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## VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES TO TRURO.

BRETHREN intending to visit Truro on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Truro Cathedral by H.R.H. the Grand Master will be glad to learn that the Great Western Railway Company will issue first, second and third class return tickets from any station on their extensive system of railways to Truro, at a single fare and a-quarter for the double journey—such tickets being available (except in the case of tickets issued from London) from the 19th to the 21st inst. inclusive. Tickets issued in London will be available from the 18th to the 22nd inclusive.

Special meetings of the Exeter, Plymouth and Plympton Lodges will be held on the 19th inst., and a similar concession (but in this case restricted to first and second class passengers) is announced by the Great Western Company in favour of visitors to those Lodges, the tickets being available from the 18th to the 21st inst. inclusive. Holders of tickets from London to Truro may break their journey at Plymouth. The only voucher required will be the card of admission, or Lodge summons, as the case may be.

## THE SYMBOLISM OF FREEMASONRY AND G.L. OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE brethren of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at the last Quarterly Communication of that body, held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, 10th March, had before them the question of changing the seal of the Grand Lodge. It appears that in March 1857 a Committee was appointed on the same subject, and at the meeting held in the month of June following they submitted a report, wherein they remarked that the seal so long in use was so much effaced that it gave but a very imperfect impression, and that in its best state it bore nothing significant of Freemasonry, saving the arms of the city of York, England. The supporters they described as two nondescript animals, perhaps beavers, perhaps lizards, while they characterised the motto, "Follow Reason," as being in still worse taste. They therefore took upon themselves to entirely change the old seal, and adopted one which they hoped would be deemed to be in better taste, and of greater Masonic significance. The shield they proposed was divided into two parts, one representing the arms of Massachusetts, the other those of the city of York, that being the acknowledged source from which originated their denomination of Ancient York Masons. The crest they decided upon was a dove, with the olive branch, symbolical of the peaceful mission they as Freemasons professed, and the supporters, in the form of two angels, were meant to represent Justice and Truth. We will not trouble our readers with the technical description of the arms; suffice it to say that the report was accepted and its recommendations adopted, without, it would seem, any discussion or objection, and up to the present time the alteration then made has been in force. Now, however, the brethren—who in the meantime have learned better to understand the meaning of the old arms—desire that their use should be resumed. In the report submitted by the Committee who at present have the matter in hand, we have some very interesting particulars concerning the seals and armorial bearings of various Masonic bodies,

which are well worthy of perusal, as more particularly evidencing the care with which every minute detail was arranged by our earlier brethren. Very many of the acts attributed to the founders of Freemasonry have been at one time or another held up to ridicule, and are not unfrequently pronounced as being nothing but trivial items, having no meaning, and utterly unworthy of being retained as a part of our Masonic system. For this reason passages have from time to time been expunged from our Ritual, and alterations made, many of which we have no doubt found their way into our ceremonial law for a good purpose, but which, from a want of perception on the part of those who undertook the part of "improvers," and who did not or could not understand them, were pronounced valueless. This it appears is the case as regards the "supporters" of the old Massachusetts Grand Lodge Arms, which, in 1857, were pronounced by a duly appointed committee as nondescript animals; certainly they went near the mark when they described them as being something like beavers, for such they have since been pronounced by competent authorities, who, in support of their decision, give the very good reason for their adoption that beavers, well known for their building powers, were emblematic of industry. As a consequence, the Committee who now have the matter in hand recommend that the old seal be again adopted, without any change save the addition of the Arms of the State of Massachusetts. Attached to the report is a lengthened statement by Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, who most exhaustively treats the question from an heraldic point of view, citing the best authorities on the subject, and embodying in his remarks the opinions of the various brethren who have devoted their attention to it.

The consideration of this subject may be regarded by many as being of trifling importance; but we look upon it as one of the many opportunities which are made to alter, or, as it is generally termed, amend, our ceremonies and ritual. We are not among the class who object to alterations simply because they involve a change; but as we believe that, to a certain extent, the founders of Freemasonry had an object for most of what they introduced into our laws and ritual, we think greater pains should be taken to discover what was really intended before any alteration is made. It would be far better, before any so-called improvement is attempted, to first decide whether there was a reason for the insertion of the matter objected to, and then discover what that reason was before it was decided to expunge it; if such were the case, we should not so often have to listen to the arguments of brethren who urge that uniformity of ritual, as well as the uniform observance of ceremonies, exists only in name. We have frequently heard it remarked that such and such a passage does not apply to Freemasonry of the present day, and next we hear that the objectionable words, not being necessary, are omitted. It may be that the decisions thus arrived at are occasionally correct, but it is absurd to suppose they can be so in any but a few instances. Here in London we have this point plainly evidenced by the fact that we have some six or more different styles of "recognised" working, all of which are claimed by their respective votaries as being the correct form, while in the country there are few Provinces but can boast their own particular style. Our views on the subject of "uniformity" are doubtless well known to our readers, and we have no intention of taking up that question on the present occasion. All we now urge is, that some better reason should be found for making an alteration than the verdict of the one or two who, in their own opinion, are wiser than those who introduced it, and who

often as not are too bigoted to either see for themselves or listen to the arguments of others.

The other business transacted at the Quarterly Communication of the 10th of March already referred to was of the ordinary nature. The M.W. Charles Alfred Welch, Grand Master, presided, and was supported by a large attendance of Grand Officers and Lodge representatives. The report of the Committee appointed to consider the expenses of the Grand Lodge was among the first items submitted. It states that the Committee had met on several occasions, and had carefully investigated every item of expenditure. The first reduction they had made was in the office of the Grand Secretary, the work of which is now undertaken by one person, at a salary of 2,000 dollars, instead of, as hitherto, requiring two, who received between them 3,220 dollars. Reductions have likewise been made in other departments which, combined with the efforts lately made by the Grand Master and other influential members of the Grand Lodge, will cause a material diminution in the annual expenditure. This desire on the part of our Massachusetts brethren to reduce their expenses is part of the scheme lately propounded for the purpose of clearing off the debt attached to their governing body, and we have great pleasure in offering our congratulations on the evident success which is attending their determined efforts to set themselves free. As may be imagined, the question of the capitation tax was again brought under notice, the Grand Master using all his energy in advocating the heartiest co-operation of the brethren.

## NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE MARK DEGREE.

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THERE can be no doubt that the Mark Degree forms one of the closest links in the chain which connects the present speculative with the old operative system of Freemasonry. In the old Guilds the ceremony of selecting and registering a mark by a newly admitted Craftman, was only second in importance to that of his first admission into the Society. In using the words Mark Masonry, I must be understood to speak in a general sense, and not of any particular ceremony or ritual as now carried out in any country. The Degree of Mark Master Mason, as now worked, is essentially of modern construction, and some Masonic writers have thought fit to pour contempt upon the Degree in consequence. The whole Masonic system, however, as far as regards its details, is of such comparatively recent formation that any degree which can claim an origin in the last century must be considered worthy of investigation, and the steady progress of the Mark Degree during the past few years has given it an importance and a prominence which cannot be overlooked.

The wide and interesting subject of Masons' Marks is somewhat beyond the present question, and moreover presents such a large scope as to be quite beyond the limits of a short paper. It is a subject of the deepest interest to Masons and archaeologists, and has been treated of elaborately by writers both inside and outside the pale of the Craft. In tracing the history of the building sodalities, the study of Masons' Marks is of inestimable value, and from the very earliest period the custom of the selection of a Mark by each and every builder has been world-wide. It scarcely needs any argument to prove the great importance for the proper selection, approval and registration of each man's mark in an age when records were sparse and writing but little known, and Mackey and others have sufficiently exemplified this, and have given examples and quotations from old writers, showing the antiquity of the use of the private mark as a pledge or guarantee of good faith.

The selection of a mark by every Brother appears to have been insisted on with much greater regularity in the Scotch than in the English Lodges, but this may, I think, easily be accounted for by the fact that the Scotch Lodges retained their operative character long after the English Lodges had ceased to contain any but the speculative element. In the minute books of the oldest Lodges in Scotland, the register of marks is usually kept with the greatest regularity, and the choice seems to have been made by the Brother at the time of initiation and payment of fees. There seems to be no mention of any ceremony, and it is improbable that any special form was observed, still less that any ritual existed until about the end of the last century at the earliest. The mark cypher was early used in England, and in the minute books of the Grand Lodge of All England at York the initials of the titles of the officers present at meetings are sometimes given in this cypher appended to their names. There is no evidence whatever in the York minutes to show that any ceremony was observed in the conferring of a Mark Degree, nor is any such Degree in any way alluded to as far as I can discover, but that a Mark Degree was in existence in England at the close of the century there is abundant proof. Where then did this Degree come from at the time of its revival as a working Degree? It seems to me probable that it had

been re-introduced from Scotland, between which country and the northern counties there was much communication.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland governs the Mark Degree in that country, and it was reported in 1865 by a Committee of that Body appointed to investigate the history of the Mark Degree, that—"In this country from time immemorial and long before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (in 1736), what is now known as the Mark Master's Degree was wrought by the operative Lodges of St. John's Masonry."

Minutes preserved by some of the older English Lodges show that the Mark Degree was independently worked under the authority of the blue warrant before the close of the 18th century, but at the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, the Degree was not included in "Pure and Ancient Masonry," unless it was intended that Mark Masonry should form the first step to the Royal Arch (as in Scotland), of which there is no hint. In both Ireland and Scotland the Mark Degree is, and always has been, recognized as a part of ancient Masonry, and it is difficult to understand on what ground it was not recognized as such at the Union. Many old Masons of high standing have, in my hearing, expressed their regret at the exclusion of the Mark Degree, but a horror of tinkering at the Constitutions has always stood in the way of any alteration, and the danger of interfering with the text of the Articles of Union would doubtless be very great.

It is only within a comparatively recent period that any systematic investigation of old Lodge minutes has been made, and even yet these investigations have been of a very imperfect character. I have no doubt that as time progresses and brethren see the advantage of careful examination, we shall have unearthed further evidence as to the date at which the Mark Degree came to the front in England.

The earliest record of its working in London that I know of is to be found in the Minute Books of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 142 (London), warranted as 193 under the "Ancients" in 1775. Brother H. C. Levander, the Secretary of that Lodge, has transcribed the record as follows:

"August 9, 1777.

"The W.M. with the following Brothers of that Lodge were made Mark Masons and Mark Masters."

(Here occur names.)

"August 14, 1777.

"Regular Lodge night, the W.M., the Wardens, the Secretary and Treasurer present, worked in the First and Second Degrees. Made the following Brothers Mark Masons and also Mark Master Masons. Opened at 6 o'clock."

(Here occur names.)

"November 17, 1777.

"Being a Lodge night of Emergency, the W.M. in the chair, the Wardens present, made the following Brothers Mark Masons, also Mark Master Masons."

(Here occur several names of Brethren from other Lodges.)

"May 4, 1778.

"Being regular Lodge night, the W.M. in the chair as last night, S. and J. Wardens present. The Lodge opened at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past seven o'clock, worked in the three Degrees, made the following Brothers Mark Masons as also Mark Master Masons. Opened the Lodge at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past seven as above."

(Here occur the names.)

"January 8, 1784.

"The Lodge was opened, the W.M., A. Harmah, in the chair, and Brother White, Master-elect, was installed in his office of W. Master for the next six months. (Here occur names of visitors.) Worked to the (blank) Degree, when the following Brothers were made Mark Masons and Mark Masters."

(Here occur names.)

"June 13, 1785.

"The Lodge was opened, the W.M. in the chair; the officers present, when the W.M., S.W., and others wished to become Mark Masons and Mark Masters. Brother McCree took the chair and the following were initiated:"

(Then occur several names.)

"Monday August 13, 1787.

"The Lodge was opened, the W.M. in the chair, the officers present, when the W.M., S. and J.W.'s and several members desired to become Mark Masons and Mark Masters. Brother James Mackree took the chair and the following Brothers were installed:"

(Here occur the names.)

It may be noticed that the "marks" appended to the name of each Brother possess little variety, and in many cases the same mark was chosen by two or more Brethren at the same meeting. Out of a total of 77 marks there are only 9 varieties, there being 22 squares, 21 anchors, 10 compasses, 9 columns, 6 keys, 4 balls (or circles), 2 cross pens, 2 plumb-rules, and 1 hour-glass.

