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## THE MASONIC BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

**T**HE meeting at the Mansion House on Monday, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Masons in England, accompanied by his brother, the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Senior Warden, and Prince John of Glucksburg, was right royally entertained at dinner by the Right Hon. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, Grand Junior Warden for the present year, will be an ever memorable event in the annals, not only of that Civic hospitality for which London from the earliest times has been renowned, but also of English Freemasonry, which was so munificently honoured on the occasion. We are not going to be so silly as to affirm that this particular gathering is ever likely to take precedence, in the minds of Craftsmen, of other grand gatherings. The installation as Grand Master of George Prince of Wales—afterwards George IV.—was a grand Masonic display, and evoked loud manifestations of joy from the Craft generally. The meeting in December 1813, at which the Union of the Ancient and Modern Grand Lodges was consummated, with His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, was an event, the inestimable benefits of which it would be a task of supreme difficulty to determine, if only we regard it as terminating a schism which for some three quarters of a century had split Freemasonry into two rival, or, rather, be it said, two hostile camps. The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master on that brightest of red-letter days, in April 1875, when all the most distinguished members of the Craft were assembled in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, to witness and take part in the glorious ceremony, can never be surpassed, though in the ages to come it may perhaps be equalled in pomp and circumstance and general feelings of rejoicing. But though we very properly refrain from giving undue importance to the reception and entertainment on Monday at the Mansion House of the Grand Master by his able and popular Grand Junior Warden, we shall make no secret of our opinion that, of its kind, it is not only one of the most successful, but likewise one of the most brilliant gatherings of the Craft—and unique withal—it has ever been the good fortune of the Masonic journalist or historian to record. There have been ere now Lord Mayors of London who also took a prominent part in Freemasonry—Alderman Stone is a case in point; and we believe we are right in saying that Monday was not the first occasion on which Grand Lodge has been entertained by the chief magistrate of the City of London. But having due regard, and giving all due prominence, to Masonic celebrations of a somewhat similar character which have been held in past days, we still hold that that of Monday will ever stand out from them as singular in its way. Lord Mayor Truscott, for instance, during his term of office, has shown himself to be a worthy representative of our leading Civic magnates. He has not only been the chief guardian of the rights and privileges of his fellow-citizens,—those rights and privileges which have been, so to speak, handed down from time immemorial, and excited the admiration, as they have enlisted the warm sympathy and support, of all loyal Englishmen. He has also, in a modest yet munificent manner, upheld its ancient reputation for hospitality, and has dispensed a hearty welcome to representatives of all classes, whether Civic officials, distinguished foreigners, or

the highest and ablest in the land. With such a roll of achievements to point to, his lordship might well have contented himself with so admirable a fulfilment of his many and arduous, though, on occasions, most agreeable duties. But, albeit, in these prosaic days, even a Lord Mayor may be forgiven for not inventing or discovering something new, Sir F. Truscott had the good fortune to suggest to himself that the entertainment by him as Grand Junior Warden of England, in his official residence as Lord Mayor of London, of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Masons, would form a glorious climax to his other achievements. The result was the banquet of Monday, of which we give particulars elsewhere, when, in addition to the royal brethren we have enumerated, were present well nigh all the most distinguished members of the Masonic brotherhood. Among them were the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master of W. Lancashire, Lord Leigh Prov. G. Master of Warwick, the Earl of Hardwicke Prov. Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire, R. W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Lord Suffield Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., Prov. Grand Master of Durham, together with other brethren, more or less distinguished, to the number of some three hundred. The Lord Mayor's own Lodge, Grand Master's No. 1, was, of course, strongly represented, while, as regards the banquet, the appointments, and, indeed, the accessories generally, no effort had been spared to make it what it proved and deserved to be, a most brilliant and unique success—a success among successes even in the rôle of London hospitalities. Ten days hence, and the present occupant of the Civic throne will take rank among the honoured Past Masters of Civic administration; but though successors to him may be found in every way as worthy as himself of being appointed to so high a position, and as well calculated to fulfil these duties with the same feelings of loyalty and generosity, we imagine they will experience some difficulty in surpassing him. At all events, as the repetition of a celebration cannot possibly be brought within the category of novelties, with the respected name of Lord Mayor Truscott, Grand Junior Warden of England, will ever be associated the honour of having conceived and carried out the idea of entertaining at the Mansion House the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. We must now bring our few remarks to an end, and, in doing so, we most heartily congratulate his lordship on his reception of the Grand Master and his brethren at his official residence on the evening of Monday.

## GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

**T**HE regular Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, 8th September, on which occasion the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Charles Alfred Welch, occupied the throne; he was supported by a numerous assemblage of Grand Officers, D.D. Grand Masters, &c., together with the representatives of eighty-three of the Lodges under his jurisdiction. After the formal proceedings as to opening the Grand Lodge had been complied with, the Grand Master addressed the brethren in relation to the capitation tax, congratulating them upon the spirit and zeal of the

Lodges and the brethren throughout the jurisdiction, as evinced by the number of Lodges which had commuted the tax in full for the whole number of their members, and also by the number of individual commutations. He read a list of those Lodges which had paid the tax in full, and also gave the number of brethren, members of Lodges which had not commuted, who had individually paid the tax. The former numbers fifty-one Lodges, which, between them, have paid on 6,505 members a sum of 65,050 dols. The individual brethren who have commuted the tax number 980, and they have paid a sum of 9,800 dollars, so that a total of 74,850 dollars has been raised by this means. The individual brethren who appear on the list represent fifty-four Lodges, so that there are very few outstanding wherein some at least of the members have not made an effort to raise the funds needed to clear off the debt of the Grand Lodge in this way. It was then proposed that the time for the payment of the commutation be extended to 25th November next, and that, in the meantime, a statement of the names of the Lodges and the number of brethren who had already paid the same be sent to all the Lodges, which proposition was duly carried. The Grand Master then announced that the library of the Grand Lodge had received a most valuable addition at the hands of Bro. William Sutton, who had presented the whole of his valuable Masonic library. In consequence of this beneficent gift it had become necessary to enlarge the accommodation hitherto afforded for the books, and this end had been accomplished by making various alterations in the Grand Master's and other officials' rooms. Other matters, including the reports of several committees, were then discussed, and in due course the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

#### GRAND BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

THE Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, were on Monday night entertained by the Lord Mayor (Sir F. Wyatt Truscott) at a Masonic banquet at the Mansion House, to which a highly distinguished company were invited to meet them. The Lord Mayor, who is himself an old Freemason, a Past Master, and the present Worshipful Master of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, is also Grand Junior Warden for the year, and he determined not to let his Mayoralty close without at least endeavouring to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his guest. In this endeavour he succeeded, and Monday night witnessed the most brilliant gathering of Masons that has yet attended a Masonic banquet. Above 300 brethren assembled. Amongst those present were H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, H.H. Prince John of Glucksburg, Earl of Saltoun, Lord Leigh, Earl of Mount-Edgcombe, Earl of Onslow, Lord Methuen, Lord Tenterden, Marquis of Londonderry, Marquis of Hamilton, Earl of Hardwicke, Earl of Jersey, Lord Heniker, Lord Suffield, Colonel M. de Cartaret, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Colonel C. Lyne, Colonel Lloyd Phillips, General Hon. S. Calthorpe, Sir Joseph Bailey, M.P., Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., Sir Watkin Wynn, M.P., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Sir Walter Burrell, M.P., Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, Gen. Browning, Sir Henry Edwards, Sir George Elliott, General Duncan. Col. Wemyss, Sir Albert Woods, Sir John Monckton, Bro. McIntyre, M.P., Captain Platt, Bro. J. Scott, Colonel Burney, Bro. F. Roxburgh, Q.C., Bro. Walter Wood, Bro. Saul Isaac, Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, Colonel Stratton Gregory, Bro. Locock Webb, Q.C., Bro. F. Knollys, C.B., Admiral Hon. Sir H. A. Keppel, Captain A. Egerton, Colonel Croll, Bro. Alderman Ellis, Colonel Shadwell Clarke, Grand Secretary, Bro. Alderman Nottage, Rev. W. K. H. Bedford, Captain Sewell, Dr. Rhys Williams, Sir F. Perkins, Bro. Sheriff Fowler, M.P., Bro. Sheriff Waterlow, Bro. Jekyll Grand Organist, Lt.-Col. Creaton G. Treasurer, Col. G. Vernon, Major Woodall, Colonel Cole, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Sir John Bennett, Rev. P. Bent, Dr. Gooding, Bro. Alderman Hadley, &c. Before the proceedings commenced, his Royal Highness the Grand Master, in the private room set apart for his reception, appointed and invested Prince John of Glucksburg as Past Grand Senior Warden of England. Subsequently his Royal Highness proceeded to the drawing-room, where every one in attendance was presented, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke making the presentations. The whole company then sat down to the banquet, Mr. H. Sibbold's City of London band playing a selection of music. The Lord Mayor, after the banquet, proposed the toast of the "Queen and the Craft." He said, we Masons of England are loyal men—loyal to the Queen we serve, and we honour and are loyal to the Craft we love. I give you the first toast of English Freemasons—"The Queen and the Craft." The toast having been drunk, the Lord Mayor said: Brethren, our loyalty as Masons is not limited by the toast which we have just now celebrated. We also owe allegiance, and we gladly and dutifully render it, to our illustrious chief, H.R.H. the Grand Master, who since the great and memorable ceremony of installation in the Albert Hall, now nearly six years ago, has ruled our Order so wisely and so well. His Royal Highness, by his ready acquiescence in my earnest wish that this grand and unprecedented gathering should have the grace and sanction of his presence, has added another red-letter day to those already marked by him in the calendar of English Masonry. It is not long since I

enjoyed the privilege—one shared by many now present—of assisting at a Masonic ceremony of high importance to present and future generations, kindly and ably performed by the Duke of Cornwall in Truro, my native city; and this, brethren, is but one of many evidences of the true and hearty interest evinced by his Royal Highness in the ancient Craft of which he is in this country the distinguished head. I propose the health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Prince of Wales, in reply said: My Lord Mayor and Brethren,—You, my lord, have conferred a great honour on the Grand Lodge of England in entertaining them at this magnificent banquet this evening, and in their name and my own I beg to return you our thanks for this kindness and hospitality on your part. It is thirty years since the Grand Master of England and Grand Lodge have been entertained here, and it is particularly gratifying to them, as it is, I assure you, my Lord Mayor, to me, to have been entertained by you during your mayoralty as a member of the Grand Lodge itself. You have, my lord, been kind enough to allude to the laying the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral. I believe I am right in saying that such a ceremony has not before taken place in the annals of Masonry, viz., the laying of the foundation-stone of a Cathedral with Masonic honours. I can only say how gratifying it was to me to perform that ceremony, and to have been so well supported on that occasion by Grand Lodge, many of whom came from a long distance to be present. I only trust that the Cathedral may be completed before many years are over, and that it may be a credit to the country in which it is built, and to the Craft who were present, and who took part in the initiating ceremony. You, my Lord Mayor, have especially taken great interest and concern in it, having started a fund which, I trust, before your present year of office is over may become still more largely increased, and I hope that as £5,000 or £6,000 are needed for the choir of the Cathedral that the sum may before long be found. With regard to Masonry, I have always been received with the greatest possible kindness on the occasions when I have come amongst you. I regret that the many duties I have to perform do not enable me to see so much of my brethren as I should like; but of one thing you may be assured, that I shall always take the deepest interest in everything that concerns the welfare of the Craft. I have felt that interest from the day I became one of you. I hope to do so till the day of my death. Brethren, I think we have every reason to say that the Craft has flourished, that Lodges are increasing year by year, and that Masons are being initiated in great and increasing numbers. When my lamented grand-uncle—who was your Grand Master—died in 1843 there were not more than 500 Lodges. There are now 1,900. There are upwards of 400 in foreign countries, but still under my jurisdiction, and as many as 10,000 Masons have been made every year during the last ten years. Then again our Craft has especially gone forth into the world as the greatest charitable society that exists. We have been charged with being a secret society, but the great tenet of the Craft is that we do not mix in politics, or in anything that may be detrimental to the country. We may say that the three great charitable institutions, those which maintain and educate the boys and girls of Masons, and maintain the old and decayed Masons and their widows are the three principal Charities which are supported by all the Masons of this country, and I think I am not wrong in stating that annually the sum subscribed to those Charities amounts to more than £40,000. That speaks enough for the name which I trust we have got for charity, and which is one which I hope we shall always keep. There are several speeches to follow mine, therefore I will not weary you with more remarks, but before sitting down I wish to express the pleasure it gives me, as I know it does the Lord Mayor, and I am sure it does also to the Masons here present, to have the honour of the presence of a relation of the Princess of Wales's family here to-day. In Sweden I was first initiated into Freemasonry. On my return to Denmark I was first received into a Lodge, and I shall always look upon my connection with Freemasonry as being a binding link between Sweden, Denmark, and England. Sir, I thank you once more for the kind way in which you have received my health, and I thank you, Sir, for the great and high compliment you have paid me and the Grand Lodge of England. The Lord Mayor: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—Any difference or difficulty I may experience in asking you now to toast my worshipful colleagues the Grand Officers will disappear if those present who are not yet of that distinguished body will but bear in mind their many and excellent Masonic virtues and qualifications. I myself owe to them a debt of gratitude, because I am aware that not a few of their number have traversed the length and breadth of the land in order to be present this evening. I thank them heartily for this proof of their earnest zeal and fraternal goodwill; and in extending to them, as I do to you all, the right hand of welcome and fellowship, I am sure that I only echo the sentiments of Freemasons at large when I say that to the Grand Officers of England the fullest recognition of their important services is due from the brethren of the Order. Such recognition we gladly accord, and in that spirit I propose to you that we drink to the health of the Grand Officers present and past, and I connect with the toast the name of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught Past Grand S. Warden, who has been good enough to honour me with his presence this evening. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, in reply, said: My Lord Mayor, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren,—It is with great diffidence that I rise to return thanks for the very important toast which has just been given. I have served the office of Senior Grand Warden, and I am very proud to have held that position. I only regret that my military duties have not enabled me to do as much as I would in that office. All I wish is—that my brethren will believe that my heart is most fully in all that concerns the happiness and welfare of the Craft. My Lord Mayor has referred in most eulogistic terms to the Grand Officers and their duties. I am sure that from the beginning they have always taken a leading part in Freemasonry, and have always done their utmost to show how fully alive they were to the importance of their duties. One of the most pleasurable of those was to take a leading part in all that promotes the good of the Charities. I am sure, Sir, if you will allow me only to repeat the words of the Grand Master, I would say how much we,

