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THE MARK GRAND LODGE.

ON Tuesday, the 30th inst., will be held, at the Freemasons' Tavern, the Winter Half-Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Grand Lodge will be opened at 5 p.m., and all Grand Officers, Present and Past, the W. Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of subordinate Lodges, and all duly registered Mark Master Masons are invited to be present. The business will include the nomination of a Grand Master in succession to the Earl of Lathom, whose three years' term of office will expire in the summer of next year. We anticipate that Lord Henniker, the present Deputy Grand Master, will be nominated, and seeing how earnest and energetic have been his lordship's efforts in furtherance of the interests of this degree, we trust our anticipations will be realised. Among other matters to be submitted for the consideration of the brethren is the report of the General Board, and considering the flourishing condition of the Mark, we do not need to apologise for devoting somewhat more than the accustomed space to a review of the contents of said report. There can be no question as to the progress of this degree during the last few years, but were any proof needed of this fact, it would be found in the rapid increase in the number of advances, who at the close of the half-year ended 30th September last, amounted to 14,086, to 572 of whom certificates were granted in the half-year then terminated. In the same period, Warrants for seven new Lodges were granted, and as other three Warrants have since been issued, there are now on the roll of this Grand Lodge no less than 271, or, including the Time Immemorial Lodges, 281 Lodges in England, Wales, and abroad. These figures speak for themselves. The Royal Ark Mariner Degree has also exhibited a fair state of progress, as ninety-nine certificates of elevation thereto, and Warrants for five new Lodges, have been granted in the course of the same half-year. The Grand Treasurer's accounts, moreover, strengthen the feelings of satisfaction which all lovers of Freemasonry must experience at the undoubted prosperity of the Mark Grand Lodge. The receipts from all sources, on account of the General Fund, amount to £623 17s 6d, and there were balances on the 30th September last in respect of the different Funds as follow—namely, on the General Fund, £293 2s 1d; on the Benevolent Fund, £289 7s 3d; and on the Educational Fund, £243 11s 7d. Investments have since been made to the extent of £400—namely, £200 in respect of the Benevolent, and £200 in respect of the Educational Fund. To this must be added the purchase of £400 Queensland 4 Per Cent. Debentures, during the half-year itself—namely, £300 on behalf of the General Fund, and £100 on behalf of the Educational; so that, since the last Half-yearly Communication, the permanent resources of the Mark Grand Lodge have been increased by £800 additional stock, yielding 4 per cent. per annum interest.

The other circumstances to which the General Board has drawn attention in its report are equally satisfactory. The Twelfth Annual Festival on behalf of the Benevolent Fund was held at the Crystal Palace, on 7th July last, under the auspices, as chairman, of R.W. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Master of Middlesex and Surrey, and the aggregate amount of the donations and subscriptions handed in by the thirty brethren who acted as Stewards on the occasion reached £550 9s 6d. A new Province also has been constituted, or rather, the old Province of North Wales and Cheshire has been reconstituted,

Cheshire retaining the old organisation, while North Wales is now a Province by itself, with an admirable chief to preside over its destinies in the person of the R.W. Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., and a capable Deputy to support him in the person of Bro. Captain Charles Hunter.

The other points that are mentioned may be disposed of shortly. The grant of a sum of £25 to F. C. K. from the Benevolent Fund will be recommended. The law which requires the qualification of a three years' contribution to a Lodge by a Brother in order to render his son eligible for the assistance afforded by the Educational Fund is deemed to have operated "arbitrarily and prejudicially," and the Board will submit a motion for the suspension of this requirement, "reserving," however, "the right of Grand Lodge to restore it, should circumstances in their opinion justify its re-enactment." Another resolution that will be submitted has reference to the status of Honorary Members of Lodges, and in order to remove certain misapprehensions which appear to exist on this point, the Board will propose the insertion in the Book of Constitutions of the following enactment:—"Brethren who have deserved well of this Order, or of a Lodge, may be admitted as Honorary Members of a Lodge under the same conditions as Subscribing Members. But Honorary Membership shall convey no rights or privileges beyond that of being present at Lodges and attending banquets on payment of the same fee as Subscribing Members." Finally, as the tenancy of the offices occupied by Grand Lodge at 2 Red Lion-square will determine on Lady Day 1881, the Board will recommend that it be empowered to make the necessary arrangements for, and incur the expenditure required in connection with, the provision of suitable accommodation for the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge.

We have now described in detail the business which will be submitted for the consideration of the Mark Grand Lodge on Tuesday next, and it only remains for us to offer our congratulations to our brethren of that degree, and especially to the Earl of Lathom, M.W.G.M.M.M., Lord Henniker, his Deputy, and Bro. F. Binckes G. Secretary, with his able and obliging coadjutor Bro. Donald M. Dewar Assist. Grand Secretary, on the marked degree of prosperity which has attended their efforts in the course of the last five years. A Grand Lodge which can only point to an existence of less than the one-fourth part of a single century—the degree itself is of course much older—may well be proud of an array of Lodges not very far short of 300, of a membership which exceeds 14,000, and of so satisfactory a condition of its finances as to show at the close of its last half-yearly account, balances on its several Funds amounting in the aggregate to a fraction over £826, with a very satisfactory nest-egg into the bargain in the shape of a considerable amount of invested moneys. Of course, no one who has studied the progress of the Mark will feel at all surprised at this, especially when they call to mind the eminent brethren, beginning with that sound "constitutional" Mason, Lord Leigh, elected G.M. in 1856, and terminating with the present noble occupant of the throne, to whose merits we have just paid our humble tribute of respect. But though it almost goes without saying that an Order which has the good fortune to number among its chiefs such men as the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master (Craft) of England, Viscount Holmesdale, Earl Percy, M.P., and the Earl of Limerick, should fare prosperously, it is none the less our duty, as it is a pleasure, to felicitate it on its present stability and future prospects.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st December 1880.

1. Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st September 1880 for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Report of the Committee, appointed by Grand Lodge, 3rd March 1880, on the purchase of property adjoining Freemasons' Hall.
4. Election of a Member of the Board of General Purposes in the place of Brother Frederick H. McCalmont W.M. of No. 394, deceased.
5. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
6. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year.
8. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, wherein the recommendation made on the 18th August last for a grant of £150 to a Brother of Lodge No. 1326—having been referred back by Grand Lodge on the 1st September for reconsideration—is cancelled, except so far as the £10 already paid on account of such recommended Grant. And recommendations are made for the following Grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of St. James' Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, Yorkshire...	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, Brighton ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, Tottenham ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, London ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, Portsmouth ...	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 784, Deal ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Nyauza Lodge, No. 1197, Ilminster ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester ...	75	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, Swindon ...	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford...	75	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of November inst., shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,573 12s 11d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th November 1880.

NAMES OF BRETHREN NOMINATED TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Bros. Henry Harben P.M. 92. John Messent P.M. 231.

NAMES OF PAST MASTERS NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Bros. George P. Britten 183, Walter T. Christian 1662, Joseph D. Collier 1366, John Constable 185, Charles Dairy 141, Henry Garrod 749, Charles F. Hogard 205, John M. Klenck 1686, William Mann 186, Henry Massey 619, William H. Perryman 3, William Stephens 1489. No more than twelve were nominated.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- 1877.—Ashley Lodge, Rangiora, Canterbury, New Zealand.
- 1878.—Northern Light Lodge, Kawa Kawa, Auckland, New Zealand.
- 1879.—Lord Warkworth Lodge, Amble, Northumberland.
- 1880.—The Goulbourn Valley of St. George Lodge, Shepperton, Victoria.
- 1881.—Neptune Lodge, Melbourne, Victoria.
- 1882.—St. John's Lodge of Rochester, Rochester, Victoria.
- 1883.—William of Wykeham Lodge, Winchester.
- 1884.—Chine Lodge, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.
- 1885.—Torridge Lodge, Great Torrington, Devon.
- 1886.—St. John's Lodge, Kokstad, Griqualand.

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PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Continuing my letter, which you were kind enough to find space for a fortnight since, I will, before carrying my arguments against Bro. Stewart's scheme further, take note of an objection which it is not improbable may be raised against the points I have already urged. There are those who will plead, and with a certain show of reason, that considering the great success which during the past few years has attended the policy of extension, and how promptly the Craft meet the ever-increasing calls that are made upon them for the support of our Institutions, the same readiness will be shown in providing such further sums as may be required if effect is given to Bro. Stewart's or any similar resolution. There is always great difficulty in meeting an argument of this kind, yet none will deny that a limit must ultimately be reached, beyond which any attempt at increase will be a source of danger to our Institution. It is not because the Craft generously provide the £40,000 which are necessary for the maintenance of our Institutions in their present state of efficiency that they will always be disposed, or if disposed, in a position, to find the larger sum [say] of £50,000. There is an old saying which it will be well for Bro. Stewart and those who think and act with him to bear in mind, about overtaking the willing horse; and because we, Freemasons, have cheerfully acquiesced in a policy which, in the course of a very brief season, has about doubled our responsibilities, that is no reason why we should be forced into a position of such delicacy that we must either overtax our strength or fall short of our undertakings. It is very easy for an irresponsible committee-man to step forward and tell his friends and associates that, though they have subscribed very liberally up to the present time, they must go on increasing their subscriptions. It is doubtless pleasant to have one's name connected with the enlargement of a charity, but we may depend upon it that his is the sounder and more judgmatical counsel who advises that the foundations of a building shall be strengthened before another storey is added to it. What has borne the superincumbent weight of 100 tons or 200 tons may not be equal to the strain of an additional 50 tons; or if it is, it does not follow it is wise to test it to the uttermost limits of its capabilities. I shall not be far wrong if I put down the average annual amount of donations and subscriptions to the Boys' School during the last five years at £13,000, and the expenditure that is needed for its maintenance with its present complement of pupils at £10,000; and if I assume that the same relative strength of income and expenditure is maintained for the next ten years, and the whole of the surplus regularly invested, even then the permanent income of the Institution would not be very greatly in excess of £2,500, or the fourth of what is absolutely necessary for the year's requirements. I will, however, suppose the permanent income of the Boys' School for 1890 is £4,000, or, in other words, that, in the course of a single decade, it has quintupled itself. Even then the amount that must be found annually will be considerable, and greatly in excess of what was thought, only a very few years ago, a very large subscription. On the other hand, it will be impossible to increase the permanent income, if new premises are to be erected and additional pupils taken on to the establishment. Consequently we shall, if we adopt this course, compel the brethren who come after us to raise not only the £13,000 which is annually necessary, but a further very considerable sum likewise, which it would be most unwise to set down at less than £5,000. The man whose income is derived from property may be excused if he spends every shilling of it, but the same cannot be said of the man who earns his living. The former has a property to leave behind him; the income of the latter dies with him, and his family become a burden upon his friends or the State. We have increased the strength of the Boys' School quite fifty per cent. in a short time; let us now see what can be done towards making its strength permanent. We have been busy enlarging our premises, let us now give them all possible stability, so that, when the inevitable rainy day sets in, and the subscription lists show a very serious diminution, there will be no necessity for curtailing the good we are doing.