In these minutes there are several features to be particularly regarded, the most important of which are, first, that the Mark working consisted of two separate Degrees—Mark Man and Mark Mason, a fact that has been long in dispute in England; and second, that these Degrees formed an appendage of the Second or Fellow Craft Degree. (See minute of August 14, 1777.) These are well worth noting.

The earliest North of England minute of any distinct Mark working which I have so far been able to procure is to be found in the minutes of the Imperial George Lodge, No. 78, warranted by the "Moderns," in 1752, as No. 92, meeting at Middleton, in Lancashire. It runs thus:

"Imperial George Lodge, No. 92,

"Hare and Hounds,

"Middleton, March 9, 1809.

"This Lodge was opened in due form at 8 o'clock, in peace and good harmony.

"When the following Brethren were made Mark Masons."

(Here follow names.)

"Imperial George Lodge, No. 115 (*sic*),  
 "Hare and Hounds,  
 "Middleton, Feb. 29, 1824.

"Being a Lodge of Emergency for making Mark Masons."

"The Lodge was opened in due form at 3 o'clock.

"Benj. Isherwood was made Mark Mason.

(Then follow other names.)

"This Lodge was closed in peace and good harmony at 5 o'clock.

I believe that, in a short time, I shall be in possession of actual transcripts of earlier Mark minutes in the North of England, but the difficulties in obtaining access to old minutes are very great, and those of inducing local Brethren to make copies are, as a rule, still greater.

From the published "Directory" of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, at Hull, which contains a sort of analysis of the old minutes, I gather that in 1802 the following Degrees were worked in that Lodge: "Three Degrees of Craft Masonry, Mark Masonry, Royal Arch, Knight Templar, Old English Herodim or Orange Masonry, and Ark, Mark and Link." From enquiry of Bro. M. C. Peek, the Secretary, I gather that no regular Mark minutes were kept, but the marks were entered in the Craft minute book. There is nothing to prove that the Degree was then worked *in extenso*, and previous to 1853, the W.M. of the Minerva Craft Lodge was (if a Mark Mason) W.M. of the Minerva Mark Lodge (*ex officio*).

Separate and distinct certificates for Mark Master Masons were issued for many years before distinct Mark Lodges were established, and I possess one formerly issued by the "Old York" Lodge, at Bradford, which at one time formed an integral portion of the Hope Lodge, held in that town, and which worked under a "Dispensation" from York. In this one the Brother's mark was placed in the centre, and the certificate was written according to the taste of the W.M. in the margin.

The York Mark Lodge was one of those Time Immemorial Lodges which was long in recognizing the authority of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, although overtures of reception on favourable terms were early made to it. Its records do not extend further back than 1852, and in this old centre of Masonry I do not think the Mark had any existence as a separately worked Degree at any former period. According to the oldest edition of the By-Laws, which I possess, it is called the "York Lodge of Mark Masons, attached to the Union Lodge, No. 236" (now called the "York" Lodge, No. 236), and these By-Laws made the Mastership conditional on membership in the Union Lodge. No doubt in this stronghold of Freemasonry there has formerly been a practice of selecting marks, but there is no evidence of its having been worked as a separate Degree, indeed, the Templar is the only extraneous working beside the Royal Arch, of which we have any recorded evidence at York.

In the minutes of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, at Maryport, in Cumberland, there is an entry dated 9th July 1844, to the effect that certain Brethren "took the Degree of Mark Master Mason, and had their Marks duly registered in the Book of Marks," and Bro. Lamonby says that he has found no earlier entry of the Mark in the counties of Westmoreland and Cumberland. There was no Mark Lodge, however, as we understand the term, and the oldest Mark Lodge in that District, at the present time, was warranted in 1863.

I suspect that south of the Trent, Mark Masonry fell out of fashion at the beginning of this century, and that this was one reason why it was not included as a portion of "Pure and Ancient Masonry at the Union." Thenceforth the Degree must have been preserved in the South by a very slender thread, which would account for the Bon Accord Lodge in London, in 1855, applying to Scotland for a Mark warrant; for the six members who applied for the warrant from the Bon Accord Royal Arch Chapter in Scotland would scarcely have done so had they been able to advise with any known Mark Master's Lodge of repute in London on the subject. It was then that a Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England took the matter into consideration, as to whether the Mark Degree should be taken over by that Body as in Scotland, but that Committee decided that the Mark was a portion of the Fellow Craft Degree, and had no connection with the Arch. The Committee even recommended that the Mark should be added to the Fellow Craft, and the recommendation was accepted by the Grand Lodge of England. Some of the members of the Grand Lodge, however, became frightened at the prospect of any change, however slight, regarding it as the thin end of the wedge, and consequently the declared opinion of the Grand Lodge was regularly reversed, and matters were left in the same condition as before, and in which they have remained ever since.

The Bon Accord Lodge in London was the first body to move in the formation of an independent Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons (Lord Leigh being their head), and they gathered round them, in 1857, the other Lodges in the South and some in the North of England, working the Degree as English Lodges, and formed a Grand Mark Lodge of England. In this they were perfectly constitutional, and were only following the example of the Craft Lodges in 1717. It had been previously agreed that any Mark Lodge in working existence before June 1856 should be considered a "Time Immemorial" Lodge, and should take rank accordingly. In 1858 most of the Mark Lodges working under warrants from the Grand Chapter of Scotland transferred their allegiance to the Grand Mark Lodge of England, which, from that date, has held an increasingly prosperous existence.

But it is to Scotland that I think we must look for the birth-place of the Mark Degree as a speculative working. No one who has made even the most cursory examination of the remains of ancient ecclesiastical and military buildings could fail to acknowledge that a system of Masons' marks has been in vogue as long as the art of building itself, but between such a system and the speculative system of Mark Masonry there is more difference than between the mediæval Abbey Builders and ourselves as Free and Accepted Masons. The Abbey Builders had a system of speculative teaching, a code of general morality which they taught their initiates, but which, as far

as we know, had no special reference to Masons' marks. The mark was selected by a Brother as soon as he had served his time and was made free of the guild, just as the monastic devotee of this day, on assuming the cowl, adopts a name by which he is known amongst his brotherhood. I feel sure that the Mark Degree came into a "working" existence towards the close of the last century, when there was a rage for the multiplication of orders, and when, doubtless, it was seen by the leaders of the Craft, as now, that a certain hiatus existed between the Second and Third Degrees. It may even have been the case that originally some kind of mark working, though of course not the same as at present, once formed an integral part or complement of the Second Degree, just as some Masons imagine the Royal Arch did of the Third Degree, and that for the sake of abbreviating the ceremonies, both were divorced and fashioned into separate and distinct workings under newly invented names.

In consequence of the action of a Blue Lodge in Glasgow in the year 1860, which conferred the Mark Degree under its Craft warrant, the Grand Lodge of Scotland felt compelled to examine into the whole question of the status of Mark Masonry, and the result of its inquiries is very important, as showing what conclusion the heads of Masonry in that country came to after careful investigation and abundant evidence. The following was the minute entered into between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and though rather long is well worth quoting in its entirety:

"The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter having held a conference with a view to carrying out the remit to them, unanimously agree that what is generally known under the name of the Mark Master's Degree was wrought by the operative Lodges of St. John's Masonry in connection with the Fellow Craft Degree before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. That since that date it has continued to be wrought in the Old Operative Lodges, but in what may be called the Speculative Lodges it never was worked at all—or at all events in a very few. That this Degree being, with the exception of the Old Operative Lodges above mentioned, entirely abandoned by the Lodges of St. John's Masonry, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed the management of it as the Fourth Degree of Masonry in order to complete the instruction of their candidates in the preliminary Degrees before admitting them to the Royal Arch. That this Degree, whether viewed as a second part of the Fellow Craft Degree or as a separate Degree, has never been organized or worked in England, Ireland or the Continent, or in America, as a part of St. John's Masonry; and that it is now most desirable that an arrangement may be made which will reconcile the differences between the Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and which will admit of the three first Degrees of St. John's Masonry being worked in the Lodges in Scotland in a manner similar to that allowed by sister Grand Lodges. Resolve to recommend the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland to enact and declare as follows:—I. That all Lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall be allowed to work this Degree in virtue of the charters which they already possess. II. That to prevent confusion with Brethren belonging to Lodges out of this kingdom or with sister Grand Lodges, this Degree, although held by the Grand Lodge to be a second part of the Fellow Craft Degree, shall only be conferred on Master Masons, and the secrets shall only be communicated in presence of those who have taken it either from a Lodge or Chapter entitled to grant it. III. That the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland shall adopt the same ritual in conferring the Degree, being that now adjusted by their respective committees. IV. That any candidate applying to be admitted to the Royal Arch Degree, if he has received this Degree in a regular Lodge of St. John's Masonry, shall not be required to take it a second time from the Chapter into which he seeks admission, but in event of his not having received it he shall be obliged to take it from that Chapter. V. That as regards the Royal Arch Degrees, this Degree shall be reckoned the Fourth Degree in Masonry. VI. That nothing contained in these regulations shall interfere with the superintendence which the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter claims over Mark Masonry out of Scotland or with the Lodges holding of it in England or abroad."

Now this is a register of opinion of the highest value, and when added to that of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1856, that the Mark Degree was "not positively essential, but a graceful appendage to the Degree of Fellow Craft," and to the fact that the Mark Degree occupies a similar position in Ireland to that which it does in Scotland, it gives to the Degree the *imprimatur*, as it were, of the highest Masonic authorities in the United Kingdom. It signifies nothing that the Grand Lodge of England declined to take charge of the Degree. That was objected to merely on the technical ground of Article II. of the Articles of Union in 1813, and not because the Grand Lodge of England regarded the Mark Degree as *unworthy* of inclusion in Craft Masonry. The objection was similar to that which now pervades the minds of English Churchmen at the idea of any alteration in the Book of Common Prayer. It is felt that if once a breach is made in the Rubric, which have stood the test so many years, there is no telling where it would end.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland refused to recognize the Grand Mark Lodge of England until June of 1879, only because they were so convinced that the Degree belonged to the Fellow Craft, that it seemed to them as reasonable to form a Grand Fellow Craft's Lodge as a Grand Mark Lodge, and it was only when it became quite evident that the Grand Lodge of England would never recognize, or take charge of the Degree, that they accepted the inevitable. In 1864, the Scotch Committee, before spoken of, sent their adopted report to Grand Lodge and Chapter of England, and asked if those Bodies were prepared either to take over the Mark Degree, or to recognise the Grand Mark Lodge of England, but the reply was in the negative, nor have subsequent conferences and communications altered matters. At the present moment the Grand Mark Lodge of England is so strong, and occupies such an independent position, that there would be no possible chance of amalgamation with either Grand Lodge or Grand



Chapter, even were such a consummation to be desired by either of those Bodies.

I stated before, that in Scotland were to be found the oldest records of any registration of marks in Lodges now in existence. Of course, when a brother chose a mark it must necessarily have been different from the mark of any other member of the Lodge, and for that reason it must have been registered in the Books of the Lodge. It is in Scotland that we now find Lodges practising speculative Masonry, whose records show them to be direct descendants of Operative Lodges existing from very ancient times. In the very earliest records of these Lodges we find the progress of the selection of a mark to have been gone through by every Mason admitted, and we also find that as early as the middle of the 17th century others than Masons were admitted members, showing that even then the speculative element was invading the Lodges. How long that period existed during which the Lodges were both operative and speculative it would be difficult to decide, because, in the very earliest charges which we possess, not only those collected and published by our eminent Bro. Hughan, but the old mediæval guild charters, are contained allusions which prove that moral and even Theological teachings entered into the earliest operations of the building guilds. According to the records of a trial which took place in Edinburgh about 1707, being the outcome of a financial dispute between the Edinburgh Journeyman's Lodge and the Mary's Chapel Lodge, it appears that the former Lodge made only Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, the "Mark Master" being Master of the Lodge. The condition of things in England about that time was very similar, since the third degree could only be given in Grand Lodge, just as in Edinburgh it could only be obtained from St. Mary's Chapel Lodge, which occupied the position to a certain extent of a Grand Lodge in that city. The Mark Master who ruled the Lodge, therefore, was not what we understand now by a "Mark Master," but was simply an Installed Master, and as such held the register of marks of his Lodge, or, in other words, ruled over the Mark men, or Craftsmen, who formed the ordinary Masons' Lodge. He seems to have been called a "Mark Master," or "Overseer," in distinction to the "Master Mason," who ruled over a Mother Lodge, such as Mary's Chapel. Thus there would seem to have been two classes of Lodges, the lower class, or Mark Lodges, owing a kind of allegiance to the Master Mason's Lodges, and this existed up to the commencement of the 18th century. In many of the old Scotch minute books the brethren appear to have made a rule of appending their marks to their signatures, and I hope our Brother Hughan may see his way one day to publish a work on Mark Masonry, and reproduce therein specimens of the marks used, which, as far as I have been able to examine them, are principally emblematical of the calling in life of the Brother adopting them, such as a shovel for a mason, &c., or merely a monogram of the brother's initials.