the Grand Officers, appreciate the great kindness and the great honour you have done us in asking us here this evening. You have, indeed, as you have said, held out to us the right hand of friendship and of hospitality. In conclusion, therefore, I beg in the name of the Grand Officers to thank you most sincerely for the honour you have done us this evening. The Earl of Lathom then said:—My Lord Mayor, your Royal Highnesses, your Highness, and Brethren,—The toast which has been entrusted to me I am sure you will all agree with. It is that of "The Foreign Grand Lodges with which we are connected," coupled with the name of the illustrious guest whom the Lord Mayor has had the honour of entertaining here to-night—his Highness Prince John of Glucksburg. As regards our foreign brethren, I can only say that the more we see of them, the better we are pleased, and the more intimately we are connected with them, the more it will tend towards the great work of Masonry; and I am sure, brethren, you will all agree with me that wherever we go we are well received in foreign Lodges. Our principles are to promote, as far as we can, peace and goodwill among mankind. The more, therefore, we see of our foreign brethren, the more we shall help to promote that feeling and to bring forth peace among nations. We are always glad, whether in Masonry or in any other assembly, to see any relatives of the Worshipful Grand Master or of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales among us; but on this occasion the pleasure is enhanced because Prince John of Glucksburg is one of ourselves—one of our Craft. As his Royal Highness has already told you, he is a Pro Grand Master of Denmark, and I say that he is far more than that, for he is a member now of our own Grand Lodge. His Royal Highness has conferred upon him this day the dignity of a Past Grand Warden of England. Brethren, it needs no other words from me to give Prince John of Glucksburg a cordial welcome among us. Prince John of Glucksburg, in reply, said:—My Lord Mayor, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren,—I thank you most warmly in my own name as well as in that of the members of foreign Lodges, for the toast which has just been given, and for the cordial manner in which you have been so good as to welcome it. It will be, I am sure, a source of the greatest satisfaction to them to hear that this toast has been so kindly received, and I feel proud in being called upon to respond on behalf of so important and numerous a body. I must take advantage of this opportunity to thank my illustrious relative the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the compliment which he has paid me by appointing me a Past Senior Grand Warden of England. I can assure you I highly appreciate the honour, and I know it will be equally valued by the brethren abroad, and especially by those residing in my own country of Denmark, and in the Scandinavian kingdom, as tending to draw still closer than heretofore the intimate relations which already exist between the Masonic bodies of those countries and of England. In conclusion, my Lord Mayor and brethren, allow me to state the great pleasure which it has afforded me to be present on this interesting occasion, and to be able to meet so many of my English brethren holding such high positions in the Craft. I once more return you my hearty acknowledgment for your kind reception, and beg you to believe I shall never forget it. The Prince of Wales then said:—Brethren, the last toast which is to be given here this evening has been kindly entrusted to my care. Though it is the last it is by no means the least, and it is one which I know you, brethren and members of the Grand Lodge, will all drink most cordially and most heartily with me—the Health of the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor will, I am sure, allow me to say that I feel convinced that in the last weeks of the remainder of his tenure of office it has given him pleasure to receive the Grand Lodge this evening. Therefore, on their part, and on my own, I beg again to thank him for the compliment he has paid us, and assure him how much we appreciate being here in the Mansion House, more especially as I have the pleasure and privilege on many occasions of partaking of the well-known hospitality of the Lord Mayor, and he will, I know, allow me to say, that I accept that hospitality always with the greatest pleasure, not only for the compliment he has always paid me, and his predecessors have paid me individually, but as a citizen of this great city. I now, brethren, call upon you most cordially to drink with me to the "Health of the Lord Mayor."

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who was received with loud and long-continued cheering, said,—May it please your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and brethren,—The great and distinguished honour which has been conferred upon me to-night I never can forget, because it is not only an honour conferred upon me, but it is also an honour conferred upon the City of London. Your Royal Highness has been pleased, in proposing my health, to allude to one or two circumstances which to me have been great memorials. In the year 1863 I was called upon by my brother fellow-citizens to preside over a committee which received your Royal Highness and the Princess; and later on, in St. Paul's Cathedral, on that great day of thanksgiving, I had the honour, in conjunction with my co-Sheriff, Sir John Bennett, of receiving your Royal Highness and her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; and now, as Lord Mayor of London, I am permitted the proud and distinguished honour of receiving your Royal Highness as Grand Master in this ancient hall. I need not say, therefore, what my feelings are on this occasion. I dare not express them, but I must at least say that it will ever be to me and my family a proud remembrance that as Lord Mayor of this great City I have been permitted not only to entertain his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and this is the first time that name has been used in this hall this evening, but also the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of our Craft. A selection of music was performed during the evening, under the direction of Worshipful Bro. Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O., assisted by Miss José Sherrington, Miss Alice Fairman, Mr. Wm. Shakespeare and Bro. Thurley Beale.

The *City Press* says that on Monday night it was a subject of (perhaps not very serious) conversation in City and Masonic circles whether the Government would not institute an investigation into the funds of Grand Lodge. It was presumed that this new duty would not be undertaken before the *Livery Companies' Commission* had finished their inquiry.

## LADBROKE HALL.

TIME was—and not so very many years ago—when London and its environs afforded but the poorest possible accommodation for parties or individuals who were desirous of amusing themselves, or satisfying the often pressing requirements of what is known as the "inner man." An idea apparently prevailed that, save in one's own house or a club, or in some of the best appointed, and therefore expensive, hostelrys, a man had no just reason to expect anything but the most ordinary accommodation. And as it was with the place of entertainment, so was it with the refreshment that was obtainable. We need hardly, however, be at the pains of repeating the terrible grumblings that were heard on all sides respecting these matters in former days. We rejoice to say we have during these latter years mended our ways very considerably and considerably. Something else than the time-honoured sandwich and pork-pie may be had comfortably in most parts of the metropolis, and it is not necessary we should become a member of some club in order to enjoy the *agrément*s of life, outside our own homes. We may not, perhaps, have attained the ideal of Paris in these respects, but not a few among our public caterers sufficiently understand and appreciate the requirements of the age we live in, and have wisely devoted their intelligence and energies to the not unthankful task of ministering to the comforts of the community. Twenty years ago, for instance—more or less—the neighbourhood of Notting Hill was, as it is now, a most deservedly popular place of residence. The houses were well-built and convenient, and there were, as times went then, considerable facilities for reaching the City. But we cannot call to mind that it was favoured with anything in the way of accommodation for those who might be desirous of giving modest, but enjoyable, entertainments of a private character. There may have been institutes of a more or less formal character, but to the best of our recollection—and we are sorry to say it extends back beyond thirty rather than twenty years—there were no such places as the Ladbroke Hall, which is situated close by the Notting Hill Station of the Metropolitan Railway, and which we have had the pleasure of visiting—not for the first time—in the course of the last few days. Of this Hall our worthy Bro. Linscott is the proprietor, and as the number of those among our brethren who have been brought into contact with him may, without exaggeration, be set down as legion, we need not dwell on his fitness for the position he occupies. But if it should be ruled by those who know him not, or but slightly, that such a course would be desirable, we should content ourselves with advising them to follow our example, and, taking train to Notting Hill, inspect the premises for themselves. Had this advice been offered them a year ago, and they had followed it, we know well they would have been delighted with the excellent and extensive accommodation the Hall affords for every description of gathering. But if they should go thither now, this sense of pleasure must be largely increased, by reason of the many improvements which have been added, the enlargement of the premises, and the admirable taste with which these improvements and changes have been carried out. Ladbroke Hall, as it is now constituted, contains several spacious apartments, in any one of which private parties, balls, concerts, &c., may be given, and the guests will feel themselves at home. The hall proper, which is necessarily the largest room, is fitted with a stage, which may be used for dramatic representations or will serve the purpose of an orchestra for balls or concerts, while the body of the room will suffice for the presence of five hundred people, either as an audience or as guests. For a local meeting, too, it is found most useful, and with the room at side, which is only separated by movable partitions, it is possible, on extraordinary occasions, to obtain additional space sufficient to meet all probable requirements. On the floor above is a large supper or dining room, which possesses what, in the eyes of our readers, will prove the still greater advantage of being convertible into an excellent and commodious Lodge room, where, indeed, at this present time, the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, has its quarters established. These rooms furnish the principal accommodation, but they are further supplemented by a number of smaller rooms—retiring rooms for ladies and gentlemen—together with every convenience in the way of lavatories, &c. &c. The premises throughout are tastefully decorated, and the appointments and furnishing harmonise well with the decorations. In short, Ladbroke Hall is one of the best buildings of its kind we have seen, and better premises for holding Lodge meetings could not possibly have been designed. There is one other point, however, to which it is desirable we should refer, namely, the provision and conveniences that are available for Lodge banquets, ball suppers, dinner parties, &c. &c. As we have said before, to those who know Bro. Linscott, and have had opportunities of judging of him as a public caterer, it is unnecessary we should address any remarks. But to them who know him not we will take upon ourselves to say that no one who may trust him with the duty of providing dinner, supper, breakfast, or light refreshment, need be under any alarm as to his thorough and satisfactory fulfilment of the trust. He has an excellent cellar of wines; his adjoining premises enable him to serve a banquet that will ensure commendation from the most fastidious; and in Mrs. Linscott and his numerous attendants, he has, as regards the former, one who will take a delight in seconding her husband's efforts to please, and in the latter an experienced and willing staff who will not spare themselves in their desire to satisfy either their employer or the guests who may delight to favour him with their patronage. We sincerely trust that Bro. Linscott will reap the full benefit of his recent large expenditure in the shape of that increased support and patronage he has so assiduously endeavoured to secure.