Our School at Wood Green, including the latest additions, has, in round numbers, cost about £60,000, and the average cost per boy last year was, as stated in your article, £43 10s 5½d. Is it likely that an additional school large enough to accommodate 150 pupils will cost much less than £20,000, and if I estimate the cost of clothing, maintenance, and education at no more than 10s per week, or £26 per annum, that will give a permanent additional expenditure of not far short of £4,000 a year. It will be said by Bro. Stewart and his supporters, All this is going to be done gradually, and as occasion may require. But we must look in the face the whole amount of the liability we are likely to incur, and I hardly think I am exaggerating the case if I set down the cost of building and the additional annual expenditure at the figures I have just stated. Are we justified in handing down to our successors a greater responsibility than we have ourselves had to bear? There is, as you very properly pointed out last week, a plan by which the necessities of our orphan boys can be met, and that without committing the School to so serious an outlay. If I adopt your rate of interest, then 5 per cent. on the £20,000 to be sunk in building would yield £1,000 per annum—a sum sufficient to allow of fifty small boys receiving each a sum of £20 annually towards their keep and schooling. In other words,

by increasing its expenditure from £10,000 to £11,000, the School would extend the range of its benefits without incurring too heavy a responsibility, and would also be in a position to lay by a handsome sum annually.

Other points there are which must be considered likewise. I have said the Girls' School, after its recent increase, is likely to rest a while, but how long will this be the case? You require a Boys' School with as many pupils in it as there are days in the year, we shall very soon find an extension of the sister Institution has become a necessity. Some £16,000 or £17,000 have latterly been spent on new premises and the purchase of Lyncombe House, and if only another fifty girls are taken on, not only will about the same amount of capital have to be sunk in building further premises, but about £2,000 per annum more will be required for maintenance and education. Then, it is to be presumed, the old men and women who are obliged to seek assistance from the Benevolent Fund will not remain stationary as regards numbers. An addition to the present strength of annuitants to the extent of only twenty-five men and as many widows means an additional sum of £1,800 to be raised annually. At this rate, the £40,000 we now require will rapidly swell to £50,000 or even more. Is there any one who can take upon himself to say the increased sum will be obtained, when we all know what exertions are necessary to raise the present £40,000? And even if this were possible, is there any guarantee that further increase will not be encouraged? It cannot be charged against the Craft that they are chary of helping their less fortunate brethren or their families; our Institutions are a standing proof of their generosity, of which they have reason to be proud. Let us, then, content ourselves with the good work that is being done. Let us turn our attention for a time to strengthening the available capital of our Charities. We should then be able to view the approach of an unprosperous season with comparative equanimity—with the knowledge, amounting almost to a certainty, that such a misfortune would not have the effect of diminishing the benefits they now confer. Let it suffice that we are already pledged to the fulfilment of a considerable responsibility. We are not called upon to undertake a still greater, nor are we justified in binding those who come after us to do more than may in reason be demanded of them. Let us be increasingly careful whom we admit into the Craft, let the applications for help be more strictly scrutinised, but let us not be led by any excess of enthusiasm to place in jeopardy the fair fame of our Society by undertaking what at some future time we may find ourselves incapable of carrying out.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

EST MODUS IN REBUS.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Having read with considerable interest the able letter of DISCIPLE upon the—in many instances—unsatisfactory manner in which the business of the Lodges of Instruction is conducted, and the replies DISCIPLE's letter has evoked, I cannot refrain from addressing a few lines to you upon the strange manner in which some brethren who act as Preceptors are asking, as of old, "Is it I?" It would really appear as if the old adage anent "the cap fitting" was applicable. Now, surely, they being so well acquainted with the letter of the ritual, should not be altogether unmindful of its true spirit. I would ask these inquirers, "Is not Freemasonry, according to their own teaching, described as a 'progressive science'?" and are we not told, at least once a year in our mother Lodge, that "what we see praiseworthy in others, we should carefully imitate, and what in others may seem defective, we should carefully amend"? How then can these brethren logically refuse to consider the various alterations and corrections which the gradual improvement in the general educational standard of the community renders necessary to make our Ritual such as educated men newly admitted into the Craft can look upon with respect and approval?