The present ritual of the Mark Degree, wherever worked, has been founded principally upon Ancient Craft legends, and is intended not only to illustrate the principles which guided our ancient operative founders, but to instil moral lessons of integrity, faith, hope, and gratitude. As such the Degree is valuable. But it does not end here, for Mark Masons in England have taken up a position in regard to practical Charity, which, regarding the strength of the Order, places them second to none amongst the Masonic Bodies of the world. The Grand Lodge has on its roll over 240 numbered Lodges in addition to 10 "Time Immemorial" Lodges without distinction of number. The Grand Master holds 45 votes in the Masonic Charities. It has an invested Benevolent Fund of £2000, and a General Fund of £1000. It has an "Educational Branch" of its Benevolent Fund for the purpose of giving supplementary aid in the education of the children of Mark Master Masons in reduced circumstances; to say nothing of the assistance casually rendered by the Lodges, both to local Charities, and to the lists of brethren at the Annual Masonic Charity Festivals.

This alone would be a sufficient *raison d'être* for the existence of the Degree, which has, since the formation of the Grand Lodge, been ruled over by most distinguished brethren:—Lord Leigh, Lord Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., the Rev. G. R. Portal, Earl Percy, Lord Limerick, and now Lord Skelmersdale. It also has the advantage of many energetic Officers, and none more so than our distinguished Bro. Binckes, the Grand Secretary, whose zeal for the Order is only excelled by that for the Boys' School, whose needs he so constantly and eloquently advocates.

I wish I could have given you a more connected and detailed paper, but there is a very little ground to work upon, and records are so meagre in England that, without bringing in the sister kingdom, I fear any history of the Mark Degree might be summed up in the words—there is none to speak of.

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

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bell Tavern, High-street, Shoreditch, on Thursday, 6th May. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Shackleton P.G.S.B., who was well supported by Officers and members. There being no other business before the Lodge but the Installation, the minutes were confirmed, and the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. proceeded with the ceremony, placing Bro. W. J. Meek in the chair of A., according to the ancient rites of the Order. The W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers, viz., Bro. J. B. Shackleton I.P.M., H. Meyers S.W., W. Beasley J.W., J. Edmunds M.O., R. Marshall S.O., J. J. Gould J.O., A. P. Little R.M., James Hill Sec., B. Meyer Treasurer, G. Andrews S.D., E. M. Adams J.D., H. Godfrey I.G., J. G. Hopkins Tyler. Amongst the visitors on this occasion were the V.W. Bros. Fred. Binckes P.G.W. and Grand Mark Secretary, John Constable, W. C. Needes, and others. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Shackleton on his retirement from the Master's chair, for the second

time since the establishment of the Lodge, and the thanks of the members were accorded to Bro. James Stevens for his highly appreciated services as Installing Master. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren dined together, and subsequently the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent in social intercourse.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

THIS time immemorial Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on the 28th April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. Dr. L. Armstrong W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. T. J. Armstrong S.W., W. S. Hughes P.M. as J.W., J. E. Robson M.O., G. R. Salmon S.O., John Wood J.O., R. Lock Treasurer, G. W. Lax Registrar of Works, J. S. Bell Sec., S. M. Harris S.D., Ford I.G. and G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. No business offering itself, the Lodge was closed and adjourned till September. The brethren then partook of refreshment.

#### SIMON DE ST. LIZ LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 245.

THE Annual Festival in connection with this Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday evening, 11th May, in the Masonic Hall, Abington Street, Northampton, when Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders LL.M. and M.A. was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large assembly of brethren of this degree. The duties of Installing Master were very ably discharged by Bro. J. T. Thorp P.P.G.S.W. of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, and Derbyshire, and I.P.M. of the Simon de Montfort 194, and was performed with the usual clearness and perfect ceremony for which this brother is so greatly distinguished. After the presentation of the warrant, &c., Bro. Sanders W.M. appointed and invested his Officers in the following manner:—Bros. Nicholas T. Hewens Senior Warden, Henry J. Atkins Junior Warden, George Ellard Master Overseer, Eli Morris Senior Overseer, Henry Spoor Junior Overseer, Rev. T. C. Beasley, M.A., Chaplain, W. C. Short Treasurer, H. W. Parker Registrar of Marks, Henry Hill Secretary, George H. Percival Senior Deacon, J. V. de Denne Junior Deacon, Henry Brown Director of Ceremonies, Edward Hale Assistant D.C., Richard Croft Organist, Brook Sampson Inner Guard, Stephen Dumbleby Steward, Geo. Butcher Steward, Wm. Kirby Tyler. The usual addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren were then given by the Installing Master, and the newly-appointed W.M. at once gave evidence of his working powers, for which he is so well known, by ably advancing Bros. J. Manning and T. Emery to the degree of Mark Master Mason. At an excellent banquet which followed, the usual toasts were duly honoured. The whole proceedings were throughout most agreeable, and the brethren separated highly pleased with the work of the evening.

#### HILDA CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.

THE regular meeting of this Chapter took place in the Eboracum Lodge Rooms, York, on Friday evening last, when the chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead M.W.S., J. S. Cumberland H.P., Rev. W. C. Lukis first Gen., L. Murphy as second Gen., A. T. B. Turner G.M., T. M. Richey R., G. Simpson C. of G., J. Hanly, &c. Successful ballots were taken for Bro. Edward J. De Salis D.A.C.G. of Ordnance, Aldershot Camp Lodge, 1331, and Bro. the Rev. James Blake of York, Eboracum Lodge, 1611, and those brethren being in attendance were duly installed by the M.W.S. A letter was read from Lieut-Colonel Clerke Grand Sec. of England, thanking the Chapter for a letter of congratulation which had been sent to him from the Chapter on the occasion of his appointment by the Grand Master of England. The M.W.S. stated that he had, on his own responsibility, forwarded two guineas to the Testimonial Fund to their late Sec. Gen., feeling sure that the Chapter would be only too glad to sanction his act. Accordingly that sum was unanimously voted by the Chapter, which was afterwards closed.

Everything seems to promise a most successful gathering for Thursday next at Truro on the occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to lay the foundation-stones of the new Cathedral there. An especial Grand Lodge will be opened in the Town Hall, Truro, at eleven o'clock, the Provincial Grand Lodge having previously been opened at ten o'clock. In another part of our present issue will be found details of the arrangements which have been made by the Great Western Railway Company for the conveyance of visitors, of whom it is expected a very numerous company will assemble. We tender our heartiest wishes for the success of the meeting.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## MODE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—So far from considering Bro. E. de Ewer's views quixotic, I for one consider they are in accordance with the true spirit of Masonic Charity. In my humble judgment, the system of election by ballot into a charitable institution is radically wrong. In the first place, it is not the most deserving and most needy candidate that succeeds, but, as your reverend correspondent very justly points out, "those who have the most friends," for it is they who "get the most votes, and consequently become the accepted candidates." Now with all due respect to those who may differ from me as to the best way of electing candidates, they will hardly venture to dispute the proposition, that the plan in force at present involves a subversal of what should be the governing principles of all such elections. It must be clear to every one who does not wilfully shut his eyes to reason and common sense, that of two candidates whose claims upon our assistance are as nearly as possible equal in value, the one who has few or no friends has more need to be successful than the one who has many. To enforce my argument, I will take the case of two girls down for election in April last, one of them, No. 8, an applicant for the third and last time; the other, No. 30, an applicant for the first time, who, moreover, was of an age to be eligible on three more occasions, namely, in October of this year, and April and October of next. I dismiss from my reckoning the fact that No. 8 was one of *three* children dependent on their mother, while No. 30 was one of *two* only, though this, of course, makes the claims of the former just one-half as strong again as the latter. No. 8's father was an engineer, was initiated in April 1864, and died in January 1873, having been a subscribing member seven years and three quarters. No. 30's father was a surgeon, was initiated in October 1870, and died July 1879, having likewise been a subscribing member seven years and three quarters. Neither had subscribed to, or acted as Steward, for the Institutions. Well, the last election, as it affected these two girls, resulted thus:—No. 8 with a credit of nineteen votes from her two previous attempts, receives further support to the extent of 28 votes, making her total score 47. On the other hand, No. 30, whose age would have permitted her to stand again and again, and yet a third time, sweeps in at the head of the poll with 177½ votes. Poor little No. 8, who for seven of her eleven years has been fatherless has experienced something worse even than that "hope deferred," which "maketh the heart sick," for her hope of success has been rudely destroyed, while fortunate No. 30, whose father died as recently as 26th July of last year, or less than nine months ago at the date of the election, has been elected into the School, and having been born on 29th March 1871 will, if she lives, be well clothed, fed, and educated till the corresponding day of 1887. Estimating these advantages at £40 a-year, No. 30 will be receiving from this Institution as nearly as possible £280, while No. 8 gets nothing, though, as I have already shown, the fathers of the two girls had been Masons about the same time, while the mother of the rejected candidate had had three children to support since January 1873, and that of the successful only *two* since July 1879. I know well enough that people who have votes in such cases as these do not sufficiently weigh the relative circumstances of the different candidates, and it is for this reason I consider your correspondent deserves our thanks for having come forward and advocated so strongly as he has done so excellent a proposition, namely, that elections should not be conducted by ballot, but by a specially appointed Committee.

There is yet another point to be considered. One candidate may have friends who may be of use to him in soliciting votes, but another may have friends with plenty of money to spend in circulating particulars of the case in which they are interested, and whose success at the earliest possible opportunity they are prepared to spare no—reasonable, of course—outlay to secure. Here, again, there is a decided inequality in the claims of the two candidates; and, into the bargain, it strikes me that where people can afford to spend money in advertisements, circulars, and other purposes to the same end, they might as well cut the matter short and lay out their money in directly assisting their young *protégé* to an education and maintenance, thus leaving the School for those who are less fortunately placed.

If subscribers think it necessary they should have votes, and that they are very ill-used if the voting power is withheld, let them in that case have votes for a Committee to conduct all elections. This will satisfy their requirements, and make them perfectly happy; at the same time it will prevent them from unintentionally doing a disservice to some whom, if they knew anything of their circumstances, they would be only too glad to assist.

Yours fraternally,

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## A PLEA FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As I was interested in the case of the brother who died in the Petersfield Workhouse, I can give Bro. Ayling satisfactory evidence why he was not elected an annuitant of the above Institution.

Yours fraternally,

Emsworth,

THOS. FRANCIS 804.

## A PLEA FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE R.M.B.I.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. W. C. Parsons's suggestion that those who have been unsuccessful candidates the greatest number of times should be elected to fill vacancies which have occurred in the interim between the declaration of the number of places to be balloted for and the day of the election, is not without its merits, but to this, as to many other schemes of an equally favourable character, there are various objections which might be raised, and could not be described as other than noteworthy. Thus, as the ballot goes by votes, those next highest on the poll have the right to claim they shall be appointed to fill any additional vacancies, on the just ground that if those additional vacancies had been declared ones instead of accidental, they would have fallen to their lot in the natural order of things. Again, as the inferior limit of age is, in the case of the old men sixty, and in that of the old women fifty-five, a candidate may have stood half-a-dozen elections unsuccessfully, and yet on the score of years be less worthy of election than one who is a candidate for the first time, and seventy years old. Then the most meritorious of the unsuccessful candidates may, when the day of election next comes round, be surpassed in point of merit by a new candidate. In fact, whatever may be the arrangements made for filling up these additional, and as I have called them accidental vacancies, there will, I fear, be some kind of hardship to be endured by those who fail. Perhaps some modification of this hardship might be obtained if a law were made, by which it might be at the discretion of the authorities to assign an allowance, say, of twenty pounds, payable in equal quarterly sums of five pounds each, to every candidate who had tried five times to get elected on the Fund, this allowance to cease on the candidate's election to a vacancy. But even here I anticipate that some might raise the objection I have already noted, namely, that in this case a candidate of sixty-five or sixty-six years of age would find himself better off than one who might be much older.