The installation Festival of the Earl of Chester Lodge, No. 1565, will be held at Lymm, Cheshire, on Thursday, the 4th *proximo*. Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland will instal Bro. George Richardson W.M. elect on the occasion.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## BRO. NORTON AND PHILADELPHIA MASONRY.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Norton's argument, based on the Lodge lists, published in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," that "Lodge No. 79 of 1730 was born in England, lived in England, and died in England," seems unexceptionable, and I think the warmest advocate of the claims of Philadelphia to regard that particular Lodge as the first result of the deputation granted to Bro. Coxe, will most probably come to the same conclusion. But it does not follow that Philadelphia is on this account deprived of its title to be the mother-city of American Freemasonry. It must first of all be shown that the statement as to a deputation having been granted to Bro. Coxe as Provincial Grand Master of New York, Pennsylvania, &c., is merely a myth. In the next place it must be shown that the statements of contemporaneous journals, to the effect that very soon after the alleged grant of that deputation meetings of the brethren in Philadelphia took place, were without any foundation. Then when the very difficult task of proving these negatives, or, at least, the latter of the two, has been achieved, it may reasonably be accepted that Philadelphia is not, in respect of American Freemasonry, what she claims to be, namely, its mother-city. For myself, I have never been a very warm supporter of the theory that Lodge No. 79 hailed from Philadelphia. It was too vague a proposition, too unsubstantiated by anything in the shape of direct evidence to commend itself to my mind. But I have always looked upon the Coxe deputation and the extracts from the Philadelphia journal—I forget its name for the moment—as having a very direct bearing upon the subject, and till the reality of their existence has been seriously disturbed, I shall always be of the opinion that Freemasonry undoubtedly established itself in Philadelphia before it did in any other city of the present United States. I will go further and say that, even if the Coxe deputation was never granted—and I know no Craftsmen who is more competent to throw light on this than Bro. Gould—I should still hold to the belief that the evidence of a contemporary journal as to there having been meetings of the Craft in the City of Brotherly Love cannot be overset. We must not judge the Masonic arrangements of those days as to the Constitution of Lodges by the methodical regulations of the present, when petitions, backed up by recommendations, are formerly submitted to the authorities, and warrants are granted or refused as they see fit.

In and about the year 1730 Lodges came into being—especially in a remote colony of England, as Pennsylvania then was—with but scant ceremony, and it is easy to imagine how a few English Masons who had settled in America, or a few colonials who, during a temporary sojourn in this country, had become members of the Craft, and returned full of real admiration for Masonry, would meet together and constitute themselves into a Lodge, without those formalities which now-a-days are held to be preliminarily necessary to the formation of a Lodge. And when it became known that some brother had been made Provincial Grand Master of a part or the whole of the British North American Colonies, it requires no stretch of the imagination to suppose that the informal constitution of such Lodge would be accepted, and that any warrant that might be given to it would be antedated to the period of their first regular meetings. Those who have studied the earliest published lists of Lodges, and have noted the frequent changes in their order and dates of constitution, will have no difficulty in imagining that, having regard to those frequent changes and irregularities in the case of our Lodges at home, there would certainly be still more remarkable and inexplicable changes among Lodges constituted in a distant colony. With all our anxiety to obtain direct evidence about such interesting matters, we cannot afford to disregard the claims of circumstantial evidence altogether, especially when it comes before us in the shape of contemporaneous newspaper announcements.

Trusting Bro. Gould will find leisure to write to you as to his knowledge of the Coxe Deputation, and his opinion, if he has given the matter his consideration, about early Freemasonry in Philadelphia,

I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

PHILADELPHOS.

P.S.—I need not trouble Bro. Hughan, as everybody knows how ardent a supporter he is of the view I have expressed—to wit, that Philadelphia is the mother city of American Freemasonry.

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## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A correspondent, writing under the name of "DISCIPLE," again opens a question of some importance, which, if I am not mistaken, has already received a considerable amount of attention in your journal. He comments upon the unsatisfactory manner in which the business of most of the Metropolitan Lodges of Instruction is conducted, and points to the low standard of educational attainments observable in the chosen Preceptors. He very justly remarks that "a course of training in the elementary knowledge of

English grammar might prove of some advantage to teacher and pupil." There can scarcely be two opinions as to the desirability of improvement in that direction. The educated mind would more readily discern the many incongruities to which hitherto undisputed assent has been given, and trained intelligence would be more likely to appreciate and accept the excellent and valuable emendations which, with brighter intellect, some eminent brethren have for years past advocated and endeavoured to introduce; but to which ignorance, prejudice, and a kind of superstitious Conservatism have proved a stumbling block, so that their zealous efforts have met with but very poor success. It would certainly not diminish the prestige of the Order if the Preceptors, as the remarks of "DISCIPLE" imply, were capable of delivering expositions of the history, philosophy, and science of Freemasonry, and possessed the requisite knowledge to enlighten the inquisitive pupil upon difficult, and real or seemingly obscure questions. Experience, however, proves that any attempt to deviate from the beaten track would be received with scant toleration. The reason for the apathy and opposition is not far to seek. As a general rule the attendants at Lodges of Instruction are those who have either an immediate or contiguous prospect of advancement in their own Lodge. These consider Lodges of Instruction merely as a convenient and inexpensive stage for rehearsal of the routine of general Lodge work. The words of the ceremonies, as indeed of the Lectures, &c., are learnt, not as "DISCIPLE," in his innocence and guilelessness imagines, by being "conveyed orally," but from openly published and freely advertised books, containing in a more or less correct form all that is required for the efficient performance of the duties of every office in the Lodge. Hence, a brother who happens to be conversant with what might not inaptly be termed the drill, and who exhibits the tact and capacity of a drill sergeant, is elected and suffered to occupy the important post of Preceptor, notwithstanding his palpable ignorance of the elementary principles of the science, the eccentric use of his mother tongue, and the audacious liberties he takes with poor, unfortunate letter H.

The question of scholarly attainments, which might presumably be expected to be possessed by any one accepting the office of teacher of our exalted mysteries, does in no way trouble or interest the average pupil. He has neither the time, nor, indeed, the inclination or care, to become acquainted with anything beyond the requirements of ordinary Lodge work, and the height of his ambition is attained by the ephemeral distinction of having passed the chair in his Lodge. Then his business with the Preceptor is ended, and the Lodge of Instruction sees him no more.

There is no doubt that at no immeasurable distance of time all these much-to-be-regretted conditions must and will change. The successful efforts which are at the present time being made to spread a higher education amongst all classes cannot fail to exercise a wholesome influence, and render intelligent pupils more numerous, and therefore an ignorant and ill-trained Preceptor an impossibility.

But, meanwhile, it would be ungracious and ungenerous to withhold a due meed of praise and warm acknowledgment to those brethren who so freely offer their time and energies, which in all probability might in many cases be more pleasantly and profitably employed, and who, whatever their fitness or capacity, are ever ready and willing to counsel, advise, and instruct in such knowledge as they possess, and in the best manner they know how, and who give their services gratuitously to the advantage of the Craft, by undertaking the onerous and thankless task of occupying the position of Preceptor of a Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction.

Fraternally yours,

E. GOTTHEIL.

## COUNCIL OF ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

**Ebor Council (T.I.)**—A meeting of this Council was held at York, on Tuesday evening, 19th inst., when there were present—Bros. J. S. Cumberland W.M., G. Simpson P.M. as S.W., M. Millington J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec., A. T. B. Turner S.D., E. J. de Salis as J.D., W. P. Husband I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, W. B. Dyson, J. J. Wilkes, &c. Bro. F. Binckes P.G.W., Secretary of the Boys' School, was also present. Bro. Oates, of the Restoration Lodge, Darlington, was admitted to the Order of St. Lawrence, and, with several of the other members of the Council, was subsequently admitted to the degrees of Knight of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and Grand High Priest. After the close of the proceedings, the brethren met at the Grill, and a most harmonious evening was spent.

The will of Bro. Edward Cox, late of 102 Chancery-lane, law stationer, and of Carlton-road, Putney-hill, who died on the 15th ult., was proved on the 7th inst., by Mrs. Lydia Cox, the widow, and Mr. Edward Hanslope Cox, the son, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £6,000. The testator gives and bequeaths all his real and personal estate whatsoever to his wife for her own absolute use and benefit.

Most of our readers, and certainly those who have the pleasure of knowing Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore P.G.S.B. of E. Lancashire, will learn with feelings of regret that he has been seriously ill. Later accounts, however, report a considerable improvement in his condition, and we trust that ere long our worthy and distinguished brother may be so far restored to health and strength as to take his place once more amongst us with his accustomed energy and ability.

We understand that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted a copy of Bro. F. Julian Croger's "Masonic Musical Muse."

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 167.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Ralph Firbank P.M., who was supported during the proceedings by Bros. Jno. Yeomans I.P.M., John Eldridge, Edward Barge, T. Jackson, J. Ware, C. Pritchard, C. A. Mueller W.M.; P.M.'s Geo. Davis S.W., E. A. Dutton J.W., H. Cornick P.M. Treas., J. R. Thompson Sec., J. G. Humphreys J.D., Fred. Adlard P.M. No. 7 D. of C., W. Wilkinson I.G., several members, and the following Visitors:—Bros. F. H. Tibbitts J.W. 59, S. Beattie 1507, T. Fred. Wuest P.M. 753, J. Hardy 1386, W. M. Stiles I.P.M. 1732, G. W. Blackie I.P.M. 1426, G. Barrett P.M. 212, T. Coshwood P.M. 55, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, J. E. Strokirk 188, W. W. Morgan Jan. 1385, G. N. Watts P.M. 194, J. Davis J.D. 879, N. Thompson S.D. 1695, E. E. Barratt Kidder J.W. 12, James Barford 173, A. Berry Sec. 1695, W. T. Hook 1642. Business of a formal character having been transacted Bro. George Davis was presented for installation, and having been placed in the chair, with the customary ceremony, he invested the following as Officers—Bros. Dutton S.W., Cornick P.M. Treas., Thompson Sec., Humphreys S.D., Wilkinson J.D., E. Storr I.G., Hollis D. of C. and W.S., Steedman Tyler. In the unavoidable of the brother who was to have been appointed J.W., Bro. P.M. Barge was invested with the collar *pro tem*. In appointing Bro. Hollis as D. of C. the W.M. referred to the long services of their esteemed friend Bro. Adlard, who had filled the office for the past six-and-twenty years. Bro. Adlard had expressed a wish to be relieved, and although he could but regret the loss of so worthy an Officer, the W.M. had acceded to the wish. He felt sure in Bro. Hollis the Lodge would find a worthy successor. Four brethren were elected for the Audit Committee, and then the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where they were well entertained for the remainder of the evening. The Worshipful Master in this position proving himself as capable as in that of presiding over a Lodge. After the banquet, and grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts. Bro. Thompson P.M., the Secretary, then assumed the gavel to propose the toast of the W.M. He was taken somewhat unawares, but was very much gratified that he had the opportunity of proposing the health of Bro. Davis. He had had the pleasure of initiating, passing, and raising their newly installed Master, at the time he presided over the destinies of the Lodge. Since that day Bro. Davis had shown a very great interest in Freemasonry, and had progressed in a manner almost unprecedented. He had made himself known throughout the Craft for the way in which he worked the ceremonies of the Order, and he (the speaker) felt that the St. John's Lodge could but prosper under his guidance. Bro. Davis expressed his thanks for the reception that had been accorded him. He little remembered when he passed the gavel to Bro. Thompson that he was the brother who had initiated him into the secrets of Freemasonry; but, having the fact called to his mind, he well remembered the circumstance. He also remembered how kindly he was received on the night of his initiation, and that he had then said he hoped he should make progress, and become a credit to the Lodge. He trusted the past had justified the wish he then expressed. The health of the visitors was next proposed, and responded to by several of the guests. The Past Masters were duly honoured. The W.M. in proposing their health, referred to the recent death of one who had been well known in connection with St. John's Lodge for many years—he referred to Bro. T. Adams P.G.P.—whose death would cause a vacancy in many Lodges, and in many circles of friends, which it would be difficult, if not impossible, to fill. The I.P.M. having replied, the W.M. proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, which having been acknowledged, was followed by that of the Officers of the Lodge; theirs bringing the toast list to a conclusion, was the signal for the Tyler to give his parting benediction.

## NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE first meeting of this Lodge for the winter session took place on Thursday, 21st inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a very numerous attendance, under the presidency of the esteemed Worshipful Master, Bro. Sampson Genge. Lodge was opened, in accordance with ancient rites, soon after six o'clock, when there were present:—Bros. Thomas J. Cusworth P.M., Bartlett P.M., C. Hubbard P.M. 820 (acting as S.W., in the room of Bro. Gabb S.W., unavoidably absent), W. Pierpoint J.W., John Stillwell Treasurer, R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, L. C. Haslip acting as S.D., J. Thomas J.D., Alfred J. Potter I.G., Joseph Boulton Steward, C. T. Speight P.M. 27 Prov. Grand Tyler Surrey Tyler; Bros. A. Lamplough, F. W. Swales, James Smalley, Abraham Rose, Alfred Pearson, J. Dicks, George J. Westfield, Bevans John Keast, Thomas Woods, F. O. Skinner, C. Weeden, W. Binckes, J. Hobenstock, Alfred Heath, W. Page, F. Millson, J. Bond, A. Faucquez, W. T. Taylor, George Mustoe, H. Allardyce, G. Dowse, W. Crabb, C. Stephenson, Louis Duke, E. Boulstrop, J. Chadwick, J. T. Sinclair, C. Smith. Visitors—Bros. T. H. Bird 1567, T. Andrews P.M. 1158, Charles Hammond and Robert Biggar 820, W. E. Kelsey and R. Kelsey 1178, R. Pye 193, L. Western 1693, Edward C. Kilsby 1702, Henry H. Whale 172, William Iron 1579, John Fowler 1158. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. T. G. Woods was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which Bro. C. Smith was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The working of the Lodge was universally admired, and although it was evident the W.M. was suffering from an irritating affection of the throat, yet the charges were delivered with almost faultless precision, and with considerable elocutionary effect. He was ably

supported by his Officers, and, taken altogether, the ceremonies were pervaded with an amount of intelligence and perfection we seldom witness, even in Metropolitan Lodges. It was unanimously resolved that the annual ball, which has proved so successful in past years, should be repeated this season, and the J.W., who was heartily supported by the I.G., who seconded the resolution, predicted even a greater success this time. A sum of five guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge in aid of a distressed brother. After the usual formalities, Lodge was closed in duo form, and the brethren adjourned to the coffee-room of the hotel, where a *recherche* repast was spread by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. There were about sixty guests, under the genial presidency of the W.M., and at the conclusion of the repast, the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured with enthusiasm. Bro. R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, in giving the health of the Worshipful Master, said all who had been in the Lodge must have observed the remarkably excellent manner in which Bro. Genge had worked the various degrees. Although suffering from a hoarseness that was perceptible to all present, he nevertheless acquitted himself admirably, though from the cause to which he had alluded, the company must excuse him from entering upon anything like long speeches this evening. This was the first time he had worked the third degree, and he was satisfied the whole of the ceremonies had been performed in a manner that had given pleasure as well as instruction to all present. The W.M., in responding, said he felt the honour they had done him in electing him to the position he now occupied, and it was a great satisfaction to him to know, or at least to hope, that his efforts to promote the well-being of the Lodge and the comfort of the brethren had given them satisfaction. Tonight he had not discharged his duties as efficiently as he could have wished, as he was suffering from a cold, and if he had consulted his own convenience he should have stayed away. At some future time he hoped to perform the ceremony more satisfactorily—at all events to himself. He thanked them all very much for the way in which his toast was always received, for he had always tried to please and to engender a kindly feeling amongst the brethren. From the reception given to the toast, he flattered himself he had succeeded, and as long as he was connected with the Lodge he should make great endeavours to uphold its dignity and promote its best interests. Bro. Hubbard P.M., in responding, said he had been very much delighted with the manner in which the ceremonies had been worked; in fact, it had been a rich Masonic treat. Since their last meeting he had had the pleasure of meeting many of the brethren on board the "Maria Wood," and elsewhere, and he hoped they should have another pleasurable meeting at the ball which it was intended to hold in connection with the New Concord Lodge, for he had heard it said there had never been a more genial lot of men or more beautiful women than they had at previous re-unions of a similar character in connection with this Lodge. Bros. Pye and Kilsby also responded, eulogising highly the manner in which the ceremonies had been worked. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, proposed the Past Masters, which toast was received with special honours, and in reply Bro. Bartlett expressed his regret at being unable to attend the duties of his Lodge more frequently, on account of having to be present at the Committee meetings of another institution, which proved a great saving to the rates of the country. Bro. Cusworth also responded in a happy speech. The W.M. then proposed the Masonic Charities, in responding for which toast Bro. L. C. Haslip said it was an unexpected pleasure that had been imposed upon him, and he accepted it as a great honour. He had the privilege of going up last year as Steward for the Old People, and he hoped he should have the honour of going up again in a similar capacity for the other two Charities. They could not too much impress upon the brethren the importance of those Institutions—the great good they had done in the past, and the good they might foresee in the future. He hoped therefore the brethren would support them to a far greater extent than they had done hitherto. It was a matter for hope, that instead of £12,000 or £14,000 being collected in one year for each of them, that sum might be doubled in every instance. He sincerely hoped they might not in future see the lamentable spectacle of an Institution only being enabled to admit fifteen or sixteen candidates out of an approved list of seventy. The W.M. then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, on whose behalf Bro. Pierpoint responded in a genial speech, and the official programme concluded with the Tyler's toast. There was an abundance of music and singing to make the evening enjoyable.

HEMMING LODGE, No. 1512, HAMPTON,  
MIDDLESEX.

THIS prosperous and popular Lodge recommenced its session on Thursday, the 21st October. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Jessett, opened the meeting precisely at five p.m. in the presence of some twenty lay members, and aided by most of the assistant Officers. The minutes of the last regular meeting of the 18th March having been read and unanimously confirmed, the W.M. called upon the Secretary to read the report of the Audit Committee, of which the salient points were that the Treasurer has over £75 balance in hand, although no fresh blood had been introduced into the Lodge during the terminating Mastership. There were, however, four candidates, elected as long ago as last March, awaiting initiation by the ensuing Master. Some confusion appeared to have arisen in reference to the construction of the bye-laws, which was easily removed by the decisive proposition of the W.M. elect, "that the words, 'to be respectively raised to ten guineas, and three guineas on the number of members reaching forty,' be expunged from bye-law IV." The working of this bye-law had proved adverse to the interests of the Lodge, inasmuch as the members, although including two who had been received on the ten guinea scale, had been reduced from forty, the maximum under the original rules, to twenty-six before the said rule could be re-

scinded. With this effected, however, an ample year's work lies before the incoming Master. Bro. Jessett, after signing the election meeting minutes, as confirmed in favour of Bro. T. W. Ockenden, and opening the Lodge in the second degree, called upon Bro. John Hammond P.M. 201, 1326, and 1512 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, to take the chair, he having promised to perform the ceremony of installation. The call having been responded to, Bro. Thomas William Ockenden was most effectively inducted into the chair of K.S., and gave an earnest, in the excellent manner in which he invested his Officers, of what may be expected from a very able Master during his year of office. Bro. John Hammond, the Installing Master, gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, in a form that called forth the admiration of the entire Lodge. The Officers for the current session are, Bros. John Cameron Jessett I.P.M., Thomas Charles Walls S.W., Frederick William Kent J.W., and Bros. Hiscox, Moody, Wheeler Knowles, Sozer, and Davey S.D., J.D., I.G., M.C., W.S. and junior W.S. respectively. These brethren, together with the Past Masters Bros. W. Hammond, E. Hopwood, J. Hammond, J. Hurst, C. W. Fox, and the I.P.M., constitute the permanent committee for the ensuing year. The labours of the evening having necessarily been limited to the installation, the Lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren and Visitors adjourned, nearly forty in number, to one of the best appointed banquets that the Lodge has partaken of from the period of its first consecration and installation banquet, six years since. The various regular toasts were given with great spirit by the W.M., and responded to by the respective brethren in their several offices and positions. The inaction of the year having precluded the presentation of a jewel to the I.P.M., to whom, however, the brethren, with a single exception, had unanimously voted ten guineas in place thereof, with which to purchase a Life Governorship of one of the Masonic Institutions, some of the sympathising brethren had privately subscribed for a Past Master's jewel, which the W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, gracefully handed to the I.P.M., accompanying the act with appropriate and encouraging words of sympathy. The I.P.M., who had heard nothing previously of the matter, heartily thanked the brethren for this mark of their friendship, and detailed the history of the difficulties he had had to encounter during his year of office, which impelled him, though very reluctantly, to put his veto upon the work that had been placed within the precincts of the Lodge. Among the Visitors, who, without exception, expressed their gratification at the beautiful work of the evening, and the amplitude of the banquet, were Bros. Wm. Groome P.M. Finsbury Lodge 861, H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.D. Surrey, J. Wilson P.M. Etonian 209, F. Honeywell P.M. Dobie 889 P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, H. Handell Wolsey 1656, J. W. Gaze Progress 1768, T. Knapp Northern Lodge of China, Shanghai, 576, Edward Ayling Rose of Denmark 975, and John Welch Fidelity No. 3. Letters of congratulation and apologies for absence were received by the W.M. from Bros. John Bowes P.M. 148 P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, J. T. Rogers P.M. 70, 105, 1550, J. Terry Sec. Royal M.B.I., Albert Marvin 1768, J. E. Hunt 1768, Wm. Fisher P.M. 834, &c.

#### CRUSADERS' LODGE, No. 1677.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. Bro. Thomas Goode W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers and the members of the Lodge, as well as by a strong muster of visitors. The opening ceremonies having been despatched, the minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as those of the emergency meetings of the 13th and 27th September were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report was then submitted and accepted, and we may congratulate our worthy friends, the Crusaders, on the admirable disposition of their accounts. The special business of the evening followed, and in due course, with solemn ceremony, and in strict accordance with ancient usage, Bro. J. W. Simmonds was installed Master of the Lodge, the Installing Master being Dr. Hunter P.M., who fulfilled his duties in a most able and impressive manner. Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, the new W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the year, a few words of kindly congratulation being offered in each case. These appointments were as follows, namely, Bros. Rothschild S.W., Millward J.W., Maples P.M. Treasurer, Defriez P.M. Secretary, Rev. W. H. Casely Chaplain, Calderwood S.D., J. Piggott J.D., Cumings I.G., W. G. Goode D.C., A. Goode A.D.C., Hunter P.M. Steward, F. Goode Assistant Steward, and Very Tyler. After the usual congratulations, the work of the Lodge proceeded, and ballots were taken for Messrs. Harold Halliday, Dr. W. P. Hollis, and Mr. James Speller. These proving satisfactory, the several gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree in Freemasonry, in a manner which fully justified the choice of the members of the Lodge in their selection of a W.M. for the present year. There was no other business to get through, and consequently Lodge was closed with the usual formalities. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, which was served in a style worthy of the establishment. On the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and it is needless to say experienced a hearty reception. To the toast of the Initiates, the newly-admitted members briefly but appropriately replied. Then followed that of the W.M., which, of course, fell to the lot of Bro. Past Master Goode, who, in the course of his remarks, paid a just tribute of respect to the sterling worth of their new W.M. Such a toast indeed could not have been entrusted to better hands, and W.M. Simmonds acknowledged the many compliments paid him by his predecessor, as well as the heartiness of the reception his health had met with from the brethren, in a manner which reflected on him the greatest credit. And having acknowledged the toast, Bro. Simmonds went on to propose, in highly eulogistic, yet well-merited terms, the health of his immediate predecessor, Bro. Goode, complimenting him on the efficiency he had shown in the chair, and express-

ing a hope that when his year of office was determined, it might be in his power to point to as effective a rule as Bro. Goode's. He then presented the I.P.M. with the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him by the Lodge, expressing the pleasure it afforded him at having had the opportunity of presenting such a testimonial, and likewise the hope that Bro. Goode might be spared for many years, so as to enjoy the respect and affection of his fellow Masons. Bro. Goode having suitably and feelingly acknowledged the compliment, the health of the Installing Master, Dr. Hunter, was next proposed, and met with a hearty reception. The Visitors followed, and among those who responded were Bros. Harper, Cartwright, &c. Other toasts, such as are usually honoured on these occasions, were then given *seriatim*, that of the Tyler bringing a most agreeable evening to a close. Having now fulfilled our duty as reporters, it becomes us to assume for once the office of critic. The Crusaders is a popular, and we have every reason to believe, a rising Lodge, while its Worshipful Master would not have had the honour of presidency conferred upon him had he not shown, in his past career, that he was in every respect worthy of such honour. Having thus rendered him that measure of justice which is due to him both personally and officially, he will doubtless forgive us if we suggest that in one or two trifling respects his bearing in the chair will stand improvement. It cannot be said—from the fact of his having already occupied the chair in another Lodge—that he is young in Masonry. Hence it is that we should greatly prefer to see him lay aside that tone of flippancy which marked his delivery of several toasts on the evening of which we have just given a record. We are not quite so impervious to a joke as the proverbial Scotchman, or, in other words, we do not need that our skulls should be cracked in order that the passing pleasantries of the moment may be sufficiently impressed upon us. For this reason it is that we think it ill-advised in proposing certain familiar toasts to adopt a manner which cannot be complimentary to those whom they are designed to honour, or creditable to the Lodge in which they are proposed. We claim to have no little experience of Lodge gatherings, and we have always laboured under the impression that respect to all brethren was one of the foremost duties of Craftsmen. We trust the new Master of the Crusaders' Lodge will take these remarks in the same spirit in which they are offered. We congratulate him on his position, and we have pleasure in saying that in addition to the members of his Lodge there were present, to pay him respect, the following brethren:—Bros. J. W. Cartwright 1671, Thomas Vernon 25, Thomas Morris 1218, H. L. Wolters P.M. 538, John Lovell J.D. 1489, R. J. Taylor W.M. 144, J. F. Rothschild 1288, R. Harper P.M. 813, Bigley S.W. 1298, Samuel Price P.M. 1288, J. D. Spires 1471, A. Mullord S.W. 1288, G. W. Evans Org. 1632, Mark Larham P.M. 1266, W. Habern 1158, Charles Evans 860, Samuel Goode 1288, Thomas Wildover 742, J. W. Chapman 1622, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Edgar Bowyer P.S.G.W. Herts, Paul Storr 167, R. G. Thomas Org. 1602, F. W. Clayton 1588, J. Baker 1471.

