells J.D., Styles I.G. The Lodge opened in due form. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked with precision and care by Bro. P.M. T. J. Maidwell, Bro. Dalton candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and closed, when the following propositions were passed, viz.—That one guinea be voted to the Girls', on Bro. P.M. Maidwell's list. That Bro. Smith S.W. be the W.M. for Wednesday next. That the Fifteen Sections be worked on 28th instant in this Lodge of Instruction. That Bro. T. B. Biddle be the Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, and that Bros. Dalton and Styles, 1364 and 1426, respectively, be elected members. Votes of thanks were recorded to the Treasurer and Secretary, for which latter post Bro. J. K. Pitt was re-elected for ensuing year. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The weekly meetings were resumed at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 2nd April, after the Easter recess. This being the meeting immediately preceding the assembling of the mother Lodge (which had to be postponed from Good Friday) the W.M. Bro. Gomm and his Wardens and Officers took their places. There were also present Bros. Gardiner P.M., Goss P.M., Andrews P.M., Maton, Bellerby, Brill, Smith 1395, &c. Lodge was opened and the confirming of the minutes postponed till next meeting, the Hon. Sec. having excused himself on the ground that his "civil duties" required his presence elsewhere. Bro. Maton answered questions leading to second degree. Bro. E. Smith 1395 was admitted a member. Letters of condolence were ordered to be written to Bro. Roe P.M. and Preceptor, on a domestic bereavement, and to Mrs. Snook, widow of our recently deceased Bro. Snook, late of Acton, who passed away deeply regretted, after many years spent in actively ameliorating the sufferings of those whom fortune had less favoured. He was founder of, and leading spirit in, the "Acton

Philanthropic Society," which has been the means of bringing relief to the distressed, without distinction of creed or sect. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned till 16th April at half-past seven p.m.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 6th April. Bros. Smyth W.M., Clark S.W., Polak J.W., Wardell S.D., Brasted J.D., Christian I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Weige, Baker, Catlin, C. Lorkin, Bell, Brand, and others. The business of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Baker acting as candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its Masonic duties, was opened in the second and third degrees. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Weige, W.M. of the mother Lodge, who worked the ceremony of installation, installing Bro. C. Smyth into the chair of K.S. Lodge was resumed to first degree. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week; Bro. Catlin of Lodge 1679, and Bro. Bell 1178 were elected members. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

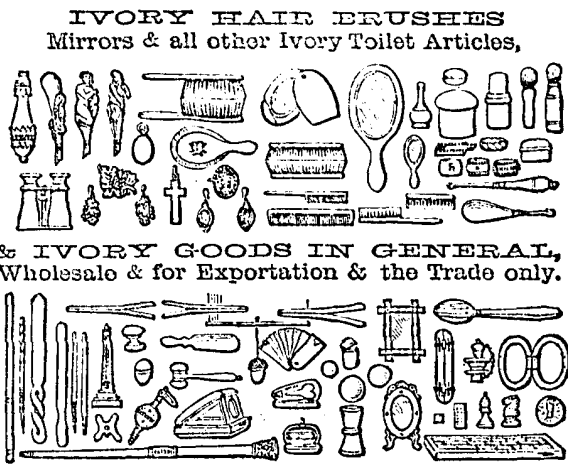
**Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.**—On Wednesday, 7th April, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road. Present:—Bros. Ward W.M., Abrahams S.W., Chitson J.W., Smith Treas., Hand Sec., Wooding S.D., Clarke J.D., Collins I.G.; Past Master Bro. Hogg Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Kelsey, Smith, Christian, Sturtevant, Howe. After preliminaries, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Kelsey as candidate. The W.M. opened and closed the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. Christian worked the second, third, and fourth sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. Christian, and seconded by Bro. Clarke, that the Annual Festival be held on Thursday, the 22nd April, members of other Lodges to be specially invited. The Lodge was closed in due form.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 6th April. Bros. Smith W.M., Rawe S.W., Cope J.W., Walker S.D., Power J.D., Fyfe I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Myers Preceptor; also Bros. Shepherd, Cope, Andrews, Keable, Lewis, Rawe, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Andrews candidate. The installation ceremony was again worked by Bro. Shepherd, W.M. of the mother Lodge, No. 1349, who will instal his successor on Wednesday, 14th instant. Bro. Smith S.W. of 860, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. Rawe was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. As this will be the first time of his working the second ceremony in this Lodge, we hope he will have a good muster. Bro. Rawe is one of the Deacons of No. 781. Bros. Davis 1021 and Day 1716 were unanimously elected members. The following brethren were elected Auditors:—Bros. Keable, P.M. Myers, and Shepherd; they will bring their report before the Lodge on Tuesday next, when the Officers for the year will be elected.

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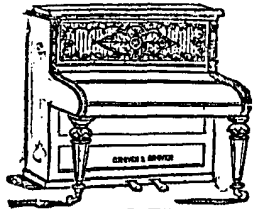
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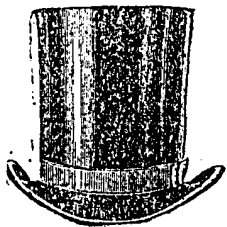
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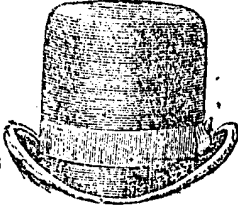
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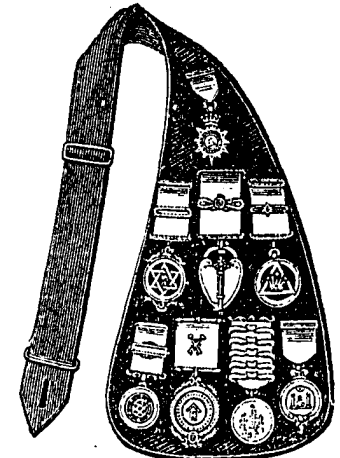
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