It strikes me that in order to meet such cases the scheme of the Pupils' Assistance Fund might be enlarged. The chances are there would never be more than three or four, or at the most five candidates so circumstanced, so that the outside limit of what would be required annually would be only £100, and it is most likely it would average, taking one year with the other, not more than half that amount.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

X. Y. Z.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present:—Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton (in the chair), William Hale, J. A. Farnfield, Richard Horvó Gerand, S. Rawson, John Henry Leggott, G. Bolton, Raynham W. Stewart, James Kench, A. H. Tattershall, Henry G. Warren, William Clarke, John G. Stevens, James Brett, John L. Mather, J. Newton, William Stephens, Thomas Cubitt, J. March Case, John Constable, Charles F. Hogard, C. H. Webb, William Hilton, William F. Nettleship, A. J. Duff-Filer, Louis Stean, Thomas Goode, and James Terry (Secretary). Bro. Terry reported the death of one male Annuitant. The Warden's Report for the past month was read. The Report of the Finance Committee was also read, and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the male and female annuitants, &c., for the ensuing quarter. The Draft Report for the annual meeting was approved and adopted. Letters of Grand Secretary were read as to proposed new offices, but the subject thereof was deferred for further information. Application was made by Mrs. Grant for half her late husband's annuity, which was granted. Bro. Henry G. Warren's notice of motion was withdrawn, and the Committee, after some further business, adjourned.

## THE LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 22.

THE Session of this Lodge opened on the 28th September last, and since that time they have held thirty meetings with an aggregate attendance of 244, and those hailing from upwards of thirty Lodges, being an average attendance of about nine members. The ceremony of the first degree has been worked thirty-three times, the second degree twenty, and the third degree seventeen times, and the installation ceremony once. The members of this Lodge of Instruction and their friends banquetted together at their place of meeting, Bro. McDiarmid's, the Cambria Tavern, near Loughborough Junction, on the 7th inst., when upwards of thirty sat down to an excellent spread admirably served up. Bro. William Ashwell P.M. of the Neptune, No. 22, presided, and Bro. Baldwin Secretary acted as Vice President. After the usual toasts had been cordially received and disposed of, Bro. G. S. Graham, gave some of his very clever songs and selections, a selection from "Il Trovatore" receiving a well merited encore. The songs and recitations of Bros. Crook, Warren, Wallis, and others, added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

The Annual Communication of the Provincial Grand Chapter of N. and E. Yorkshire will take place on Thursday next, at York, under the banner of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236.

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## LILY OF RICHMOND LODGE, No. 820.

THERE are few places within easy reach of the metropolis which are so well worthy of being visited—and especially at this season of the year—as Richmond. The situation on the banks of Old Father Thames, which hereabouts gives people some idea of a pellucid stream, its magnificent hill, its glorious old park, with the timid but graceful deer bounding through its glades, the cattle lowing and frisking hither and thither in the bright sunshine—all these combine to make it one of the loveliest of the comparatively few attractions which are easily accessible by the denizens of smoky and prosaic business-like Londinopolis. For those who thoroughly appreciate the old *dolce far niente* principle of taking their pleasure, we know of no spot where the acme of perfect and contented delight can be so completely enjoyed. A lounge on the green sward, looking down from the heights of Richmond Hill, a lazy paddle towards Twickenham Eyot and Teddington Lock, a steady jaunt across Ham Meadows, or, in the case of the more energetic visitor, a good swinging walk out by the Robin Hood Gate to Wimbledon and its picturesque Common—what can be more delightful than either or all of these? Then for those who love old associations, and associations, too, of the most varied character, where shall we find a place that is richer? The historian may carry back his mind to the old palace of Shene, where the gallant Edward IV. held his Court. The old mill at Wimbledon, hard by, has many painful associations in connection with the *duello*, now happily an effete custom. Admirers of statesmanship may recal visions of Sir William Temple and his house at East Sheen, where Swift first acquired notice as a man of genius. No one can walk through the Park without thinking of Thompson and his "Seasons," or moon along the Thames without awakening memories of Pope or of Horace Walpole. Even political exiles in the person of the Duke d'Anmale have lent additional lustre to this time-honoured resort of royal, noble, and talented personages; and now one of the most popular and fashionable clubs is located within easy reach of Park and Hill. We may go further, and say that at a short distance only—or to be as explicit as possible, at the neighbouring hamlet of Kew—took place one of the brightest scenes connected with the early history of Freemasonry. If our memory serves us, it was at the old Palace of Kew that Frederick Prince of Wales, father of George II., and great-grandfather, therefore, of our present Grand Master, was made a Mason. Since this auspicious event happened, not far short of a century and a half has elapsed, and during that period of time there has been almost without a break a continuity of Royal members of the English Brotherhood of Freemasons. First, sons of Frederick, following their father's bright example, joined our ranks; then nearly all George III.'s sons did the same, and now three of the sons of Queen Victoria have received, in one case the highest honour it is in our power to bestow, while in that of the other two they also have received well-merited distinctions, and in due time will doubtless obtain still higher rank. Then, to the genial-minded brother, who considers it the reverse of a sin to enjoy in season the good things Providence has bestowed on us, there are many well-known hostleries whose fame extends very far beyond the limits of this delightful town, and among these one of the best, though at the same time one of the least pretentious, is the Greyhound, where Bro. Palmer formerly administered creature comforts to all who sought solace and refreshment within his gates, and where our esteemed Brother Moullet now worthily reigns in his stead. And here it was that on Wednesday afternoon we were rapidly carried by train in order to assist, as our Gallic neighbours have it, at the installation meeting of the Lily of Richmond Lodge, a Lodge which, though dating back its origin only to 1860, has in its brief career shown a zeal and energy in the work of Freemasonry which is in the highest degree creditable. Nor has its career been without its vicissitudes, though even the cloud which temporarily obscured its labours was due to an excess rather than a defect of energy. In point of numbers the Lily is not one of our strongest bodies, but it has about it the makings of a good Lodge, and the members will doubtless pardon us for suggesting that, if a greater degree of harmony prevailed amongst them, they would rapidly increase in strength. They are not unmindful of the most important duties of Freemasonry. They have a Benevolent Fund of their own which has already exceeded the respectable sum of £100, and though it is quite possible the accounts might be rendered in a more business-like manner, still the financial position of the Lodge appears to be very satisfactory. But to our story, which is the more immediate concern of the moment. At 4 p.m. on the 12th instant, the day and hour fixed in the programme of business, the chair of the Lodge was taken by Bro. Charles Hubbard W.M.—we are not in a position to say if our worthy brother is or is not a descendant of the venerable dame in the nursery rhyme, who charitably explored the innermost recesses of her cupboard in order to give her poor dog a bone; but we believe we are justified in saying that during the whole of his private and Masonic career he has been actuated by the same worthy motives of kindness and compassionate regard for others as was the ancient dame we have referred to. Be this as it may, Brother Hubbard was loyally supported by his principal and subordinate Officers and the members of the Lodge, as well as by a fair muster of visitors from the immediate and surrounding neighbourhood as well as from more distant localities. The usual preliminaries having been studiously observed, the Report of the Audit Committee was read and submitted for acceptance. The statement was on the whole satisfactory, though it strikes us, in common with some members of the Lodge, that, in the case of one or two items which are brought forward annually as still outstanding, it would be better if they were dropped into a kind of suspense account till such time as an arrangement can be made for their settlement. Bro. P.M. Myers, who throughout the day filled the duties of D. of C. most creditably, then presented Bro. Young, the

W.M. elect, to the Master to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Young inducted into the chair of K.S. with the customary ceremonial, the work being both ably and impressively done by the retiring Master Bro. Hubbard. After salutation and congratulation, Bro. Young proceeded with the appointment and investiture of the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. C. Phillips S.W., W. F. Reynolds J.W., Giles P.M. Treas., Myers P.M. Sec., Chas. Page Deane S.D., W. Chesswas J.D., Johnson I.G., Hammond W.S. and Gilbert Tyler. Inquiry having been made by a brother as to the mode of procedure to be adopted in making application for assistance from the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and the desired information having been given, a letter was read from Bro. Past Master Koch, in which that worthy brother—who he it remarked was present in the flesh, and was as genial and happy as we have ever seen him—sought permission to be entered, for some time at least, on the roll of country members, the reason being that he was on the point of paying a visit to the United States. It is needless to say the request was graciously accorded, and we trust Bro. Koch will derive all the benefit he anticipates from his temporary expatriation. A letter from Bro. Myers, soliciting the same favour, had been received, but as we have noted already, Bro. Myers was appointed to the office of Secretary, having at the request of members generally gracefully withdrawn his communication. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, among whom was Bro. Joshua Nunn, one of the founders of the Lodge, adjourned to a most excellent banquet, both the quality and selection of the viands, as well as the service, leaving nothing to be desired. In due time, Bro. Young proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, accompanying each with a few pertinent remarks. With that of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present was associated the name of R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, a Past Grand Warden and Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, who possessing as he does a keen appreciation of the beauties of nature, has chosen Richmond for his place of residence. In his reply, Bro. Colonel Burdett expressed warmly his thanks for the compliment they had paid him. The present Grand Officers, he remarked, were the right men in the right place, and all those who were entitled to occupy a place on the dais of Grand Lodge were only too happy when their engagements permitted of their visiting Lodges. Col. Burdett laid great stress on the work done by our Institutions, in which, he said, of necessity all brethren worthy of the name took a deep interest, and he took occasion to suggest—a suggestion by the way in which we most heartily concur—that the custom of presenting Worshipful Masters on their retirement from the chair of office with Past Masters' jewels should give place to the far worthier custom of presenting them with Life Governorships to our different Institutions; the compliment would be as great, while the recipient would enjoy the inestimable advantage of being able to exhibit for the rest of his life a deep interest in the work of one or other of our Institutions. It was very well for a brother to wear one Past Master's jewel, given him in token of his services as Master, but nothing was to be gained, except display, by a multiplication of jewels, whereas the gift of a Life Governorship would carry with it certain life-long advantages, such as he had indicated. Bro. Nunn supplemented Bro. Col. Burdett's remarks briefly, but to the point. Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, responded to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," pointing out, in the course of one of those elaborate speeches which tell so greatly, and seem to come as a matter of course from him, that while in the year 1872 the sums raised for the three Institutions amounted in the aggregate to £16,000, last year no less than £44,000 was subscribed towards their maintenance and support. There were, he likewise noted, no less than 325 annuitants on the Funds of the Institution with which he was more immediately associated, while the two Schools were equally successful in the good work they did. Bro. Hubbard, having assumed the gavel, then rose and proposed the health of the W.M., who was well known to them all, had been initiated in the Lodge, and in his own quiet way had already given them a taste of his quality. He trusted the W.M. would have a pleasant year of office, and felt sure he would leave no stone unturned in order to fulfil his duties and uphold the honour of the Lodge. Brother Young, in his reply, briefly expressed his thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received, and declared he would do all in his power to make his year of office a success. He concluded by expressing the pleasure he felt that it had fallen to his lot to present, on behalf of the Lodge, the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to Bro. Hubbard for his eminent services in the chair during two consecutive years of office, and he hoped that Brother might live many, many years to wear that memento of the kindly feeling and respect they all entertained for him. The jewel, which was very handsome and exhibited great taste on the part of the maker, having been affixed to Bro. Hubbard's breast, that brother rose and feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid him, and the very great honour he esteemed it to have received so beautiful a reminder of their kindness towards him during his two years occupancy of the chair. The toast of the Visitors, who received a hearty welcome, was responded to in the first instance by Bro. J. L. Mather, who expressed the gratification it afforded him to be present on so interesting an occasion, Bros. Cusworth, Cranford, and Nissen of Bombay also made a few remarks to a like purport. Among the remaining toasts was included as special to the occasion one proposed by Col. Burdett, viz., Prosperity to the Lily Lodge of Richmond, the R.W. Brother's speech being marked by singularly good taste and good feeling. The Tyler's toast concluded the list, and the brethren then rose and departed for the evening. One familiar face we missed—that of the late Bro. Kyezor, who at the installation, for the second time, of Bro. Hubbard last year, was appointed to fill the chair of Senior Warden, but died during his term of office. We could wish it had been otherwise, but life and death are in the hands of Him who has created all things. If, however, there was absent the



old familiar face and kindly greeting of Bro. Kyezor, we were pleased to see among those present Bro. Palmer, who till a year or two since was the courteous and kindly host of the Greyhound, and who has now taken up his quarters at the Lord Nelson, Milford Haven, where his known ability as a caterer will doubtless find ample scope, and will be duly appreciated by the brethren living there. Among those present were—Bros. Colonel Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, F. Honeywell P.G.O. Surrey 889, J. Wicks 813, A. Nuthall 889, G. Nissen Concord Lodge of Bombay 757, S. R. Lovett 3, E. Farwig P.M. 188, T. J. Cusworth P.M. 813, T. Wilkinson 948, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, W. R. Phillips P.M. 975, W. H. Carmen I.G. 1827, J. Terry P.G.W. Herts, J. L. Mather P.G.D.C. Herts, W. Crauford P.M. 127, J. M. Scarlett 147. The jewel, to which we have referred above, bore the following inscription:—

“Presented to Bro. CHARLES HUBBARD, by the Brethren of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, in appreciation of the zeal and ability displayed by him as W.M. for two years in succession—1878-79, 79-80.—12th May 1880.”