**Gihon Lodge, No. 49.**—The first meeting of the members of this Lodge, since the vacation, took place on Thursday evening, 21st inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Leopold R. Smith. There were also present:—Bros. John W. More S.W., Jas. Moon J.W., Jas. Stillard Treas., H. Waterworth Sec., Henry Venn D.C., F. H. Speller Organist, Joseph Smith I.G., Alfred Williams P.M., P. A. Bianchi P.M.; also Bros. Alfred C. Wood, Wyndham Hart, Easton Anderson jun., Alfred Kelly, G. H. Wilkinson, John Turner jun., and George Hall. Visitors—Bros. Henry Silby 207, Henry A. Ralls 12, Arthur E. Smith P.M. 383, A. Millar 25, Herbert Dickett 23, and George Sandell 167. After Lodge business, the brethren dined together, and the usual toasts were interspersed with some excellent music.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—The Annual Banquet of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. There was a very fair muster of the brethren, and the meeting found a most genial president in the person of Bro. J. Cooper, Senior Warden of the Mother Lodge. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. T. B. Linscott J.W. 55, and John Soper 55, the Honorary Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction; and among the Stewards who were present must be mentioned—Bros. Abell, Bingemann (Preceptor), W. G. Dickens, T. B. Dodson, J. H. Dodson, H. R. Hallam, &c. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, Bro. Bond, host of the Bedford, sparing no pains to make the guests as comfortable as possible, and, to that end, placing before them a banquet which fully justified his reputation as a caterer. The usual toasts were given by Bro. Cooper, whose presence in the chair left nothing to be desired; while his efforts to make the occasion a success were most ably seconded by Bros. Linscott and Soper.

**La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.**—At the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on Wednesday, 20th inst. Bros. James Hemming W.M., W. Cleghorn S.W., W. J. Burgess J.W., J. Hurdell Preceptor, L. G. Langdon Hon. Sec. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—*First Lecture*:—Bros. W. C. Smith, L. G. Langdon, Blundell, Birrell, Belfrage, E. Child, and E. Farwig. *Second Lecture*:—Bros. J. Pratt, W. J. Burgess, J. Paul, W. Cleghorn, and J. Hurdell. *Third Lecture*:—Bros. J. Lonsdale, H. Richardson, and C. A. Woods. There were 42 members present, and the proceedings throughout were admirably conducted; in short, a most instructive evening was spent by the brethren.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday. Bros. Williams W.M., Carr S.W., Christian J.W., Dignam S.D., Smyth J.D., Catlin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also

Bros. Dallas, Wardell, Clark, Polak, Allen, and others. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising; this was followed by Bro. Wallington P.M. working the ceremony of installation, Bro. Williams as W.M. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Wallington P.M. gave the addresses in a very able manner. The W.M. then passed Bro. Polak to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday next, Bro. Lorkin to preside. Brethren are invited to attend.

**Warrington Lodge of Lights, No. 148.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 18th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. C. Hindley, through indisposition, the chair was occupied by Bro. John Boves P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland. The following were among the members and visitors present:—Bros. W. Sharp P.M. P.P.G.J.W., D. W. Finney P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. Rymer Young I.P.M., Dr. Young S.W., James Paterson J.W., Thomas Grime S.D., Thomas Tunstall P.M. Treasurer, Captain Deacon, James Bayley, Dr. Mackie, Thomas Robinson, J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., J. Tomlinson P.M. 368, J. H. Galloway W.M. 1250, Edward Greenall 1354, P. J. Edelsten P.M. 1134, George A. Clark and Thomas Denville Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared correctly recorded. Bro. Thomas Robinson, being a candidate for preferment, and having proved his claim, was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Robinson was re-admitted and passed. Bro. Captain Deacon, being a candidate for advancement, and having given proof his worthiness, was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Deacon re-admitted and raised. Both ceremonies were performed by the acting W.M., with the exception of the presentation of the working tools, which duty was discharged by the J.W. The Lodge was lowered, when a vote of condolence was passed to Bro. A. Peake J.D. on a recent bereavement. A grant of five pounds was made to a brother's widow, and a gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation. This being all the business, the Lodge was closed.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—This zealous and well-appointed Lodge held its regular meeting at the Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, on the evening of Tuesday, the 26th inst., and, in spite of the terribly stormy weather which prevailed, there was a very good muster of the brethren. As it had been arranged that the Fifteen Sections should be worked on the occasion, the time of assembly was fixed for 6 p.m., and punctually at that hour the chair was taken by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Nos. 820 and 1445 as W.M., with Bros. Cundick P.M. No. 1421 as S.W., Smith S.W. No. 860 as J.W., W. Musto P.M. No. 1349 I.P.M. and Preceptor, and E. T. Worsley No. 860 Secretary, to support him. After the customary preliminaries of opening the Lodge and reading and confirming the minutes of the last meeting had been despatched, the Lodge settled down with, as proved to be the case, well-founded anticipations of a highly interesting and instructive programme. The sections were admirably worked, not hurriedly and in a perfunctory manner, as is too often the case, but deliberately, seriously, and with a due regard to the many beautiful illustrations with which our often-abused lectures abound. The following, under the guidance of Bro. Musto, and with the assistance of the Officers we have enumerated above, took part in the work of the evening, namely:—First Lecture:—Bros. S. Clarke, McDonald, Musto, Forss, McDonald, Pavitt, and Cundick. Second Lecture:—Bros. Seymour-Clarke, Johnson, Durell, Smith, and Worsley. Third Lecture:—Bros. Musto, Webb, and Cundick. At the conclusion of the work votes of thanks, in terms of well-merited eulogy, were cordially and unanimously passed to all who had contributed to so instructive an entertainment, and we, too, though it is somewhat out of the beaten path we habitually follow, feel constrained to add our expressions of congratulation to all concerned on the success of the gathering. Not only did the brethren work together most harmoniously, but they took the utmost pains to make their work as attractive as possible, and were careful to give all due emphasis where any emphasis was due. We are the better pleased at being in a position to render this just testimony to a meritorious Lodge of Instruction, as complaints innumerable have reached us of the discreditable ignorance which prevails in other Lodges of a similar character. We have only to refer to a letter we published last week, and others which follow it in the present issue, in order to prove that these complaints are not the result of fancy. We trust the Friars Lodge of Instruction will continue their labours under the auspices of their present able Preceptor, and with the same zeal and energy which have distinguished it heretofore. It remains for us to add that, in addition to those already named, there were present Bros. Butler, Spencer, Nash, Judd, Hodgson 1306, Holdom 1306, W. W. Morgan, and Webb. The Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, Bros. Capt. Spencer 1076, and Holdom and Hodgson, both of No. 1306, were elected members. Bro. Myers, too, in addition to the hearty vote of thanks accorded him as W.M. on the occasion, was elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and warmly acknowledged the compliment. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

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## DEATH OF BRO. CHARLES HARCOURT.

WE regret to hear that the injuries sustained by Bro. Charles Harcourt, the actor (who sustained a leading part in "The World," at Drury Lane Theatre), by falling through a trap while engaged in rehearsal at the Haymarket Theatre last week, have terminated fatally. He has remained at Charing Cross Hospital, where erysipelas supervened, and he died on Wednesday night from that cause. Bro. Harcourt had been before the London public as a successful actor for 17 years. He made his first appearance at the St. James's Theatre in 1863, and subsequently fulfilled engagements at Drury Lane, the Royalty, the Charing Cross, the Globe, the Haymarket, and the Adelphi Theatres. He played in the revival of Gilbert's "Pygmalion and Galatea" at the Haymarket in 1877, and as Count D'Aubeterre in "Proof," at the Adelphi in 1878.

## THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

Mr. Harry Hunter, one of the proprietors of the Mohawk Minstrels, and the interlocutor of the troop, will take his Eighth Annual Benefit on Wednesday next, the 3rd November. We hope, as we anticipate, that there will be a gathering worthy of the occasion. Certainly, if programmes have anything to do with success, we doubt not it will be achieved in this instance. Several new songs are announced, together with other and appropriate novelties.

Madame Worrell gave her Annual Concert on Thursday, 21st Oct., at the Angell Town Institution, Brixton, under the most favourable surroundings, every part of the hall being filled by the friends and supporters of this talented lady. Madame Worrell fairly excelled herself in the rendering of Pissuti's—"It may be so," and in response to the demand for an encore gave "Thady O'Flynn." She also appeared to advantage in the solo—"The Sailor's Grave"—and in the two duets she assisted in during the evening.

We would remind our readers that the Masonic Ball in connection with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be held on Thursday next, at the Town Hall, High-street, Kensington, commencing at 9 o'clock. We learn that the preliminary arrangements are progressing most favourably, and we anticipate an enjoyable evening.

The Peckham Lodge of Instruction, hitherto held at the Maismore Arms Tavern, will in future be carried on at the Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, S.E. The first meeting as above was held on Wednesday evening, 22nd inst., and the meetings will be continued every Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. Bro. David Rose P.M. 749 and 1622 Preceptor.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. ISAACS.—Thanks for your letter. We hope to hear from you again, and to have the pleasure of seeing Bro. H. on his visit here.