No doubt it may prove less troublesome to maintain the "old working," and to claim for their individual utterances the prestige of an "ancient landmark!" Still, I would hope an earnest wish for the advancement of their pupils may stimulate every brother who accepts the honourable post of Preceptor to do his utmost to impart Masonic light and truth pure and unsullied.

I am, &c.

A STUDENT.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We are now in the middle of November, and, considering that the Bazaar and Fancy Fair at Freemasons' Tavern in aid of this Fund were held on the 29th and 30th June, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd July, it has struck me that the public should long ago have been presented with some kind of statement or balance-sheet. We were given to understand almost at the very outset that the proceeds of the Bazaar would amply suffice to cover all the expenses in connection with the Fund, but this, I believe, is the full extent of the information which has been vouchsafed us up to the present time. Now, it seems hardly possible the accounts can have been of so intricate a character that over four months should be needed for their preparation. I presume some of the Committee must have looked after the receipts for admission, some after the proceeds of sales at the stalls, and some after the receipts for the concerts and other entertainments. If these were accounted for each day, and note taken of the expenses incurred, it ought not to have been a very

difficult task to prepare a debtor and creditor account; indeed, a few hours should have sufficed for, at all events, the drawing up of an approximate statement, which would have enabled the many brethren interested in the success of the Fund to judge of the results. The Bazaar was announced amid a succession of flourishes of trumpets. Many distinguished brethren took part in the proceedings on the opening and subsequent days. The fair stall keepers laboured energetically, and sales, we heard at the time, were "brisk." But here we are, as I have said, in the middle of November, and yet not a single word of information has been forthcoming as to the proceeds. No doubt the brethren who took a leading part in the management of the Bazaar have had their private business to attend to in the meantime, and possibly in the holiday season, when everybody avoids work who can, it may have been difficult to get the managers to meet together for a final settlement. But though this may palliate, it will not excuse, the delay that has occurred, and I trust the information which so many are awaiting will be made public before the present month is ended. Even if the affair should turn out to have been a failure, it is better we should be told so at once.

I have heard a rumour—for the truth of which it is impossible I can vouch—to the effect that the Committee meetings were not in all instances models of harmony, and that one at least of those brethren who took an active part in the promotion of the Bazaar was treated with scant courtesy. I trust the rumour will prove unfounded, and that the Committee will be able at no distant date to take the Masonic public into its confidence by presenting a fair balance sheet, and proving they have not worked inharmoniously or in vain.

I consider the idea of organising a Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund was a most excellent one, and I believe that, once it has been set firmly on its legs, it will do good service to many deserving girls and boys, who, on leaving school, stand in need of further help. It has received the hearty support of many of our chief dignitaries. A fair amount of contributions has been either paid or promised, and now that Lodges have generally resumed their meetings, they ought to be told what has been done, if only that they may be in a position to judge of the future prospects of the Fund.

I beg to subscribe myself,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

ONE WHO IS ANXIOUS TO KNOW.

London, 16th November 1880.

A DISSERTATION ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having read in your valuable columns a Dissertation on Freemasonry, delivered at a recent meeting of the Montefiore Lodge; and as I am informed that it is to be continued at the next meeting, may I venture to ask, what is the purport of the three-quarters of a column you have published? The part you omitted was, as all know, perfectly correct; but what did it teach the assembled brethren? The Judea-phobe business is stale, except to the Brother who was speaking. The only Mason I saw to whom it might have been instructive was our esteemed Brother Wendt, and that is a matter of opinion. It resolves itself into this. Certain new and absurd changes were mentioned as being, in the opinion of the speaker, and I believe of no one else, necessary; but if the Brother had troubled himself to have attended a Lodge of Instruction, he would unquestionably not have lectured on the subject. In the hope, Dear Brother Editor, that our Ritual and Constitution will ever remain unchanged.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

P.S.—I enclose my card and thank you by anticipation for the insertion of this letter.

We hear that Bro. Harben, P.M. of Moira Lodge, No. 92, will offer himself on the 1st proximo as a candidate for the vacancy which has recently occurred on the Board of General Purposes. We trust those of our readers who have it in their power to promote the success of Bro. Harben's candidature will make a point of being present at the meeting, on Wednesday next, of Grand Lodge. Bro. Harben, by his valuable services, has deserved well of the Craft, and will prove a great addition to the strength of the Board in question.

Owing to the pressure upon our space, we have been compelled to hold over several notices of meetings and sundry items of intelligence of great interest.