**London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 3rd May, at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. Herbig W.M., Barnett S.W., Haynes J.W., Smallpeice Preceptor, J. D. Langton Sec., J. S. Fraser S.D., Haines J.D., Tarr I.G.; Bros. John Wood, W. Fraser, W. W. Williams, &c.; Visitor—Bro. Henri Bué Sir Thomas White Lodge 1820. After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. John Wood acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history of the degree. Lodge closed in the three degrees. The Lodge meets every Monday at 6 o'clock.

**Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.**—Held at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 3rd May. Present:—Bros. Myers Preceptor, S. L. Green W.M., Goddard S.W., Partridge J.W., McDonald S.D., Kimbell J.D., Robson I.G.; also Bros. Lyons, Seymour-Clarke, and others. Lodge was opened in due form in first, second and third degrees, and the ceremonies of raising and passing were ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Seymour-Clarke being candidate. The chair was then taken by Bro. Partridge, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation with the same candidate. Bro. Goddard was elected W.M. for Monday next. The Lodge was closed in due form.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—On Monday, the 26th ult., an emergency meeting of this Lodge was held, for the purpose of initiating a candidate. The W.M. Bro. C. G. Padell was present, and was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., J. T. Seller S.W., George Simpson J.W., Rev. J. Blake Chaplain, George Balmford P.M. Treas., and a number of other brethren and visitors. During the evening Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., on behalf of Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde. Pawlett P.M. P.P.G.S.W., presented to the Lodge a curious old jewel, bearing a number of Masonic emblems, for which a vote of cordial thanks was passed. After the Lodge was closed, several toasts were honoured, and many of the brethren contributed songs to the harmony of the evening.

**York Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners (attached to the York Mark Lodge T.I.)**—A meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Thursday, the 29th ult., when Bro. T. B. Whytehead W.C.N. presided, supported by Bros. L. Murphy as J., W. P. Husband as S., J. S. Cumberland as S.D., and several other brethren. The following candidates were duly elevated to the degree:—Bros. J. W. Woodall (Scarborough), E. T. Clark (Snaith), W. E. Clark (Snaith), and J. Oates (Darlington). Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde. Powlett the N. elect was then installed in the chair by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and afterwards appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland J., George Simpson S., M. Millington Scribe and Treasurer, A. T. B. Turner D.C., L. Murphy S.D., W. P. Husband J.D., T. G. Hodgson Guard, J. Redfard Warder. The Lodge was then closed.

Bro. Charles Roome, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, was recently made the recipient of an ovation by the brethren of the Kane Lodge, No. 454, of New York City. The hall was splendidly decorated with flowers, and there was, as might be expected, an unusually large attendance of members. The speeches both of the W.M. of the Lodge and of the Grand Master were both appropriate and expressive of the kindest feelings. It is not to be wondered at that Bro. Roome should have had this honour conferred upon him, as he is a member and Past Master of the Lodge.

Among civilians who have held high office in the service of the Crown, and at the same time have distinguished themselves in, or been members of, our Society, must be mentioned Richard, second Earl of Mornington, K.G., K.P., subsequently Marquess Wellesley, who was Governor-General of India when his younger brother, the great Duke of Wellington, was gaining his early laurels as a general at Assaye, Argaum, &c., and subsequently Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. His lordship was Grand Master of Ireland in the year 1782. It is likewise noteworthy that Garrett, first Earl of Mornington, father of the Marquess and Duke was also Grand Master of Ireland, 1777. As the old Duke, according to a note in Preston's *Illustrations*, was a Freemason, there were three members of this distinguished family connected with our Fraternity.

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, the 21st inst., at the hour of noon. After the transaction of the ordinary business, a ballot will be taken for the election of candidates, both on the Male and Female Funds. We trust the choice of the electors will fall on those old men and women whose cases are most deserving of sympathy and support.

An emergency meeting of the Metropolitan Order of St. Lawrence will be held at 2 Red Lion Square, on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at 3.30 p.m.

We understand that an English Mason, some short time since, applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for some relief from the distress he was suffering, and that the application was unsuccessful, the reason that was given for the refusal being that the Grand Lodge of England invariably referred all Scotch applicants to it for relief to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Whoever formulated this view labours under some misapprehension. As many as *thirty-four* distressed Scotch Masons applied to our Grand Lodge for relief during the years 1871-5, and they were assisted to the extent of £281 in the aggregate.

**CONTINENTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC.**—On Saturday, the 8th instant, the “Adelaide,” a Steel Paddle Steamer, intended for the Great Eastern Railway Company's Harwich Route to the Continent was successfully launched from the Yard of the Barrow Ship Building Company. The christening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Simpson, the wife of Mr. Lightly Simpson, one of the Directors of the Great Eastern Railway Company. The dimensions of the “Adelaide” are, Length 260 feet, beam 32 feet, with a gross tonnage of 960 tons, and accommodation for nearly 200 passengers. She is fitted with compound oscillation surface condensing engines of 1600 indicated horse power. She is expected to be running between Harwich and the Continent next month. The “Lady Tyler,” another addition to the Company's Fleet, built on the Tyne, is expected to commence running at the same time.

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**LYCEUM.**—At 7.30, THE KING AND THE MILLER. At 8.15, THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.

**ADELPHI.**—At 7.30, THE QUIET FAMILY. At 8.15, THE SHAUGHRAUN.

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

**GAIETY.**—At 7.15, OPERETTA. At 8, TALE OF A TUB. At 8.45, VOYAGE EN SUISSE.

**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.15, PAIR OF THEM. At 7.30, THE GRASSHOPPER. At 9.30, TROVATORE.

**GLOBE.**—LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

**PRINCESS'S.**—At 7, DELICATE GROUND. At 7.50, THE STREETS OF LONDON.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 7.50, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.40, FORGET-ME-NOT.

**ST. JAMES'S.**—At 8, OLD CRONIES. At 8.35, STILL WATERS RUN DEEP.

**OPERA COMIQUE.**—At 8, IN THE SULKS. At 8.45, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

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**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.15, LA FILLE DU TAMBOUR MAJOR. At 10.30, MEMNON.

**ROYALTY.**—At 8, THEMIS. At 9.45, CUPID.

**NEW SADLER'S WELLS.**—At 7.15, BOX AND COX. At 8, THE DANITES.

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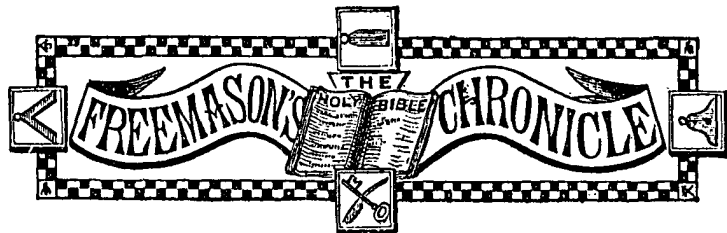
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**GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.****A** QUARTERLY communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland  
was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on 6th inst.,—the  
Most Worshipful the Grand Master Brother Sir Michael R. Shaw-  
Stewart, Bart., on the throne. Bro. Roger Montgomerie D.C.R.  
acted as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. William Mann Proxy District  
Grand Master of all India as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. R. F.  
Shaw-Stewart was at his post as Junior Grand Warden. The other  
Grand Officers present were—Bros. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary,  
David Kinnear Grand Cashier, Rev. J. Henderson Chaplain of Lodge  
St. Andrew, Adelaide, acting Grand Chaplain, William Hay Grand  
Architect, F. L. Law Grand Jeweller, Thomas Halket Grand Bible  
Bearer, H. Y. D. Copland Grand Sword Bearer, C. W. Maxwell  
Muller Grand Director of Music, Robert Davidson (Grand Organist,  
William Bryce Grand Tyler. There were also present:—Bros. Alex-  
ander Hay Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica and Greytown,  
William Maclean Proxy District Grand Master of Montreal, James  
Turner President, and James Crichton Vice-President of the Board of  
Grand Stewards, and the following representatives of sister Grand  
Lodges:—Bros. William Officer Egypt and Pennsylvania, E. W.  
Nightingale New York, R. S. Brown Kentucky, George M'Lean  
Nebraska. The following sister Grand Lodges were also represented:  
—England, Sweden, the three Globes of Prussia, the Countries  
Grand Lodge of Germany, Grand Lodge of Saxony, Nova Scotia,  
New Brunswick, West Virginia, Wyoming, New Jersey, &c. Letters  
of apology were intimated from Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie,  
Depute Grand Master, Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood,  
Bart., Substitute Grand Master, F. A. Barrow Past Senior Grand  
Warden, John C. Forrest Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire,  
Middle Ward, Captain Colt of Gartsherrie Past Grand Sword Bearer,  
Dr. Falconer Proxy District Grand Master of New South Wales, &c.A vidimus was submitted by the Grand Cashier of the income and  
expenditure for the three months ending 24th April, which showed  
that during that period there had been 1050 entrants, and that the  
income had amounted to upwards of £1330, being about £720 in  
excess of the expenditure. A statement as to the Fund of Masonic  
Benevolence showed that during the three months ending 29th April,  
£98 16s had been voted by the committee as grants to brethren, or  
widows of such. Presents, being reports of their proceedings, were  
received with thanks from the Grand Lodges of the three Globes of  
Prussia, Portugal, St. John's of Hungary, Maryland, Montana,  
Alabama, Virginia, Michigan, Missouri, South Carolina, and Mas-  
sachusetts. Grand Lodge approved the reposal of Lodge Palestino,  
Beyrout, No. 415, permission being given the Lodge to work in Arabic,  
as many of its members know no other language; confirmed the  
action of Grand Committee in ordering that a charter be issued to  
Lodge Hawera, Patea, N.Z., and ordered that a charter be granted to  
the Lodge St. James, Macduff. Bro. William H. Bickerton, Glasgow,  
having resigned his seat in Grand Committee, Grand Lodge approved  
of the appointment in his place of Bro. William M'Lean jun., R.W.M.  
No. 3, Glasgow, who had been next on the list to the members elected  
in February. Bro. Dr. Max Nenda was unanimously appointed  
representative to the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, in room of  
Bro. Henry Maurer resigned. It having been reported that the  
difficulties heretofore existing between the Grand Lodges of Colon  
and the island of Cuba had been amicably adjusted, and that the two  
bodies had united, under the title of the "United Grand Lodge of  
Colon and the island of Cuba," Grand Lodge, on the recommendation  
of Grand Committee, complied with the request of the new body to  
recognise it. Grand Lodge next proceeded to the appointment of a  
Provincial Grand Master for the Glasgow City Province. It appeared  
that at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Bros. Sir  
James Bain and William Pearce were nominated for the office of  
Provincial Grand Master, and that it was resolved by 21 to 12, to  
recommend the appointment of Sir James Bain. A petition had,  
however, been presented to the Grand Committee, signed by 35



brethren, members of Grand Lodge, residing in Glasgow, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, praying for the appointment of Bro. Pearce. Grand Committee being desirous to give effect to the election, and as statements had been made impugning the validity of the resolution in favour of Sir James Bain, remitted the petition to the Provincial Grand Lodge for reconsideration of their resolution and for their report. The Grand Secretary reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Committee, the Provincial Grand Lodge had met and reconsidered their recommendation, and that on a division 50 voted for Sir James Bain and 18 for Bro. Pearce, and he submitted a petition in favour of each. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election, when Sir James Bain was appointed by 71 votes, 54 voting for Bro. Pearce. A letter had been submitted to Grand Committee, in which Bro. Lord Ramsay, M.P., resigned the Provincial Grand Mastership of Forfarshire, the duties of which, through pressure of other business, he felt himself unable to perform; and on the recommendation of Grand Committee, Grand Lodge accepted Lord Ramsay's resignation, and thanked his Lordship for his services. In compliance with a request of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the appointment of a successor was deferred. On the application of the Lodge St. James's Operative, Edinburgh, No. 97, authority was given that Lodge to change its designation to Edinburgh St. James. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.—*Edinburgh Courant.*