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CRITERION.—At 8, JILTED. At 8.45, BETSY.  
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VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, AULD ACQUAINTANCE. At 8.15, THE GUV'NOR.  
FOLLY.—At 7.45, HESTER'S MYSTERY. At 8.45, THE UPPER CRUST.  
PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8, IN HONOUR BOUND. At 8.50, FORGET-ME-NOT. On Monday, ANNE-MIE.  
IMPERIAL.—At 8.30, BILLY TAYLOR.  
ROYALTY.—At 7.10, WILD FLOWERS. At 8, BOW BELLS, &c.  
OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, WHICH IS WHICH? At 8.30, MABEL.  
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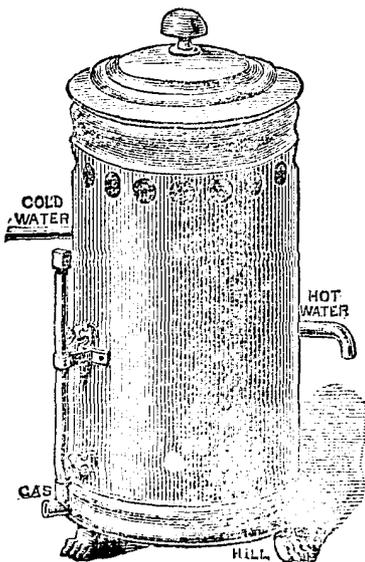
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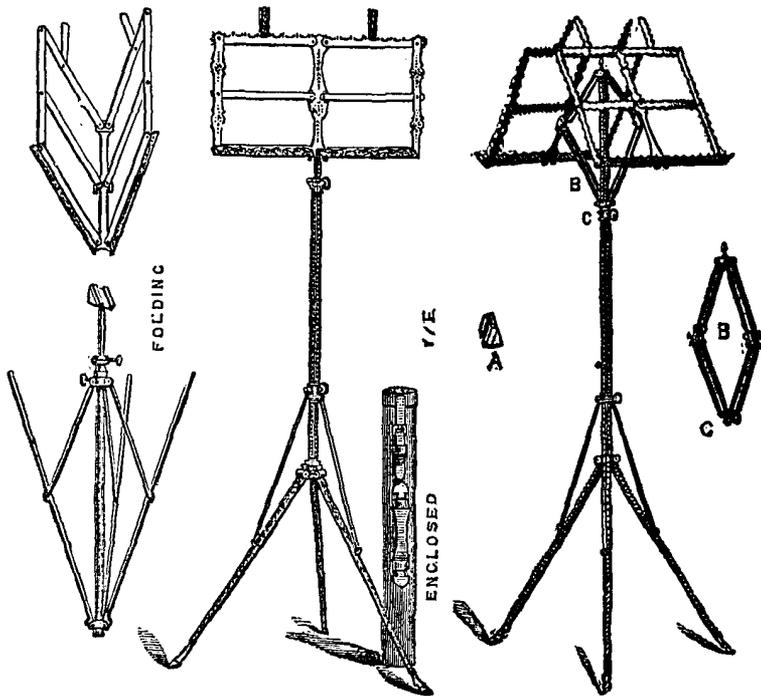
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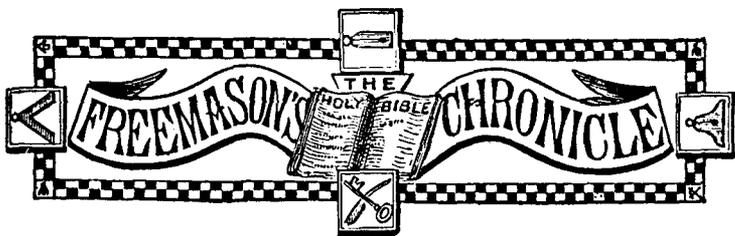
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G.M.M.M., on the 27th of April 1880, having been read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and the Prov. Grand Master having pronounced the invocation, as Consecrating Officer, the Acting Grand Chaplain delivered, in a faultless manner, the following oration, expressly composed for the occasion by that distinguished exponent of the Mark Degree, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York:—Brethren,—On such an auspicious occasion as the present, when we are met together to consecrate the Union of Malta Lodge, in the Province of Tunis and Malta—a Province that has made more rapid progress than any other on the records of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England—it may not, perhaps, be deemed inopportune if I make a few remarks on the degree which we are now banded together with a view to practise, and touch lightly and briefly upon its origin, practice, and prospects. We, brethren, who live upon sites made classic by the deeds of those who have gone before—we who daily survey scenes enriched by the pen of the historian and the poet—who are familiar with lands and seas whose names are household words to the ear of the antiquarian and the archaeologist—we can appreciate, perhaps, better than others, the legends which are treasured up in the teachings of the Mark degree. We need but to stroll round the palaces and fortresses which surround us, we have only carelessly to survey the ruins of that wondrous city—at once the marvel and the terror of the day of her zenith—to view on every hand the traces of those ancient builders, our fathers in Masonry, to whose genius we owe those art treasures, the boast of all ages and the patterns for all time. The creators of these wondrous fabrics, the architects and sculptors of these exquisite stones, have engraved their names in undying characters, and have moreover individually distinguished each man his work by means of that cipher which even to this day is practised. I mean the Mason's mark. Brethren, our legends come to us from the period of the erection of that stately edifice which crowned the Mount of God in Jerusalem, and we are told that in the process of building that Temple, the sound of workmen's tools was not heard. Why? Because the stones were all out, *marked* in the quarries, and the *marks* guided the builders, who with square, trowel, and plumb line of wood, fitted the stones joint to joint until the last *keystone* was lowered into its place amid the plaudits of the crowds of admiring Masons. Descending through history and examining the ancient temples, military erections, and domiciles of the several ages, we still find Masons' marks in use amongst the builders, and whether we examine the ruined cities of Jordan, the walls of Jerusalem, the palaces of Venice, the cathedrals of England and the Continent, the wall of Hadrian, the mosques of Constantinople, still the same silent, yet speaking story, comes to us—the story of the fraternity of builders, whose marks, handed from father to son, record on the old stone the deeds of those who wrought them. There is no break in the story, which continues even to this day, on which we have met as Mark Masons, to perpetuate the principles which guided our forefathers. The extensive repairs now being conducted at that noble and massive specimen of Gothic architecture, the cathedral of St. Peter at York, are carried on exactly on the same principle as they were in the thirteenth century, when Archbishop Gray erected the glorious south transept, and the old Gothic constitutions of the Freemasons, now preserved in the Cathedral Library, were carefully planned.

Each Mason had his mark, which he indented on his completed stone, and the plan or tracing board, committed by the Master Builder to the Overseer's care, is referred to to guide the Masons in the progress of their work. Each Mason is known to his Overseer by his mark, just as he was in the days when Hiram, the widow's son, wrought in the quarries of Mount Moriah. So much for the Operative side of the history of Mark Masonry. We, brethren, as Speculative Mark Masons, have an origin coeval with that of our Operative brethren. The workers in stone of the present day have lost their Speculative knowledge, which is preserved by us. The operative and speculative bodies of Masonry became divorced about the time that the spoliation of the monasteries in England, by the eighth Henry, caused the building profession to fall into comparative disrepute. The monks had been the great patrons of the Freemasons, and, their patronage removed, the occupation of the architectural fraternity was well-nigh gone. But the speculative teaching, though dormant, was not lost, and was revived, as we believe, by our brethren at the commencement of the 18th century, who found it amongst the treasures which they banded themselves together piously to preserve, and which has come to us from them through various channels—to be at length condensed and perfected in the Ritual which we now practise under the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Like many other degrees—even like Craft Masonry itself, it is very uncertain which is the old form of Ritual in early use. The fact is that Mark Rituals may be numbered by the dozen, and after a perusal of many of them, I can affirm that it is impossible to decide upon their respective ages. One thing, however, is certain, and that is, that the present ritual embodies every point of any real value in all of the older rituals. Minutes of old Mark meetings are very rare in Great Britain, the only country where they exist. In Scotland, the old minute books of the 17th century all contain marks selected by the candidates, but have no records of any special *Mark working*. The earliest known minute in London is in the minute books of the St. Thomas' Lodge, No. 142, and is dated August 1777. In the North of England, the earliest yet discovered is in the books of the Friendship Lodge, No. 277, at Oldham, and bears date October 1795. The earlier history of Speculative Mark working, has now, however, been taken up by several Mark Masons of ability and experience in Masonic research, and I doubt not that we shall hear of further discoveries being made as the interest of more brethren becomes enlisted in the service. At the present moment the Grand Mark Lodge of England occupies a splendid position, and any Mason may be proud to be enrolled under its banners. It enjoys the fraternal recognition of every orthodox body working the Mark degree in the world, and it has had a succession of Grand Masters second in position, as well as in Masonic knowledge, to none in the world. It has, under its banners, no less than 280 Lodges, and in the practice of benevolence, it has set a proud example. There is no land in which Masonry has found a root in which the degree of Mark Master Mason is not practised, and, when worked in an impressive manner, I know of no degree more calculated to enlist the interest of a candidate. No teachings could be purer, none more cosmopolitan, and I am rejoiced to think that so valuable a school for the theoretical study and practical working of the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity should have found a root in our fertile Masonic field of Malta and Tunis. Brethren, I cannot do better than conclude in the words of an old Mark ritual once used in England—“While virtue is your ruling principle, hope will always find a residence in your bosom. Under the frowns of fortune keep this consolation in your mind, that he who has a due faith in the dispensations of his beneficent Creator and a becoming charity for his fellow-creatures will be sure of receiving that just reward which is the consequent attendant on good and virtuous actions.” The P.G.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, according to immemorial usage, and finally dedicated the Lodge. The musical portion of the ritual was very efficiently performed under the direction of Brother Major Ewing. The W.M. and Officers of the new Lodge being invested with their respective collars of office, Worshipful Bro. Read expressed his heartfelt thanks for the honour done to the Lodge and himself, and assured the P.G.M. that no pains would be spared to make the new Lodge a signal success. The report of the Board of General Purposes was next read. It appeared from it that one new Mark Lodge, No. 263, and two new Ark Lodges,—(the Hospitaliers, attached to Lodge No. 107, and the Noah, attached to Lodge No. 265) had been added to the Province during the half-year, and that, notwithstanding the summer season had intervened, the number of active Mark Masters in the Province had increased from 131 to 176, and of Ark Mariners from 45 to 87. The Board recommended a considerable increase in the fees of honour payable on appointment to Provincial rank. The members of the Board highly commended the energy and ability of the P.G.M., under whose rule the Province had so greatly prospered, and invited the members of Grand Lodge to present him with an address on the occasion of the first anniversary of his installation. The report was unanimously adopted, and the P.G. Sec. then presented the following address to the P.G.M., which was ordered to be engrossed on vellum. To R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.G.M.M. of the Province of Tunis and Malta. We, the Provincial Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the Mark degree in this Province, and in Grand Lodge assembled, feel that we cannot allow this auspicious occasion, viz., the completion of your first year of office, to pass without expressing to you that we consider the unexampled prosperity of this Province is due to your untiring energy and devotion to Mark Masonry. We trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will grant you health, happiness, and long life, so that you may be spared long to rule over us. With feelings of loyalty, zeal, and affection we affix our signatures on behalf of the brethren of the Mark degree in your Province (Signed) R. V. Westrup D.P.G.M., W. Read G.S.W., J. Walker jun. G.J.W., C. E. Coffey G. Sec. The P.G.M. replied in feeling terms, and expressed his earnest desire to do his duty both to the Province and to the Grand Mark Lodge. Bro. Grand Secretary read congratulatory telegrams from the W.M.'s of Lodges Nos. 222 and 254 at Tunis, which were ordered

to be inserted in the minutes. The P.G.M. then proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded by P.G. Lodge to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, to whose eloquent address they had listened with such marked attention that evening, and who had rendered on many occasions signal service to the degree in general and to the Province in particular. This proposition was seconded and carried unanimously. It was also ordered that an engrossed copy of the vote should be offered for Brother Whytehead's acceptance. Brother Starkey D.G. Sec. Craft then rose and offered to the P.G.M. and brethren the hearty good wishes and fraternal remembrances of R.W. Bro. W. Kingston D.G.M., who was himself a P.M. of Lodge No. 107, and after whom Lodge No. 222 had been named. During his absence in England Bro. Kingston had superintended the publication of Bro. Broadley's "History of Masonry in Malta," and he had that very day received the official circular which Bro. Kingston had addressed to every Mason in the district on the subject. He hoped the members of Mark G. Lodge would support the work, which would shortly appear, and in so doing they would, at the same time, show their appreciation of the labours of the P.G.M.M., and help the D.G. Fund of Benevolence. Bro. Starkey's remarks were received with great pleasure by the members of Grand Lodge. The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as Grand Officers of the Province for the ensuing year, viz., W. Bros. Watson S.W., Dr. Perini J.W., and Surgeon-Major Mackinnon M.O., Bros. Lt.-Col. Carey, R.A., S.O., T. F. Reade P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt J.O., Rev. F. D. Backhouse and J. K. Lethbridge Chaplains, Glenday Registrar, Segond (elected) Treas., Surgeon-Major Walker Sec., Tagliaferro S.D., Captain Hodgson J.D., Captain Sir F. Blackwood Bart. I. of W., Captain R. A. Johnstone D. of C., Andry Assist. Sec., S. Yeoman A.D. of C., Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., Captain Ford Sword Bearer, Captain J. E. Mortimer Standard Bearer, Dr. H. Grier I.G., and Beck Tyler. G. Stewards—Bros. Borg 107, Barsotti 222, Dr. Donovan 248, and May 263. The Past Grand Officers having been saluted, the P.G.M. said he had decided to appoint W. Bro. Lieut. Charles Edward Coffey, R.A., P.Prov. G. Sec. to the arduous post of D.P.G.M.M., but before doing so he proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to his present Deputy, Bro. Westrup, who had taken a very important part in the formation of the Province, and had afterwards efficiently performed the duties appertaining to his office. This proposition was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Coffey, after being duly obligated, was invested with the insignia of Deputy P.G.M., and thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received his nomination. The P.G.M. announced his intention of serving as a Steward at the next Grand Mark Festival, and hoped he should be largely supported by P.G. Lodge and the private Lodges of the Province. The G.D. of Ceremonies then collected the alms, which amounted to £3 1s. The Grand Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the whole of the Mark Masters present adjourned to a banquet given by the three Lodges 107, 248, and 263. The usual toasts were given and responded to. W. Bro. Westrup responded for the P.P.G. Officers, W. Bro. Watson for their newly appointed successors, W. Bro. Read W.M. 263 for the W.M.'s of the district, and W. Bro. P.M. Doherty for the Visitors. Bro. Walker proposed the toast of Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and a determination was expressed to cooperate in obtaining a satisfactory result for the P.G.M.'s list. During the banquet Bro. Major Ewing presided at the piano. After the first toast the National Anthem was sung, and several excellent songs were afterwards sung by Bros. Bannister, McLaughlin, and Grier. Bro. Watson delivered, in an impressive manner, Bro. Walter Spencer's "Ode to Masonry;" and Bro. Mackinnon's imitations of celebrated Shaksperian actors will not be easily forgotten. About midnight the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after singing "Auld Lang Syne." On this occasion the Masonic Hall was decorated throughout with flags and banners, the Lodge room being draped and carpeted. The Masonic regalia purchased for the Province was used for the first time. The arrangements for the comfort of the Visitors, and the elaborate programme of the consecration, &c., were much commended, and the second annual Festival of the Mark Grand Lodge was admitted on all hands to have been the largest, and one of the most successful meetings ever held in the island.