A Concert will be given at the Agricultural Hall, on Monday evening next, in aid of the Funds of the Clerkenwell Benevolent Society. Among the artists engaged are Mrs. Osgood, Madame Patey, Bro. M. Maybrick, Bro. Egbert Roberts, &c.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Diseases of Women.—Medical science in all ages has been directed to alleviate the many maladies incident to females, but Professor Holloway, by diligent study and attentive observation, was induced to believe that nature had provided a remedy for those special diseases. He has, after vast research, succeeded in compounding his celebrated Pills and Ointment, which embody the principle naturally designed for the relief and cure of disorders peculiar to women of all ages and constitutions, whether residing in warm or cold climates. They have repeatedly corrected disordered functions which have defied the usual means prescribed for such cases; and still more satisfactory is it that the malady is relieved completely and permanently.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE third Installation in connection with the Albert Victor Lodge took place on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Town Hall, Pendleton, Manchester, on which occasion Bro. Daniel Asquith, the S.W. of the past year, was placed in the chair. The proceedings passed off in a manner reflecting the greatest credit on those who had been entrusted with the arrangements, not a single hitch occurring throughout the day. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Lees the W.M., who was supported by Bro. S. Statham I.P.M., D. Asquith S.W., E. Winterbottom J.W., W. Hardcastle Sec., J. W. Almond S.D., C. Oldham J.D., F. A. Dale Org., J. Statham I.G., Thomas Kay and Thomas Hewitt Stewards; most of the remaining members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors: Ellis Jones 1147 P.G.T., William H. Baynes 1341, 1814 P.M., J. J. Meakin 992 W.M., C. W. Bayley Sec. 1345, J. Salmon 163 P.P.G.D.C., S. Y. B. Bradshaw 1009 P.P.G. Chap., G. Fisher 129 P.M., G. Mellor 300, 64 D.P.G.M., John Chadwick Prov. G. Sec., G. F. Smith P.M. 1009, 1045, W. Nicholl S.W. 317, J. Ogden 1357, F. H. A. Wright P.P.G.C., B. Taylor P.P.G.T., J. M. Smith, W. W. Morgan Jun. 1385, F. Douglas 287, S. Moore P.M. 992, James Lowndes 163, 999, T. J. Hooper P.P.G.T. 1633, J. Bowker, J. D. Nowell 521, E. Carr 1170, F. P. Morris 563 New York, J. H. Lowndes 154, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. advanced the Lodge to the second degree, when Bro. S. Statham assumed the chair, and the W.M. elect having been presented, he proceeded to obligate him in due form. A board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Asquith was placed in the chair with the customary forms. The brethren were then admitted, and the newly installed Master was saluted and proclaimed in the three degrees. Bro. Jos. Harrop P.M. then invested the following brethren as Officers for the year: Bros. Winterbottom S.W., Hardcastle J.W., Oldham Sec., Almond S.D., J. Statham J.D., Dale Organist, Kay I.G., Hewitt and Moffatt Stewards, J.B. Kirk (re-elected) Tyler. The W.M. personally invested Bro. Harrop with the collar of Treas., he having been elected by the brethren to that position. The three addresses were then given; that to the Master by Bro. E. Williams P.M., that to the Wardens by Bro. J. Lees I.P.M., and that to the brethren by Bro. Rev. Dr. Brown P.M. P.P.G.C. The W.M. then proceeded to close the Lodge, one proposition for joining, and one for initiation, having been handed in previous to his so doing. The brethren then repaired to the banquet room, where a splendid repast awaited them; there were fifty-two brethren in all around the festive board, and each thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment provided. The W.M. was particularly happy in the way in which he presided, treating all those present in such a manner as to render it impossible for any to feel strange, and this notwithstanding the fact that the visitors far outnumbered the members. But as in this life all good things must come to an end, so did this installation banquet, and then the brethren again repaired to the Lodge room which, in the interval, had undergone a great change; there dessert was served, and the social part of the day's proceedings commenced. The W.M. in appropriate terms gave the usual Loyal toasts, the brethren honouring that of the Queen and the Craft with a fire of twenty-one, and singing the National Anthem, and that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, with twenty and one, followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales." In quick succession followed the toasts in honour of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, with the rest of the Grand Officers, each of which received due amount of attention at the hands of both the Master and brethren. Bro. Samuel Statham P.P.G.T., the first W.M. of the Lodge, then rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie. He had heard it said that any one rising to address an assembly should be possessed of three qualifications; he should have a full head, a ready tongue, and a warm heart. Now as regarded the first, he dared not lay claim to any such endowment; as regarded the second, all must know there were times when the little member would not act as glibly as one could wish; but as regarded the third, there he felt particularly at home. He had within him a heart that warmed to anything connected with the Masonic Institution. He felt they must all be gratified at the assembly of the day, and the great success it had been. On the occasion of the consecration of the Lodge, the Prov. Grand Master had said that he was father of twelve Masonic children, the Albert Victor being the twelfth. He (the speaker) did not know how many he had at the present time, but he felt every one must hope that all of them were in a prosperous state, and that each might become fathers of healthy members of Freemasonry. The present aspect of the Craft in the Province of East Lancashire led to the supposition that the Prov. G. Master was truly wedded to the Order, and all felt confident that no bill of divorcement would ever be required, but that the happy alliance would continue until death did them part. The members of the Lodge could but gratefully acknowledge the advice given to them by the Provincial ruler as to the introduction of members, which advice they had endeavoured to act up to. Before concluding this toast, Bro. Statham felt he must express his hearty congratulations to all concerned on the accession to the chair of the Lodge of one who was truly worthy of the honour. It could but be the hope of all that he would have a successful year, and that at its conclusion he would be able to congratulate himself on having added lustre to the Albert Victor Lodge, which he hoped would ever continue to be a Lodge abounding in peace, good temper, and enjoyment. Brother Brooks next gave the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother George Mellor, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. He was extremely sorry that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had not been able to stay to the after dinner proceedings, but he felt sure he must have carried away from the meeting a feeling