## ROYAL ARCH.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE Royal Arch Masons of Surrey held their Provincial meeting on Saturday last, the 8th inst., at Ewell. The M.E. Comp. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent presided, when he was supported by Comps. Rev. C. W. Arnold H., Wainwright J., George Price Treasurer, Charles Greenwood Scribe E., H. E. Frances D. of C., Dumas S.N., Elsom P.S., Boer Reg., Buckland Sword Bearer, Taylor Standard Bearer, &c. The Provincial Grand Chapter was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's statement was presented, it shewed a balance in hand, and was unanimously accepted. The Prov. Grand Treasurer Comp. George Price was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and he briefly acknowledged the compliment. The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Rev. C. W. Arnold H., Rhys Williams (Grove) J., Charles Greenwood S.E., Dr. Eager (Weyside) S.N., Magnus Ohren (Frederick of Unity) P.S., Dr. Brodio (Weyside) 1st Assist., Haydon (Grove) 2nd Assist., Dr. Strong (East Surrey of Concord) Registrar, W. Sngg (Frederick of Unity) Sword Bearer, Podmore (East Surrey of Concord), Standard Bearer, H. E. Frances Director of Cer., Honeywell (Dobie) Org. General Brownrigg then briefly addressed the Companions present. He announced that everything was in a very satisfactory state as regards Royal Arch Masonry in the Province over which he presided. There were several young Lodges in the Province, whose business was being conducted in a very satisfactory manner, and in due course they might look forward to having Chapters in association with them. Personally he regretted his engagements did not prevent him visiting the numerous Lodges of the Province so frequently as he desired, but he had a most energetic Deputy in Comp. Arnold, who gave him excellent accounts of the way in which the duties of Freemasonry were being carried out. It was intensely gratifying to him to hear such good accounts, and he sincerely trusted the standard for good working would be maintained. Reference was then made to the system of organisation that existed in the Province for the successful utilisation of the votes for the several Masonic Charities, and Comp. Arnold suggested that the question be more ventilated in the Lodges, as he felt assured very valuable votes were lost through non-agreement as to how they should be bestowed. Bro. Greenwood referred to what was being done in this respect between the Province of Berks and Bucks and that of Surrey, and urged on the members their obligations to support the case of the lad Richard Arthur Grave, whose election must be secured in October next, as that would be the last chance he would have of gaining admission into the School. General Brownrigg stated that as his son, the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, had been reappointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, he would doubtless, from old associations, do everything in his power for Surrey in this matter, and they would assuredly get their *quid pro quo* in the exchange of votes between the two Provinces. This completing the business, Provincial Grand Chapter was closed. The Companions afterwards lunched together at the Spring Hotel, where General Brownrigg presided, and gave the formal toasts customary on these occasions.

**Sincerity Chapter, No. 174.**—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars. Comps. G. Huggett M.E.Z., E. C. Mather H., A. L. Leins J., Barlow Treas., E. Bowyer P.Z. 1471 S.E.; P.Z.'s J. Terry, J. Bulmer, J. Newton, J. L. Mather, J. Bellerby, Rawley, Cook; Companions Hallett, Wooley, Brown, Morris, Webb, J. Wright, Perceval, &c. Visitors—Comps. E. P. Albert P.Z. 188, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Election for Principals and Officers for ensuing year took place, and Comp. E. C. Mather was elected M.E.Z., A. L. Leins H., E. Bowyer J., Barlow Treas., Appleby S.E., Cox S.N., Halford P.S., Very Janitor. Comps. Brown and Thomas were appointed auditors. Comp. James Terry P.Z. proposed and Comp. J. L. Mather seconded that a Past Principal's jewel be presented to the retiring M.E.Z. for the able and efficient manner he had conducted the duties of the

Chapter, and in token of the regard and esteem in which he was held by every Companion. This was carried unanimously. The resignation of a Companion was accepted, with regret. The Chapter was then closed until October, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by Comp. Wright. The M.E.Z. proposed the initiatory toasts. After which he remarked that he went out of the usual course in proposing the next toast, that was the health of the Z. elect. They all knew his kind disposition and his ability as a worker, while the interest he takes in Masonic Charity is proverbial. Under his rule he was sure they would have a happy and prosperous year. Comp. E. C. Mather, in replying, thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions; he would do all in his power to keep the Chapter together, in fact he felt bound to see that every link was well rivetted; he felt proud to be with them as their M.E.Z. elect; they had always had good working Companions and thorough conviviality, he hoped this would ever continue; he thanked them sincerely for electing him. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, Comps. E. P. Albert and H. M. Levy, who both acknowledged the compliment. The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, who he hoped to see among them for many years; two were absent, but those present were well known and had made their mark in R.A. Masonry; no better working Companions could be found in the Craft. Comp. Barlow returned thanks; he, as well as the other P.Z.'s, was pleased to meet them on each occasion of their assembling. It was essentially gratifying to know how well at all times they were received; they all hoped to live for many years to be among them. Before resuming his seat, he would, with great pride, propose the health of the M.E.Z., whom all could compliment on the excellent manner in which he had performed his duties. Comp. Huggett said he felt honoured by the toast being proposed by the oldest P.Z.; he had striven hard to qualify himself for the chair, and from the first hour he joined them his associations with the Chapter had been most pleasant. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the H. elect Comp. A. L. Leins, whose services to Freemasonry and the Royal Arch were well known and appreciated. Comp. Leins, in an excellent speech, responded to the toast. The newly elected Companions would, with himself, do all in their power for the welfare of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Officers, whose qualifications were, he said, well known; he hoped each in turn would eventually occupy the chair of Z. Comp. Halford acknowledged the compliment. Comp. Terry proposed the health of the worthy host, Bro. Wright, who had greatly assisted in the foundation of the Chapter; to his dear, good wife great credit was due for the comforts they enjoyed. The Chapter each year gives £5 5s to the Charities, and although the subscription is small, they were free from liability. He (Bro. Terry) thought it right to offer Mrs. Wright some slight testimonial to show that lady the feeling of esteem in which she was held by the Chapter. Comp. Newton P.Z. fully agreed with Bro. Terry; he hoped they would form a committee to carry out in some tangible way the proposition. The M.E.Z. fully endorsed all the former speakers had said, and those present gave a hearty response. The Janitor's toast was given, and this closed the proceedings. Comps. Brown and Hallett contributed to the harmony.

### PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

THE sixteenth installation meeting of this well-known Chapter was celebrated with more than usual *éclat* at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday last, when a large proportion of the members and a goodly array of Visitors attended. Chapter was opened at the hour appointed by E. Comps. M. S. Larham M.E.Z., Thos. Poore H., R. N. Field J., and other Present and Past Principals of the Order, amongst whom were E. Comps. James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E., R. H. Harvey, H. C. Levander, G. Waterall, J. W. Baldwin, and Thos. Hands. Comps. Thomas Meggy P.S., S. Poynter N., J. Walmsley and B. R. Bryant Assist.-Sojs., E. Mitchell, J. W. Watts, H. Baldwin, and other members were present; also Visitors—E. Comp. Fred. Binckes P.Z. 10, J. W. Baldwin P.Z. 73, T. Hands P.Z. 1016, J. Hepburn Hastie Z. 1216, C. Palman H. 1339, Henry Lovegrove N. 72, N. B. Headon 145, J. Welford 733, J. B. King 1489, and W. Ackland 63. After confirmation of minutes of previous Convocation, Bro. Henry Baldwin, of the "Stuart" Lodge, No. 1632, was received into the Order, the ceremony of exaltation being very ably performed by the M.E.Z. and his Officers. E. Comp. James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe of the Chapter then addressed the Principals elect in relation to their new appointments, and subsequently installed E. Comps. Thomas Poore as Z., R. N. Field as H., and Samuel Poynter as J. The Officers were invested in the following Order, viz., E. Comp. James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E., Comps. T. Meggy Scribe N., B. R. Bryant P.S., J. Walmsley 1st Assist.-Soj., J. W. Watts 2nd Assist.-Soj., E. Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. Treasurer was unfortunately prevented from attendance for investment. Comp. John Gilbert was invested as Janitor. The full ceremony of Royal Arch Installation was then completed by Comp. Stevens, who delivered the addresses to Principals, Officers, and Companions in a most effective manner, and which amply merited the compliments he received for his perfect working. Propositions for exaltation and joining were received, and the Auditors' report and balance-sheet adopted. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet. The new proprietors of the Horns Tavern, Messrs. Smith and King, had made ample and elegant provision for this refreshment, and their liberality and courtesy were warmly acknowledged by all present as the evening's entertainment proceeded. On the clearance of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts, and departing somewhat from the usual programme, followed with that of the Visitors, for whom, in reply, Comp. Fred. Binckes expressed the pleasure they had experienced, both in the Chapter, on account of the working of the ceremonies of exaltation and installation, and at the table on account of the heartiness of their reception and the good things set before them,

To the toast of the M.E.Z., Comp. Poore returned his thanks for his elevation in the degree, and expressed his determination to uphold the well-deserved reputation of the Chapter. To the Installing Principal he tendered the thanks of Members and Visitors alike for his exemplification of the perfect ceremony of installation; and to the Immediate Past Principal the acknowledgments of the Companions for services rendered, and of which the P.Z. jewel they now presented was but a feeble token. To these compliments responses were given by the Companions indicated, and so, with alternate toast and song, the usual programme of a Masonic dinner was carried through in order and regularity. The "Charities of the Order" gave occasion for a splendid speech from that acknowledged champion of our Institutions and "best of beggars," Comp. Binckes, whose forcible appeals are seldom, if ever, ineffectual, and the Janitor having been summoned to his especial duty, the Companions, after formally thanking Comp. J. B. King, their host (who was present throughout the evening), for the admirable catering of his firm, separated, fully satisfied with the entire transactions connected with their sixteenth installation.

#### DRURY LANE.

AS an additional attraction, Mr. Augustus Harris has produced an entirely new ballet d'action, entitled "Les Sirènes," in the place of "Lady Andley's Secret." This ballet follows Lecocq's comic opera, "La fille de Madame Angot," which continues to prove a great draw. The story runs that Naila, the Queen of the Sirens, entices, with the aid of her three grotesque slaves, Ninon, a fisher boy, to her submarine abode, and there so entrances him with the seductive allurements of herself and her attendant Sirens, that he becomes quite content to remain there. Madame Palladino, as the Queen of the Sirens, does some wonderful dancing, with grace. Miss Percival, as Ninon, the fisher boy, is clever, while the scenery from the brush of Mr. Cuthbert is beautiful, and the dresses by Messrs. Auguste and Co. dazzling and grand. A word of praise is due to Mr. Wallenstein for the way in which he conducts his band.

#### NEW SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE.

ONE night this week we paid a visit to this theatre, principally that we might witness the performance of a drama by Joaquin Miller, entitled "The Danites," which, during the past three years, has drawn crowded houses in all the principal cities of the United States, and is now being represented by the identical company of American actors who have made it so brilliant a success; and at the same time that we might compare notes of the "Wells" under the management of Mrs. Bateman with the old Wells of the halcyon days of the late popular veterans Samuel Phelps, Greenwood, and Mrs. Warner. We had no manner of doubt that the entertainment would be in every way worthy of the house, the reputation of its talented manager, and the actors engaged in it. We were not at all surprised, therefore, when we found everything so admirable, and that the audience, which followed the piece throughout with rapt attention, applauded to the echo the principal episodes which mark its progress. Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin, who respectively sustain the leading rôles of Alexander McGee (Sandy) and Nancy Williams—with which the lady doubled the part of Billy Piper—are the bright particular stars of the company, but there is an approach to equality on the part of all engaged which shows how well they have worked together, and how thoroughly each enters into the spirit of the part entrusted to him. Everything worked smoothly, and without the semblance of a hitch. The play has many affecting and effective scenes, while the scenery and appointments leave nothing to be desired. We must offer our congratulations to Mrs. Bateman, whose management, conducted on the old lines, has been most successful, as well as on the "go" with which "The Danites" was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin and their coadjutors. We think we recognised amongst those present not a few of the *habitués* of the old theatre, and were we inclined to offer any suggestion which, in our opinion, would be an improvement on the present arrangements, it would be simply this, that Mrs. Bateman should resort to the old Pit as it was in the days of Phelps, and not divide it into Pit and Pit-Stalls. We are confident she would gain rather than lose by the change.