**Provincial Grand Cryptic Council for Tunis and Malta.**—A meeting of the "Melita" Council, No. 10, was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, on the 13th October. Present—Ill. Comps. Lieut. Coffey, R.A., T.I.M., Major A. Ewing D.M., Dr. Mackinnon P.C. of W., and Comps. the Rev. F. D. Backhouse Chaplain, J. W. Starkey Recorder, A. B. Tagliaferro Treasurer, Dr. Grier C. of G., Sir F. Blackwood, Bart., as C. of C., Captain Finch-Noyes Marshal, Captain Ford, R.A., as Steward, and R. Beck Sentinel. R.P. Comp. A. M. Broadley P.G.M., Comps. Watson, Segond and Capt. W. M. Bridger, a Visitor from the Raymond Portal Council, No. 9, at Tunis. The Council being duly opened, the minutes of the meeting of the 17th August were confirmed, and a ballot successfully taken in favour of Comps. Surgeon-Major John Walker J.W. 349, J. May J.D. 407, and A. B. Truefitt Secretary 515, who were duly admitted to the four degrees. The Provincial Grand Council was then opened, and after the confirmation of previous minutes, the P.G.M. gave a short lecture on the historical interest of the degrees, and their relation to the R.A. The Provincial and Subordinate Councils were then closed in ancient form.

**Keystone Lodge, No. 107, at Malta.**—An emergency meeting of the senior Lodge of the Province was held on 12th of October. Wor. Bros. Watson W.M.M., Read as S.W., R.W. Bro. Broadley as J.W., with a fair attendance of Officers and brethren. A ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Jones, of Lodge 515, who was afterwards advanced to the Mark degree. The Hospitalers Lodge of Mark Mariners was then opened, with Comps. Watson W.C.N., A. M. Broadley P.G.C. as S., and A. B. Truefitt J. Bros. Pearce, Philips, and Jones were then elected, and elevated as Ark Mariners, the ceremony being worked at full length. A vote of thanks was passed

to the P.G.M. for the assistance he had rendered in the working, and the Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room.

## JAMAICA.

**Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Masters.**—The half-yearly communication of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was to have been held on 7th October, the R.W. J. W. Whitebourne, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to preside.

The quarterly meeting of the Phoenix Mark Lodge for the election of Master was to have been held on 14th September, but postponement for a few weeks was necessitated.

The Phoenix Royal Ark Mariners Lodge will shortly assemble.

**Royal Keystone.**—The quarterly meeting of the Royal Keystone was held at Friendly Hall, on 20th September, presided over by Bros. G. J. Sargeant Master, E. X. Leon S.W., G. A. Campbell J.W., and other Officers. There was a goodly number of members and Visitors of sister Lodges present, it being the night of election of Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, when Bro. E. X. Leon, Senior Warden and Provincial Grand Secretary, was unanimously elected Master, Bro. M. C. Hendrichs Treasurer, and Bro. John Hoyes Tyler. Two candidates were advanced. Bro. E. X. Leon, Master elect, is the founder of this Lodge. At its formation he took office as Junior Warden. Wor. R. Langley and G. J. Sargeant have occupied the chair for two years, and have worked the Lodge admirably; and as Bro. Leon has had such a strong claim, the members have elected him as their Master; for this a dispensation had to be granted, as he has not had the privilege of being a Master of a Lodge. Under our late and lamented Prov. Grand Master, Hon. Dr. Hamilton, this brother was appointed Prov. Grand Secretary, and still retains that position. For two years in that capacity he has rendered considerable service to the Province. He is the son of the late Wm. Leon, an old Past Master of the Royal Lodge.

**Glenlyon Chapter (Scotch Constitution).**—The quarterly Convocation was held at Sussex Hall, on 23rd September, when, according to bye-laws, the following Officers were elected:—Comps. K. J. Spicer Z., J. Pollack H., N. D. Smedmore J., E. H. Melville S.E., John Hayes S.N., E. B. Wolfe Treasurer, A. H. Jones P.S., A. Da Costa Janitor. The installation will shortly take place.

The brethren of the Order in this island expected by this that the appointments of District Grand Master, Grand Principal Z., and Prov. Grand Master of Masons, would have been made. The claims of our late Past Deputy Grand Master and Deputy Prov. G. Master of Mark Masons, J. W. Whitebourne, and our present Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal H., Altamont De Cordova, are too strong to be overlooked. Both brethren have rendered noble services to the Craft in this island, and it will be hailed with pleasure if one of them be appointed.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

**Peace and Harmony Lodge.**—An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd September, at Du Toits Pan Diamond Fields, South Africa. Present—Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., B. Klisser S.W., A. Yockmonitz Treas., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., W. Avis Alm., E. Garisch M.C., N. Kuipers Arch. and Steward, H. W. Campbell acting I.G.; P.M. Bro. Henry Hartog; R. C. Partridge, W. H. Vilgeon, A. F. Ortepp, J. Sonnenburg, J. Crewell, C. J. Barnes, N. J. Krauss. Visitors—Bros. D. G. A. Dowling, D. N. Defries, S. T. Solomon Cosmopolitan Lodge, L. M. A. Ettlign Rising Star Lodge, Elias Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton, J. M. Wallack Star of the East, Queen's Town, Henry J. W. Raphael Loyal Greymouth Lodge, New Zealand. Lodge opened in 1st degree. The W.M. informed the brethren that the emergency meeting had been convened for the purpose of initiating Messrs. Morrice A. Aria and Cecil Bayley, at the same time apologising for the unavoidable absence of Bro. Preparator. The candidates were then introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries of our Order. The candidates seemed very much impressed with the ceremony throughout, and thanked the W.M. for the honour conferred upon them. Before closing, the W.M. thanked the Visitors for their attendance, to which Bro. S. T. Solomon, Cosmopolitan Lodge, replied in very suitable terms, assuring the W.M. that he always should feel a great pleasure in visiting the Lodge Peace and Harmony and its workings. The W.M. then thanked Bros. Elias Harris and D. Defries for their kind services at the harmonium, to which Bro. Harris suitably replied. After Bro. Almoner had made a collection for our poor brethren, the Lodge closed in ancient form, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

**T**HE Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, took place on Thursday, 28th inst., in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creton Grand Treasurer, Vice President and Trustee, presided, and the other brethren in attendance were:—Bros. James Peters, William Stephens, H. Massey, H. A. Dubois, C. G. Brown, James F. Corben, C. H. Webb, Frank Richardson, E. Letchworth, A. H. Tattershall, Richard Boncey, J. A. Rucker, Alfred C. Bell, Walter Hopkirk jun., and F. R. W. Hedges. After confirming the minutes of last meeting, the brethren adopted a recommendation of the House Committee to grant £10 to a late pupil of the Institution, and the petitions of three candidates for election were read and examined. All the candidates were placed on the list for 1st April 1881 election. The chairman was authorised to sign cheques for accounts, and the Committee shortly afterwards adjourned.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 1462—Wharmoliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

## MONDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)  
 58—London Masonic Club Lodges of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6  
 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)  
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 M.M. 130—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.  
 119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 238—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple.  
 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester  
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over D. rwen  
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge  
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffords hire  
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield.  
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants  
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry  
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyll  
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.  
 R.A. 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley

## TUESDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 860—Dalbousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W  
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
 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.)  
 1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 R.C.—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor

- 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Borwick  
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester  
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.  
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire  
 731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
 791—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
 919—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.  
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cocker-mouth.  
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)  
 1488—St. Elth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea  
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal

## WEDNESDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7  
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 229—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1278—Burdett Counts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1298—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Choquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields  
 1707—Eleanor, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch  
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, (Inst.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow  
 645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)  
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.  
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 1091—Ermo, Ermo House, Ivybridge, Devon  
 1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.  
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.  
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)  
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Solbury, Gloucester.  
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool  
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley  
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 65 Argylo-street, Birkenhead  
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

## THURSDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

- Annual Ball of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, Town Hall, Kensington.  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 15—Kent, Choquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston  
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1611—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dal-ton, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury  
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester  
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hineckley, Leicestershire  
 123—Lenuox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry  
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks  
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham  
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.  
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.  
 446—Benevolence, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire

- 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.  
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.  
 803—St. Andrew, Swan Hotel, Biggleswade, Beds  
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.  
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Bull, Bruton, Somerset  
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale  
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7'30 (Instruction)  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland  
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire  
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire  
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon  
 1367—Beamminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beamminster  
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington.  
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Bury-street, Bootle.  
 1482—Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Epworth, Linc.  
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich  
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padliham, near Burnley  
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley  
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks  
 1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington.  
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bullth, Breconshire  
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

### FRIDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

- 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)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1642—E. Carna vor, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)  
 R.A. 70—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.  
 41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmo den.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 308—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham  
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury  
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford  
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 839—Royal Gloucestershire Bell Hotel, Gloucester  
 1074—Underley, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.  
 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
 K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

### SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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### TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE first meeting of this respected old Lodge after the recess took place on Monday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. D. Bayley. Amongst those also present were: Bros. Fred. Croaker S.W., T. Bush J.W., Alfred Staley S.D., S. Barnett I.G., John Constable P.M. Treasurer, Philip Levy P.M. Sec., S. Boas jun. D.C., J. Henry Peartree S.; P.M.'s Nathan Defriez, G. S. Pare, J. D. Barnett, S. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Gluckstein, and J. H. Ross; Bros. W. J. Upson, A. J. Myers, James Martin, Lionel Cohen, N. J. Lyon, Abraham Salomans, H. M. Darl, Alfred H. Cohen, B. S. Woolf, J. M. Levy, G. Barnett, A. G. Posner, C. Muhsam, J. C. Myers, M. Roas, S. Valentine, H. Honeychurch, M. Vogl, T. E. Smith, and P. Tobias. Visitors: Bros. Joseph W. Hobbs P.M. 749, H. Higgins P.M. 421, M. Coleman, John Rexworthy 205, J. H. Aarons 1668, &c. Lodge having been raised to the second degree, Bro. James Martin was passed, the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M. The Secretary read a letter announcing the death of Bro. Bilby, formerly Organist of the Lodge, which event occurred in May last, just after breaking up for