of delight. If they had not been honoured, as they had expected to be, with the company of the Prov. Grand Master himself, they had had his Deputy, whom they were all very pleased to welcome whenever he was able to attend any of their meetings. As regarded the other Provincial Grand Officers, he hoped they had been pleased at what had been done, he assured them that at all times they would be most heartily welcome at the Albert Victor Lodge. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. Hine, and that brother, after a song by Bro. Dale, the Organist of the Lodge, proceeded to reply. Every man, he said, who entered Freemasonry was to a certain extent ambitious. In the first place, he was ambitious to fill office in his own Lodge, and after that he felt ambitious to wear a different apron to that of his fellows; a very laudable ambition too. It was but natural that a Provincial Grand Master should desire to find out for himself the respective merits of those he had appointed to fill the various offices, and it was for the Grand Officers to show that the Prov. Grand Master had not made a mistake in selecting them, or that they were unmindful of the compliment that had been paid them. Of the brethren who rose to the toast there were six Past Grand Treasurers; they were Provincial Officers appointed by the voice of the brethren themselves, and even though he was personally one of the number, he could but say they had done their duty. Bro. John Lees rose to propose the health of the W.M. He was sure it was a toast which would be received with the greatest enthusiasm. Up to the present time they had been going through what he might term Wonderland, now they were about to do honour to one of their own number. The enthusiasm with which the brethren had received the mention of the Master's name was just what might have been expected, and he felt that no words were necessary from him to induce them to heartily respond to the toast. It had been his lot to be connected with Bro. Asquith for many years, and he had found him what he might term a practical Mason. If there was one point specially required to endure him to the Lodge it had been found at the time of the consecration. Since that time he had fulfilled the duties of the various offices he had undertaken in a manner calling for the warmest thanks. The brethren honoured the toast in the heartiest manner, and the W.M., on rising to respond, again received a round of applause. He felt he could not find words adequately to thank the brethren for the way in which they had received him. He little thought when he entered Freemasonry that he should ever occupy the position he filled that night. That day was certainly one of the red-letter days of his life. He trusted that at the end of his term of office he might leave the chair of the Lodge as unsullied as he had that day entered upon it. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Lees. He was sure that he uttered the sentiments of all when he said that Bro. Lees had been, during his Mastership, one of those shining stars so seldom met with in the chair of K.S. They could not certainly boast of a great number of initiates during his term of office, but that was no disadvantage; they did not want initiates, if they would in any way affect the harmony of the Lodge. The I.P.M. had fulfilled the duties of the chair most efficiently, and it would be his (the Wor. Master's) endeavour to carry on the work on similar lines. As a token of the appreciation of the brethren, he was instructed to present to Bro. Lees a Past Master's jewel, and he trusted that his health would be such as to enable him to attend the meetings of the Lodge for many years to come. After a song, the I.P.M. returned his thanks. He felt sure he need hardly say he was more than grateful for the way in which the toast had been received. He had endeavoured to carry out the duties required by the Lodge to the best of his ability, and if he had given satisfaction he was gratified. He had to thank the Past Masters for the assistance they had rendered him. He felt that the brethren had not only expressed their satisfaction, but by the gift of the Past Master's jewel that had just been presented him had proved they were sincere in their expressions. Although he now retired among the Past Masters, he hoped he should still have opportunities, and should on many occasions act for the benefit of the brethren. Bro. Harrop was entrusted with the proposition of the next toast—that of the Visiting Brethren. He knew it would need very few words from him to recommend it to the brethren of the Lodge, as it was always an acceptable one. He trusted all would unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness. On looking round he felt they had been endeavouring to do this, for he saw in the face of each an appearance of having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. He felt that the mystic ties of Freemasonry would prove a great power in the future, and would be of great advantage to coming generations. In support of this, he referred to the great number of Masons all over the world, but more particularly in the United States of America, where there were no less than half a million members in the various Lodges. They had among them a Brother from that part of the world, another from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and others who were associated with their own centre, all of whom they were pleased to honour and welcome among them. Bro. Fisher assured the brethren he rose with pleasure, and felt honoured at being called upon to respond to this toast. As an Officer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he would crave the indulgence of the brethren while he placed before them some particulars of the position at present occupied by that Grand Lodge. He knew it would not vie with that of England; but during the last few years it had been speedily recovering from the effects of past misfortunes. The Masons of Scotland had been endeavouring to raise their Grand Lodge from the chaos into which it had been plunged, and under the present Grand Master—Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart—they were progressing most satisfactorily. He hoped this improvement would continue, and that, by degrees, they would be able to improve the position of Scotch Masonry. Bro. Bradshaw also replied. Bro. Allen P.M. proposed the Masonic Charities. All Masons, he said, took a deep interest in the great Charities associated with the Order. Although they had not yet had occasion to appeal to either of them on behalf of any of their members, he was pleased to think there were many really worthy brethren who were relieved by their means. Bro. Hine responded. He referred