LADY MONCKTON.—This lady's portrait appears in last week's *Whitehall Review*, which says:—"As the leading exponent of amateur dramatic art, Lady Monckton—whose husband, Bro. Sir John Brad-dick Monckton, recently received the honour of knighthood—has earned celebrity throughout the United Kingdom. Her greatest successes have been in "The Wife's Secret," "Shadows," "A Son of the Soil," "Yellow Roses," "Infatuation," "A Scrap of Paper," "Plot and Passion," "Masks and Faces," and "Faustine"—the last, Sir Charles Young's newest production, successfully performed for the first time at Bristol a few nights ago. She is strongest in dramatic rather than in comedy parts. When she enlisted under the banner of the "Windsor Strollers," those popular amateurs were enabled for the first time to dispense with the aid of lady professionals; and the locket with which the "Strollers" presented her a year or two ago was not only a graceful but a well-earned gift. Many Charities have reason to be grateful to Lady Monckton for her successful exertions on their behalf. The Committees of the Freemasons' Schools presented her with her portrait in recognition of a performance by which the Schools largely benefited; the completion and opening of the Shanklin Institute last year was in a great measure due to her assistance; and throughout the country innumerable towns and villages owe Lady Monckton a debt of gratitude for her labours on behalf of hospitals, working men's clubs, and such like benevolent institutions."

#### 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.

#### SATURDAY, 15th MAY.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

#### TUESDAY, 18th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)  
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.  
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Islington, 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)  
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.  
M.M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
R. C.—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester  
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.  
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound, Croydon  
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
897—Loyalty, Fleeco Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
936—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
1099—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
1113—Anglesen, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.  
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex  
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.  
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)  
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.  
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.  
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

#### WEDNESDAY, 19th MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6  
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)  
223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
731—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
178—Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.  
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
530—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno  
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
1096—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenhays, Manchester  
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall  
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)  
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
1470—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull  
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom

1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes  
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 R.A. 491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 R.A. 590—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

#### THURSDAY, 20th MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersen Riso, at 4  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate 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.)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)  
 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., Dal-ton, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

Special Meeting of the P.G. Lodge of Cornwall, Concert Hall, Public Rooms, Truro, at 10 a.m.

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  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colno  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 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  
 636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth  
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 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  
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 Provincial Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire, York.  
 R. A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 R.A. 210—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

#### FRIDAY, 21st MAY.

Annual General Meeting Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 12

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 768—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
 730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1298—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.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 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. 637—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
 K. T.—De Farnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

#### SATURDAY, 22nd MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence, 2 Red Lion-square, High Holborn, W.C., at 3.30 p.m. (Emergency)

#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.**—A meeting was held on Thursday, 6th May, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. S. B. Halle W.M., C. Cordingley S.W., M. A. S. Humphries J.W., H. Follett P.M. Treasurer, A. A. Wing P.M. Secretary, C. H. Horne S.D., J. Smith D.C., W. Balls I.G., H. T. Nell Steward, Stead Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Defriez, Driver, G. G. Symons, H. Moss, and J. Vass; Bros. Nicholls, Liddall, Fountaine, Freelove, H. N. Symons, Glennie, Wood, E. H. Dove, Cabbon, Hunt, Thomas, Callon, Jones, Greenfield, and Herbert. Visitors—Bros. Ridge S.D., 1347, Phillips, Macpherson 354, and Packe

488. Lodge was opened in due form, according to ancient custom, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Freelove and Fountaine, candidates for the third degree, were examined, found qualified, entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bros. Freelove and Fountaine were re-admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the ballot was taken for, and proved unanimous in favour of, Bro. G. J. Packe, 488 New York, as a joining member. Mr. Samuel Challen Greenfield, of Brisbane, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Wood proposed, and Bro. Halle W.M. seconded, that Mr. Joseph J. Curtis be a member of this Lodge. Proposed by Bro. Follett, and seconded by Bro. Humphries, the Lodge have a summer banquet, which was unanimously carried, and the W.M. Bro. Halle, and P.M.'s Bros. Follett, Symons, Moss and Wing, were appointed as a committee to make the necessary arrangements. Nothing more being offered, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till the first Thursday in October, emergencies excepted.

**London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.**—On Monday, 10th May, at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, Bros. C. E. Barnett W.M., Bentley Haynes S.W., Beeton J.W., Smallpeice Preceptor, J. D. Langton Sec., Herbage S.D., W. Fraser J.D., E. W. Haines I.G.; Bros. J. S. Fraser, Tarr, &c. Lodge opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tarr acting as candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Smallpeice, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and closed in the three degrees. Bro. Beeton was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on Monday, the 24th instant, at six o'clock.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 1st inst. Present:—Bros. Gibbs W.M., Western S.W., W. Williams J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Valentine S.D., Spencer J.D., and Thompson I.G.; also Bros. Houghton, Brasted, Moss, Osborn, Mullord, C. Lorkin, Weedon, Halford (Treasurer), &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Pro. Brasted being candidate. The first, second, third, and fourth sections were worked.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., present:—Bros. W. Williams W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Mullord J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Spencer S.D., Forss J.D., Houghton I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Woodman, Dick, Good, Taylor, Fysh, Smith, Allardyce, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Smith answered the questions, and retired, he being an E.A. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed in an able manner by the W.M., Bro. Woodman acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The following brethren were duly elected members:—Bros. Cornelius Smith and L. Allardyce New Concord Lodge 813, A. J. Goode Finsbury Park 1288, Arthur Tuck Chiselhurst 1531, Thomas Taylor Crusaders 1617. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 11th May. Present:—Bros. Clark W.M., Christian S.W., Wardell J.W., Polak S.D., Brasted J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Baker, Catlin, Hardrodt, Webb, C. Lorkin, Carr, and Brown. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Catlin candidate. The same brother answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Wardell assisted Bro. Webb to work the first section of the lecture, and Bro. C. Lorkin to work the second and fourth sections. Bro. Christian afterwards assisted Bro. Webb to work the fourth section of the first lecture. Bro. Hardrodt of Lodge 1679 was elected a member. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday evening, 25th May, at 7 o'clock. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. Bro. Christian will preside next Tuesday.

**Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 5th May, at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. Bros. W. B. Hextall W.M., J. E. Russell S.W., J. O. Manton J.W., Rev. J. Worsnop P.M. Chaplain, W. Naylor P.M. Treas., W. Butterfield Sec., C. D. Hart S.D., W. Popplewell J.D., P. Wallis D.C., G. Johnson I.G., H. Carr Steward, W. Stone Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. J. Foulds, J. Heathcote, F. Iliffe, G. Pipes; Bros. Belfield, Baxter, Coulthurst, Cadman, Cooper, Dodd, Lane, Orme, Osborn, and Wheatcroft. Visitors—Bros. A. Frazer W.M. 731, S. Steele W.M. 802, F. Champion P.M. 253, W. Whitaker S.W., J. Bland J.W., and T. Day D.C. of 731, F. Burstall 591, G. Sprickley 253, and J. Piper 802. Lodge was opened in due form at 7.40 p.m., the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Naylor P.M. P.P.S.G.W. P.G.S. was invested and took his seat as Treasurer, vice Bro. Bobarts P.M. P.P.S.G.W. resigned. The ballot was taken for Mr. Bronghall and found clear. Messrs. Dusantoy and Broughall were afterwards presented and initiated by the W.M. The charge, after the ceremony, was given in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. Manton J.W. The W.M. received the hearty congratulations of the visiting brethren, and all business being finished adjourned the meeting, at 9.5 p.m. The brethren then descended to the banquetting-room, where a sumptuous repast, provided by the caterer (Bro. W. Popplewell), awaited them. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some excellent music and singing, and received with much heartiness, especially the toasts of the Visitors and Initiates. This Lodge



is noted for its hospitality, and the Visitors expressed their admiration of the care that had been bestowed in order to make the evening's proceedings agreeable to all.

**Phoenix Lodge, No. 173.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 8th May, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Present:—Bros. E. W. Allen W.M., James Blyth S.W., J. Andrews J.W., C. S. Jekyll Organist, J. Burford Treasurer, E. W. Mathews Secretary, F. Foxler S.D., F. D. Vine J.D., G. Güterbock I.G., H. W. Davie Steward, C. T. Speight Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Wilson, Green, Witt, Salmon, Vine, Phillips, and Finch. Members:—Bros. Miller, Pearce, Mabey, Russell, Humphreys, Tatham, Simpson, Gilbert, Stanham, Viney, Wood, Filmer, Mott, Kearley, Holcombe, New, Kinniamont, Williams, Ferguson, Gairdner, Boalling, &c. Visitors:—Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., W. Ough P.G.P., J. H. Jewell P.P.G.O., T. Wood P.P.G.J.W., F. G. Baker P.M. 753, A. W. Duret P.M. 1223, J. Nicholson P.M. 59, W. Shepherd W.M. 69, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1257, H. J. Johnson W.M. 1791, J. Scholfield 172, A. Thomas P.M. 1446, W. R. Lister W.M. 145, J. Pearson W.M. 1196, and others, numbering 36. The formal business of the Lodge having been performed the W.M. Bro. Allen installed Bro. James Blyth as his successor. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner, to the evident satisfaction of the numerous brethren present. Bro. Blyth as W.M. invested the Officers; the present Officers down to the I.G. being advanced in rotation. Bro. Davie was appointed Secretary of the Lodge in the place of Bro. Mathews who did not desire to be reappointed, and Bro. Holcombe was appointed W.S. The Lodge having closed, the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in pleasing and felicitous terms, and Bro. Hyde Pullen, in returning thanks, in eloquent terms, for the Grand Officers, paid a warm tribute of praise to the W.M., whom he esteemed as a friend, for his efficiency as a Mason, and he alluded to the fact that he had on the last installation meeting of the Lodge, recommended the then W.M., Bro. Allen, to instal his successor. He was gratified to observe that he had taken his advice, and the result was the Installing Master had gained great credit to himself, and had done honour to the Lodge, by the very efficient manner in which he had performed the duty. The W.M. then presented the jewel of the Lodge to the I.P.M., and in doing so acknowledged on behalf of the members the uniform kindness and urbanity with which the duties of the W.M. had been performed during his year of office. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. F. G. Baker P.M., who stated that it had given him great satisfaction to witness the able manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by his pupil. The musical arrangements were of a very efficient character, and gave great pleasure to the brethren assembled. The W.M. was warmly congratulated upon the success which had attended his installation, and received many expressions of goodwill for continued success during his year of office. The Lodge will not meet again until the second Saturday in November.

**Leigh Lodge, No. 957.**—A meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, 10th May. Present:—Bros. A. Middlemass W.M., T. C. Pratt S.W., F. Marx J.W., J. Diprose P.M. Treasurer, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Secretary, W. James S.D., J. Lewin J.D., E. H. Bramley I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Creswick, Abel, Meredith, and Kelso, and several members. Visitors—Bros. H. Dubois P.G.J.W. Middlesex, W. Stephens P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Gardner W.M. 1641, J. Pattison W.M. 1578, Carter P.M. 141, L. Leins P.M. 65, J. Blundell J.W. 742, E. Cole Treasurer 1853, J. Hurdell J.D. 1348, Taylor I.G. 1639, Whiddington 1867, Diprose 1853, Goodchild 1743, J. Paul 1287, Goodfellow 437, H. E. Fennell 60, G. Wood 1861, W. Nash 79, Maxsted 180, Smith 1744. Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. W. T. Woodruff was raised, and Bro. Frank W. Smeed passed. Bro. T. C. Pratt W.M. elect was then presented to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Middlemass, the retiring W.M. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. F. Marx S.W., W. James J.W., J. Diprose Treasurer, C. A. Cottebrune Secretary, D. Abbott S.D., E. Bramley J.D., Von Joel I.G., Kelso P.M. D.C., and Woodstock Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts were proposed, and responded to. Bros. Carter, Gardner, Stephens and Dubois returned thanks for the Visitors.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—The members met on Tuesday evening, at Bro. J. H. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. MacDonald, who had been elected to preside, the chair was taken by Bro. E. T. Worsley, the energetic Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction. Amongst the brethren who were present to support him we may mention Bros. William Musto P.M. Preceptor, W. H. Myers P.M. S.W., Smith J.W., Roberts Acting Secretary, Watkins S.D., Watson J.D., Day I.G., Keable, Morgan, Davis, Leach, &c. After due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed. The W.M. then worked the first four sections of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren, Bros. Myers, Smith and Musto especially exhibiting their Masonic knowledge, much to the gratification of those assembled. One noticeable feature in this Lodge of Instruction,—the brethren do not "rush" through their work; every opportunity is taken to make the novice understand that the members are assembled the one to make the other better acquainted with the ceremonial portion of our Ritual, and with the many symbolical features embodied in the lectures. Bro. Myers will preside on Tuesday next, when, notwithstanding the holidays, a good attendance may be anticipated.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.**—At the Pembury Tavern, Amburst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 10th May.