the summer vacation. The Secretary said he acknowledged the letter at the time, expressing on behalf of the brethren sympathy with the family of deceased, and also the loss which the Lodge had sustained. The W.M. feelingly alluded to the services rendered by the deceased brother, and in the name of the brethren thanked the Secretary for promptly answering the letter conveying the intelligence, which they all regretted. A petition was submitted for presentation to the Board of General Purposes, on behalf of a distressed member of the Lodge, and this was signed by the Worshipful Master and Officers, who promised to support the recommendation at the meeting of the Board on Wednesday. Some other business having been transacted, the brethren dined together in the Coffee Room of the Hotel. At the conclusion of the repast, the Worshipful Master informed the junior brethren and the Visitors that on certain occasions it had been his custom to dispense with the usual practice of giving the three Loyal and Craft toasts separately, and he might mention that he had authority from Grand Lodge for proposing them in the form he should put before the company this evening. They would therefore consider these three toasts all rolled into one. He knew they had loyal feelings towards both the Crown and the Craft; therefore, without further preface, he would propose Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of our Order. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Visitors, said it was customary in most Lodges to say it was usual to extend a hearty welcome to all who came amongst them; and it would be very strange to him if they did not. Those who honoured the Tranquillity Lodge once, they were glad to see again. He hoped, therefore, they would take a short expression of gratitude for their company this evening instead of a long speech as to what this Lodge would, or could, do in respect of the Visitors. He assured them how pleased they were to see so many present this evening. Bro. Joseph W. Hobbs P.M. 749 was exceedingly obliged to the W.M. for having proposed the last toast in so cordial a manner, and also thanked the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received it. Their W.M. had set them an excellent example of brevity, which was "the soul of wit," and it would be unbecoming in him if he detained the harmony of the meeting by inflicting upon them a lengthy speech. Whenever he had visited this Lodge he had always met with the warmest fraternal welcome, and he could assure them it was with the greatest possible pleasure that he came amongst them. He had been exceedingly pleased with the manner in which Bro. Bayley had performed the ceremonies of the evening; he was an Officer of whom the brethren of the Lodge might justly feel proud. When he was S.W., he (the speaker) prophesied that if ever he was installed into the chair of King Solomon, he would fulfil the honourable position with credit to himself and with satisfaction—as he was sure he would do—to every member of the Lodge. Bro. H. Higgins P.M. 421 remarked that he had had the happiness of once before visiting this Lodge, when Bro. Bayley occupied the position of S.W., and on that occasion he experienced the utmost kindness from all the brethren with whom he came in contact. He felt sure that if they visited this Lodge as often as they could possibly wish, they would always be received with the same unbounded hospitality as had ever been extended towards them, and which was one of the distinguishing characteristics of the Lodge. Bro. John Rexworthy had had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on several previous occasions, and had often said, in noticing the brilliant manner in which the Past Masters performed their duties, that if ever Bro. Bayley succeeded to the highest dignity the Lodge could confer upon him, he would emulate their excellent example, and shed additional lustre upon the office to which he had been elected. This expectation had already been abundantly realised. Bro. M. Coleman also returned thanks, and said if anything exceeded the excellent working of the Lodge, it was its lavish hospitality. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said there was a great amount of modesty, because there had been considerable discussion at that end of the table as to the priority of the toasts. Some thought the W.M.'s health should have been proposed before that of the Visitors, but the Master ruled otherwise. He (the speaker) did not know what was the order of Masonic courtesy; but they had had it according to the ruling of the W.M., right or wrong. They were prepared to abide by that ruling, because they had always found him so right and just in his decisions that they were not disposed to discuss anything beyond that. They were pleased, in resuming their duties after the recess, to find the Master in such good health as he appeared to be, and they were also pleased to find that he was able to go through his duties in the Lodge with such efficiency after a vacation of so many months. If he only performed them as well during the remainder of his term—and there need be no apprehension on that score—they should all be loud in their applause. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid him, said, although it was now the third or fourth time his health had been proposed in the Lodge, the reiteration did not dull his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him. His aim had been always for the furtherance of the interests of the Lodge, and he trusted it would always continue to be so. Their recognition of his efforts affected him more than he could express, and if they could exhibit the same kindly sentiments towards him at the expiration of his term of office, he should leave the chair with the consciousness that he had done his duty. He could only say, from his heart, that he thanked them very much for this renewal of their kindly expressions towards him. The W.M. then gave the health of the P.M.'s, and said it was the gratitude he felt to them for their services that prompted him to ask the company to join with him in drinking to the toast with all the heartiness it deserved. Bro. R. Z. Bloomfield P.M. said there were many pleasant reflections that went to make up the sum of life, but one of the most agreeable was when he proposed the health of the P.M.'s, and eulogised their various efforts and the manner in which they had assisted him. So far as he was concerned, he was beginning to become the senior P.M. of this Lodge, but although he had had the honour of being for many years a Past Master, he had never had the opportunity of rendering the assistance he had acknowledged—simply

for this fortunate reason, that they had had so many W.M.'s able to perform the duties that there had been no necessity for their aid. He said fortunately, because he presumed every brother who ascended to that position strove to emulate those who had preceded him, and if that state of things went on, there was no reason at any time to call in the assistance of the Past Masters. But if such a case ever arose, he would vouch that the P.M.'s would be unanimous in rendering whatever assistance was needed. So long as he had the pleasure of being a member, which he hoped would be to the end of his life, it would be his happiness to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. Still he hoped it would be a long day before his services would be required. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, whose virtues had so often been brought before the Lodge that it was needless to say anything further. Need he say more than that their worthy Treasurer was Bro. John Constable?—that name so well known in Freemasonry. Why, it would be like trying to gild refined gold, or to paint the lily. Then their Secretary was Brother Philip Levy, and if it were possible to paint Levy he would gladly do so. Their merits were so well known to the Lodge, and to all Masons, that it would be vain to extol them, when they were so familiar and so highly appreciated. Bro. John Constable P.M. and Treasurer trusted he had performed his duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge; he was looking almost into futurity when he said he hoped he should have to say the same fifty years hence. (Oh, oh!) They might say, "Oh!" but he meant to retain office that period. This was an office he did not intend to give up, because it was as pleasant to him, as it evidently had been satisfactory to the brethren. Whilst such harmony continued amongst them he did not intend to relinquish his post, and he hoped to receive at their hands the honour of re-election in each succeeding year. The W.M., in proposing the Officers, said the Lodge was in a great measure indebted to them for their uniformly good working. He might say for himself—in parentheses—that no Master was ever blessed with better Officers than he was. Therefore, he rose with pleasure to propose this toast. They must accept from him, in the shortest possible words, his thanks for helping him to carry on the business of the Lodge. Since he had filled the chair their working had been to the satisfaction, not only of himself, but of all the members and Visitors. That they would continue to do so it would be only uncomplimentary of him to doubt. Bro. Croaker S.W. suitably acknowledged the toast. Several other complimentary speeches followed, and the proceedings were enlivened with some more than ordinarily good vocal and instrumental music, Bro. Barnett P.M. of the Lodge placing his able services at the disposal of the party as accompanist at the pianoforte.

#### STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

A MEETING of the members of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell-road, when Bro. W. H. Boswell W.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. F. J. Sawyer S.W., W. Harris J.W., E. Cocks S.D., W. F. Masters J.D., H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey Secretary, W. McKay I.G.; Past Masters J. M. Klenck, James Pain, W. T. Brighten, John Coe, and N. J. F. Basnett; Bros. James E. Norman, James Salmon, Charles Elliott, Herbert Moss, Robert R. Templeman, and several other brethren and visitors. During the evening Mr. William Milo Woodhams was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Boswell in such a manner as to elicit the heartiest eulogiums from all present. Bro. Brighten P.M. called the attention of the Lodge to the fact that some time ago the brethren of this and another Lodge, to which their excellent Secretary Bro. H. E. Frances belonged, had resolved to mark their appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to both by making him a presentation. The Paxton Lodge, like their own, being not overburdened with this world's goods, it was resolved that the testimonial might assume a more substantial form if the two combined. Bros. Klenck and Sawyer worked in the matter with laudable zeal, and the result was that some £30 was collected. The article upon which Bro. Frances set his heart was a watch, which was accordingly purchased and presented to him; and with the balance that remained it was agreed that a scroll should be prepared, to accompany the gift, as a record of the esteem in which their worthy Secretary was held, and of their gratitude to him for services rendered. As a matter of fact, the balance left after purchasing the watch and chain amounted to about £10, and, as Bro. Frances was himself a scroll writer, it was agreed that he should receive this money to pay for his labour and time in preparing the scroll, instead of entrusting the work to other hands. Now, the Stockwell Lodge was in a fairly flourishing condition—not too rich, but sufficiently so to add two guineas to the amount collected—and he thought Bro. Frances's services were such as to entitle him to some such recognition out of the Lodge funds. It would only be a graceful and courteous way of acknowledging the assistance their Secretary had rendered to the Lodge, and he therefore moved—That two guineas be voted out of the Lodge funds towards the presentation. Bro. F. J. Sawyer seconded the motion, which was carried amidst acclamation. The W.M., adding a few happily-chosen sentences, cordially endorsed all that Bro. Brighten had said, and believed all the brethren shared fully in the sentiments which had been expressed. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren supped together under the presidency of the W.M., who gave the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts in appropriate terms. Bro. Brighten P.M. in proposing the health of the W.M., said he hoped to sing the praises of a really good Master as often as he had the opportunity. The Master of this Lodge was one who most certainly had carried out his duties efficiently in all the offices he had filled. He had attained the highest reward the brethren could possibly give him—namely, a seat in the chair. That was the height of his ambition, and now he was there he certainly discharged the duties creditably to himself and honourably to the Lodge. Might he, during the remainder of his year of office, and through the rest of his life—which they all hoped might be prolonged to a glorious old age—

enjoy good health and all prosperity. The W.M., after thanking the company for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, said when he entered into Masonry—not a very long time ago—at all events, as soon as he saw a prospect of at some time filling the chair, he discovered that two things were essential in a Master of a Lodge, viz., that he should well perform the duties of his office, and that he should be a good chairman at the festive board. He knew his capacities did not lie in the latter direction, and therefore felt it to be more incumbent upon him to study the former. He knew he could not sing a song, make a speech, or utter a recitation, but he also knew that if he endeavoured to make himself efficient as Master of the Lodge the brethren would overlook any shortcomings of which he might be guilty in the fourth degree. He then gave the health of the Initiate, saying he knew the brethren would not influence those to join who were not worthy of the esteem of the Lodge, and he felt sure the brother who had been admitted amongst them that night would prove an ornament to it. Bro. Brighten P.M. having sung the E.A. Song, Bro. William Milo Woodhams briefly acknowledged the toast, and expressed his thanks for the cordiality and kindness with which he had been received. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, speaking of the valuable services they had rendered to the Lodge, of which they were the brilliant ornaments. They had heard that in some Lodges—though he was happy to say not in the Stockwell—brethren seldom attended after they had passed the chair. He was thankful to say that was not the case here, for he was well supported by P.M.'s on the present, as on other occasions. Bro. Brighten was a valuable jewel, and all knew and appreciated the valuable services rendered by Bro. Klenck. It was always a pleasure to refer to Pain, because it was on the day of Bro. Pain's installation that he (the W.M.) was made a Master Mason. A remarkable display of fireworks they had. As for Bro. Basnett, they all knew that he was the life and soul of the Lodge, and they never had a better worker in the Stockwell Lodge than Bro. Coe. It was that brother's example which inspired him (the speaker) to try and emulate him when he got into the chair. Bro. Klenck, who was cordially received, tendered his sincere thanks for the manner in which they greeted the toast. As one of the founders of the Lodge, he was thankful for the good feeling which had subsisted amongst its members since its foundation. Although comparatively a young Lodge, the Stockwell had done its duty with regard to its initiates, with regard to the members who were associated with them, and with regard to the Charities. He trusted every Lodge, dating more recently than this, would ever bear in mind that the great thing with regard to Masonry in general, and the true principles they held in respect of it, were the Masonic Charities. They had done their duty as a young Lodge, and they filled a proud position in the Craft. He was very pleased to associate with so many brethren whose friendship he might not have known but for the Stockwell Lodge. Bros. Brighten, Pain, Barnett, and Coe also responded in appropriate terms. The health of the Secretary was proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., who took occasion to refer to the testimonial which the Lodge had presented to him, in token of their esteem, and gratitude for his services. The presentation, which consisted of a handsome gold watch and chain, &c., with a framed inscription on vellum—this last being most elaborate and artistic in design—was much admired by the brethren. Bro. Frances then, in a few earnest words, thanked the brethren for their valuable gifts. The toast of the Visitors was replied to by Bros. Dowding, Plowman, Smith, and Eyling, who each testified to the pleasure they felt in being present on such an occasion, and expressed their appreciation of Bro. Frances's services to Freemasonry. Several other toasts followed, and, amidst some excellent singing a pleasant evening was passed.

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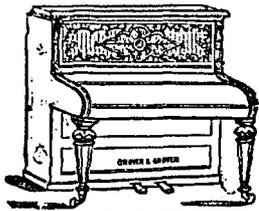
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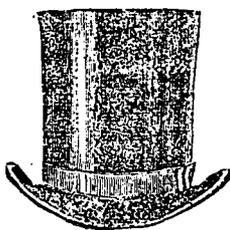
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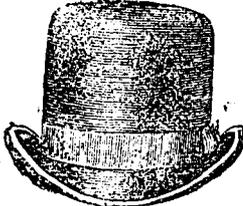


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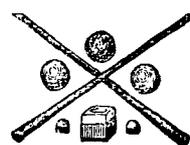
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