to the support given by East Lancashire in the past and at the present time, and pointed out the very great amount of benefit they were at the present time receiving from the London Institutions. He considered the policy of the neighbouring Province of West Lancashire, who were accumulating a large fund, was not so beneficial as that practised in their own district, where they desired to do as much good as possible while they lived, and left those who came after to provide for themselves. Bro. W. Slater proposed the Past Masters. As a young Lodge, they were very fortunate in securing among their original members a great number of Past Masters. He felt they would never be out of debt to those brethren who had in the past occupied the chair of the Lodge. Bro. T. H. Brown gave "the newly invested Officers." No matter what good men had gone before, he thought they would always find good men spring up to fill their places. He considered it was well they should have a goal, as a prize they might try to attain. It should be the effort of every brother to fill office in his mother Lodge, and in that position to do what he could for the good of the Lodge and its members. Prosperity to the Albert Victor Lodge was the next toast given, and then the W.M. proposed "the Masonic Press." The Press, he said, was a great power for good or evil, and all depended on the men who wielded the pen. The Masonic Press was particularly fortunate in those presiding at its head, and he hoped such would always be the case. Bro. Morgan acknowledged the toast, and this was followed by the proposition of the usual compliment paid to all poor and distressed brethren; after which, "to our next merry meeting" was drunk, and the brethren separated. We cannot conclude this report without bearing testimony to the excellent way in which the banquet was provided and served. The catering was in the hands of Mr. Penwarden, of the Hare and Hounds Hotel, and the way in which he, or rather his good lady, who assisted him in the work, fulfilled the task, added greatly to the success of the meeting. We hope on many future occasions to have the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of the brethren of No. 1773, and partaking of the good things provided by the host of the "Hare and Hounds." A word of praise is also due to Bro. Dale the Organist, to whom was entrusted the musical arrangements of the day. Both in the Lodge and after the banquet, this part of the proceedings was splendidly conducted; more particularly so in the Lodge, the effect adding greatly to the enjoyment of the day.

S.S. PETER AND PAUL'S LODGE, No. 1410.

THE Installation of the W.M. elect took place at the Swan Hotel, Newport Pagnell, on 9th inst. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. proposed that the Secretary be requested to communicate to Bro. C. W. Scriven P.M. P.P.J.G.W. the great regret felt by the brethren at his departure, with best wishes for his success, for his distant home, Australia. Bro. Frost having answered the usual questions in the second degree, the Lodge was opened in the third, and the candidate duly raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Lodge having been resumed in the second degree, the ceremony of installation was very efficiently performed by the W.M. Bro. T. Taylor, the W.M. elect being Bro. A. J. Coales. After the ceremony the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Taylor I.P.M., L. Cooper S.W., C. Terry J.W., Rev. C. M. Otley Chaplain, E. Carr Treasurer, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Secretary, B. Wilford S.D., J. Line J.D., J. Odell D.C., A. Egan Org., A. T. Bailey I.G., E. J. Sanders and — Guille Stewards, G. Frost Tyler. Bro. T. Taylor was then presented by the W.M. with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Wor. Bro. T. Taylor P.M., as a memorial of his efficient services, by the Brethren of the S.S. Peter and Paul's Lodge, No. 1410." The jewel was surmounted with a beautifully-worked crest of the Lodge, designed by Mr. S. Coales, of Newport Pagnell, and the whole was admirably and very effectively executed by Bro. H. T. Lamb, of London. The business ended, the members repaired to the market room, where an excellent spread was prepared by Host Cannon, and thoroughly enjoyed. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily acknowledged. These were followed by the health of the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev.; J. Studholme Brownrigg; the newly-installed W.M., Bro. A. J. Coales the I.P.M., Bro. T. Taylor; the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. Rev. J. Y. Seagrave, of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford; and J. D. Coales, of the Buckingham Lodge, Aylesbury, all of which were very suitably responded to. The proceedings of the evening were somewhat curtailed, as the Lodge was compelled to postpone the annual banquet usually attending the installation to the meeting in January next, owing to the accommodation of the Hotel—which is undergoing a complete renovation after a fire—not being sufficient for the purpose required on that auspicious occasion.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. S. Godden the W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by the following brethren:—James Weaver P.M., W. J. H. Jones P.M., A. Moore P.M., R. P. Tate S.W., J. S. Brown J.W., J. Collinson D.C., A. J. Bolton S.D., C. E. Packer J.D., F. Richardson I.G., D. J. Ross Steward, several other members of the Lodge, and the following visitors: J. Carnaby P.M. 1382, R. Larchin S.W. 1541, W. Smith 1319, C. J. Fox 201, W. S. P. Marston W.M. 55, J. Gates S.D. 1599, H. Vanghan 1503, A. E. Gladwell S.W. 172, W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. 1668, T. W. C. Jones 259, W. G. Dickens W.M. 860, T. Ormiston 1507, W. Ansell 30, W. Lake 131, J. C. Harper 619, J. Hyde 1178, S. B. Dodson P.M. 860, J. Kennard 145, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, W. M. Stiles I.P.M. 1732, J. Smith late 862, W. W. Wooden 933, J. Canham 199, &c. The new W.M. (Bro. Tate) having been installed, he invested the following as his