Bros. Finch W.M., McMillan S.W., McDowall J.W., Olley S.D., Blackburn J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor. Lodge opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Blackburn answered the questions leading to the second degree; the Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. McMillan gave the lecture on the second tracing board. Bro. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Blackburn answered the questions leading to the third degree. The Lodge was closed in the second degree, Bro. J. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture. Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for next assembly. This Lodge will not meet till Monday, the 24th, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. McMillan.

**Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.**—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-row, Dalston, Monday, 10th May, under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Bros. T. E. Goddard W.M., Partridge S.W., Kimbell J.W., Robson S.D., Winkley I.G.; also Bros. McDonald, Lewis and Seymour-Clarke Sec. Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Seymour-Clarke having offered as a candidate, he was asked the usual questions and entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by Bro. Goddard. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed in the second degree, and Bro. McDonald was elected W.M. for Monday, 24th May, at 7.30, when sections will be worked by the W.M. as far as time will permit.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Monday, at York. Bro. C. E. Padel W.M. was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Lecture Master, Rev. J. Blake Chaplain, J. T. Sellar S.W., G. Simpson J.W., J. Kay Sec., J. York as S.D., W. P. Husband as J.D., A. T. B. Turner M.C., and many other visitors and members. After a successful ballot for a candidate, Mr. Peston was introduced and was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and Bro. Stubbs was passed to the second degree. Ballots were then taken for two life memberships in the Girls' School, which were won by Bros. Kay and Brown. The name of a candidate for election was proposed, and the Lodge was closed.

**Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.**—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, on Tuesday, 4th inst. The brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bro. John Noke, who was some time ago appointed an honorary member of this Lodge, in recognition of his valuable services rendered to it, and whose death we referred to a short time since. Owing to serious illness the W.M., Bro. John G. Horsey, was absent. There were present—Bros. Chas. Sawyer I.P.M. and Sec., S. Davies S.W., E. A. Head J.W., W. Rudge S.D., J. G. Calway J.D., E. Dickman I.G., C. W. Noehmer P.M. D.C., H. Horsey, W. H. Brown, G. Mitchell, J. Cooper, M. Ovenden, Thos. Carder, W. Pile, A. M. Betchley, C. Firbank and G. W. Holmes. Visitors—Bros. A. W. Thorpe S.W. Caveac 176, W. C. Banks I.P.M. Amherst 1223, R. Allison W.M. Industry 186, and A. Hopkinson P.M. St. John's 191. The acting Worshipful Master Bro. C. Sawyer I.P.M. opened the Lodge at 3 p.m., when, by unanimous desire, a telegram was sent to the Worshipful Master, expressive of the sympathy of the brethren with the illness which prevented his attendance. The minutes of three preceding meetings were then read and confirmed. In accordance with Bro. Sawyer's notice of motion, it was unanimously resolved that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. John G. Horsey, on the expiration of his year of office. Bros. W. H. Brown and George Mitchell, candidates for passing, were then entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Thomas Carder and Henry Horsey, candidates for raising, duly entrusted, the Lodge opened in the third degree, and these two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. After the reading of a telegram in reply from the absent W.M., Lodge was resumed in the second degree, when Bro. Sawyer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. W. Noehmer P.M., who passed Bros. Mitchell and Brown to the second degree. Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the ballot taken for Mr. George Berry, Superintendent of Police, East Grinstead, a candidate for initiation, who was (the ballot being unanimous) duly admitted into the secrets of Freemasonry. Bro. S. Davison S.W. was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. W. Hale P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. F. Sargeant Tyler. Bros. Brown, Mitchell and Cooper were appointed members of the Audit Committee. After referring in feeling terms to our departed brother John Noke, and the transaction of further business, the acting W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren assembled at table, where a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. The London brethren were again indebted to Bro. Pierpoint (Superintendent of London Bridge Station, L.B. and S.C. Railway), for the use of a through saloon carriage from London, which much added to their comfort and convenience.

**Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.**—A meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, 38 St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, on Monday, 3rd May. Bros. Howarth W.M., Blamiers S.W., Addison J.W., Hathersole S.D., Ewell J.D., Carter I.G. and Hon. Sec., Naylor P.M. Prec., Miskin Treas. Lodge opened and minutes were confirmed. The working tools of the 1st degree were explained, and the questions leading from 1st to 2nd given by the W.M. The Lodge was then advanced, and the questions leading from the 2nd to 3rd degree were put by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. The charge and lecture on the tracing board were given by Bro. Blamiers. The Lodge was closed at 9.30 p.m.

## SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE installation meeting of this young Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, 4th inst. The brethren assembled at five o'clock, and the Lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth W.M., assisted by Bro. Baron D. Barnett S.W. W.M. elect, A. D. Loewenstark P.M. J.W., W. T. Lover P.M. S.W., H. Aarons J.D., I. Quincey I.G., W. Williams D.C., J. Rogers Tyler, and a goodly attendance of visitors and brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Sally and Otto Rheinhold, merchants, of Germany, with an unanimously favourable result; those gentlemen will therefore be duly initiated at the next meeting of the Samson. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and on being resumed the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. D. Barnett I.P.M., who explained to the brethren that the W.M., knowing that he (Bro. Barnett) had initiated his brother (the W.M. elect) in the mysteries of the Order, had, with that kindness and good feeling by which he was always actuated, resolved that he (Bro. Barnett) was the fit and proper person to instal his brother into the chair of K.S. Bro. B. D. Barnett was then presented in due form, and having given his assent to the Ancient Charges, the Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and the brethren below the rank of I.M. withdrew. Bro. B. D. Barnett was then duly installed as W.M. of the Lodge. After the brethren had been readmitted, and had saluted the W.M. in customary manner, he invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Rudderforth I.P.M., A. D. Loewenstark P.M. S.W., W. T. Lover P.M. J.W., T. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., J. D. Barnett P.M. Sec., Chas. Ochse S.D., H. Aarons J.D., W. Williams I.G., W. Soughton D.C., D. Smout W.S., and J. Rogers Tyler. Bro. J. D. Barnett then, in a most perfect and impressive manner, delivered the customary addresses, which were listened to with much pleasure and satisfaction by the brethren. Then followed the Auditor's report, which was unanimously adopted. The W.M. said that among his first duties and privileges was to perform a very pleasant task; this was to present to the I.P.M. a handsome jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the members of the Lodge in recognition of his services as Master, and as a mark of their high esteem. There was no one whom he would have greater pleasure in decorating with such a testimonial than Bro. Rudderforth, who he trusted might live for many years to wear it, and be amongst them as one of the P.M.'s. Bro. Rudderforth, in choice and appropriate terms, expressed his thanks. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for two Life Governorships in the Masonic Charities, from the Samson Masonic Benevolent Association, which is established to enable the members of the Lodge and others to become Life Governors of any of the Royal Masonic Institutions by paying a subscription of 1s per week. The successful members this evening were Bros. Williams and Quincey, and upon the W.M. announcing that he was representing the Lodge at the forthcoming "Boys' Festival," the former brother placed his £10 10s on the W.M.'s list. Bro. Quincey required his amount for one of the other Institutions. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Best. After the cloth was removed the W.M. said it was impossible for him to give the usual toasts in any novel manner, as whatever he could say in proposing them had already been said over and over again, therefore it was his intention to submit them to their notice in as brief a way as he could. Then followed the usual list. Bro. H. Hollis, P.P.G. Officer Herts, responded for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Bayley W.M. 185 for the Visitors. In proposing the health of the Installing Master, the W.M. said that he was a brother of whom any Freemason might justly be proud, but as he was doubly related to him, by blood as well as the mystic tie, he was doubly proud of him. Bro. J. D. Barnett replied in feelings of fraternal warmth. The Officers severally responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant evening to a conclusion. The enjoyment of the brethren was much enhanced by some excellent songs and recitations from Bros. Bayley, Constable, Mathias, Smout, Cooper, and J. D. Barnett, who also accompanied the several brethren on the pianoforte. The

Visitors were:—Bros. Bayley W.M. 185, L. Norden W.M. 205, J. Salamon W.M. 1017, J. Constable P.M. 185, H. Hollis P.P.G.P. Herts 167, F. H. Tibbitts J.W. 59, J. Swingard 1695, J. C. Myers 185, M. Young 1178, C. Brien P.M. 1571, H. Pirling P.M. 1160, D. Simpson 190, J. Rhuckes 565, H. C. Manger 313, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, A. Hirsch 188, G. P. Nightingale 193, and P. Mathias 1586.

**Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on 22nd April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. John Bell W.M. in the chair, W. S. Hughes I.P.M., Ralf Carr S.W., H. Bowman J.W., R. C. Dodds Sec., J. B. Read S.D., J. Wood as J.D., W. T. Wilson S.S., J. A. Dixon J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland were announced, and they were received by the brethren in the usual way. One brother was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. W. S. Hughes in a very perfect manner. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, the health of the Provincial Grand Officers meeting with a most cordial reception, and responded to by Bro. R. Eynon P.G.S.W., who expressed himself pleased with the working of the Lodge, and said the visit had afforded the Prov. Grand Officers much satisfaction. Other complimentary toasts followed. The Visitors present were Bro. L. M. Cockcroft Dep. P.G.M., R. Eynon P.G.S.W., J. Cook P.P.G.S.W., B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec., Ralf Carr P.G.S.D., W. Cooper W.M. 1312 P.G.A.P., W. M. Bell P.M. 1557 P.G.A.D.C., A. R. Taylor W.M. 1676, J. Duckett S.W. 481, R. W. Sisson S.S. 406, and S. M. Harris J.W. 406, &c.

**Kilburn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1608.**—The usual meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd May, at Bro. Walton's, South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street. Bros. T. B. Linscott W.M., Ayres S.W., Willey J.W., Walton I.G., O. Latreille Preceptor, and Cuff Hon. Secretary being present. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Lopes candidate. The Lodge was then opened to the third degree and closed in form.

## EXTRAORDINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

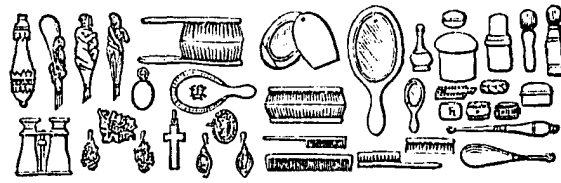
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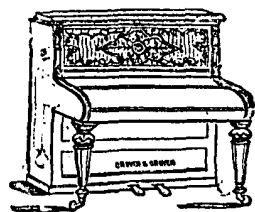
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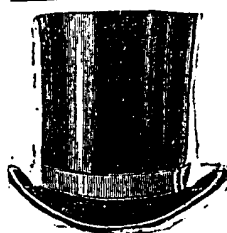
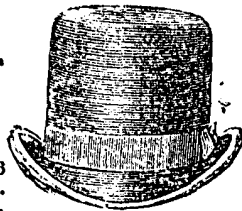
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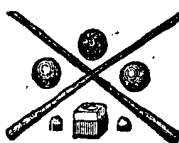
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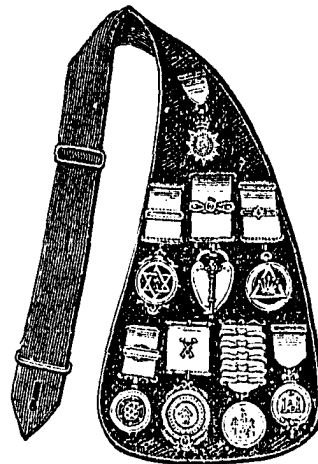
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