Officers for the year:—Bros. Brown S.W., Bolton J.W., Kingston P.M. Treas., Weaver P.M. Sec., Packer S.D., Richardson J.D., Collinson I.G., Ross D.C., Ward Steward, Pike Treas. of Benevolent Fund, and J. Gilbert (for the 14th time) Tyler. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Bro. Irvine, who is a Steward for the next Festival of that Institution. After the Lodge was closed a banquet followed in the Crown-room of the tavern, at which Bro. Tate presided. The I.P.M. in proposing the health of the new W.M. referred to his known ability in the working of the Craft. He believed he was a Mason thoroughly appreciated by every one who knew him. Bro. Tate heartily tendered his thanks. He had always endeavoured, since he had been a member of the Whittington Lodge, to do his best, and if he had pleased the brethren he was extremely gratified. If, during the coming year, he could fulfil the duties of the chair to their satisfaction, he should be most happy. The proposition of the next toast the W.M. considered a very pleasing duty—it was the health of Bro. Godden the I.P.M. He was the brother who had introduced the W.M., and he (Bro. Tate) had followed him in the various offices, until now he succeeded him in the highest office of the Lodge. During the past year Bro. Godden had performed the ceremonies required of him with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M. had very great pleasure in presenting him with the P.M.'s jewel, which had been provided by the members of the Lodge as a token of their esteem and regard. The jewel was a very handsome one, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Samuel Godden P.M., by the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, for his valuable services as W.M., 1879-80." Bro. Godden, in reply, felt he had had so much to say during the day that the brethren would forgive him if he said but little in response to this toast. He felt very grateful to hear the expressions of the W.M. He hoped in the future the Lodge would go on as prosperously as their reputation warranted. He greatly appreciated the mark of respect they had paid him in presenting him with the Past Master's jewel, and hoped he had been worthy of it. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and acknowledged by Bros. Marston, Stiles, and others. To the health of the Past Masters, Bro. Jones replied; and toasts in honour of the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers, having been given and acknowledged, the proceedings terminated.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 15th inst., at which Bro. W. D. Bailey W.M. presided. There were present Bros. F. Croaker S.W., W. T. C. Bush J.W., A. E. Staley S.D. (the J.D. Bro. B. Barnett was unavoidably absent), S. Barnett I.G., J. Peartree Steward, John Constable P.M. Treas., Phil. Levy Hon. Sec. Past Masters Pare, Bloomfield, Barnett, Gluckstein, and Gottheil, and a number of other brethren. The Visitors were Bros. Groner W.M. 1613, Hollis P.M. 167, Mickley P.M. 449, Guthrie, Goodwill 711, Port Elizabeth S. Africa, Medwin J.W. 1613, Kauffman D.C. 1732, Vallentine 1017, Silvester 193, R. Brown 1558. The business of the evening comprised the conferring of the Master Mason's degree upon Bro. Martin, to pass Bro. Tipper to the Craft degree, and the initiation of Mr. Emanuel Charles Josephs into the ancient secrets of the Order. Bro. J. D. Barnett P.M. was appointed Organist in the room of Bro. George Bilby P.M. deceased. Bro. John H. Ross P.M. was elected a member of the Benevolent Committee in place of Bro. M. Harris P.M. resigned. The Lodge was informed that the sum of £30 had been granted to assist a needy member, and £10 10s was voted to be paid to the Benevolent Institution. This sum will appear on the list of Bro. M. Bamberger, who will represent the Lodge at the coming Festival. The brethren then adjourned to partake of a "vulgar" but most substantial and satisfactory supper, after which the W.M. explained to the newly initiated that it was the custom in this and all kindred assemblies to give various Loyal and Masonic toasts, for Freemasons were essentially loyal, but as the evening was somewhat advanced he would follow the method adopted in similar circumstances, namely, to combine the three first toasts in one: "Loyalty to the throne, and devotion to the best interests of the Craft." In proposing the health of the Initiate the W.M. said the Lodge always received a newly-made brother with cordiality, and at once held out to him the hand of good fellowship. From his close attention and modest bearing during the ceremony, it may justly be hoped that Bro. Josephs will become a useful member and ornament of the Lodge. Bro. Josephs heartily thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they endorsed them, as also for the great honour they had conferred upon him that evening in permitting him to become a member of a most noble and ancient Order. He trusted that when further advanced in the various degrees, and in the knowledge of the teachings of Masonry, to be able to promote, to the best of his powers, the prosperity, and aid in upholding the dignity of the Craft. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Visitors." To say that Visitors are always cordially welcomed in this Lodge was a stereotyped phrase, yet one hardly knew how to vary it. He could only say the Lodge was heartily glad to receive them, and he thought warm acknowledgments were especially due to Bro. Guthrie, of Port Elizabeth, from a Lodge which Bro. Constable visited during his sojourn in Africa,* for having sent our Bro. Treasurer back hearty and well, for he scarcely knew how the Lodge of Tranquillity would have fared without him. He

* The following incident occurred during Bro. Constable's visit at the Goodwill Lodge, Port Elizabeth. When the minutes were about to be read, the W.M. requested the visitor to retire, as some matters would have to be discussed in which a stranger had no concern. The W.M.'s ruling had, of course, to be obeyed; nevertheless Bro. Constable indignantly inquired whether a brother Mason, so well introduced and vouched for, was unfit to be entrusted with Lodge matters of any description? He left the Lodge, not to enter it again. Bro. Guthrie, his sponsor, retired at the same time.

would couple with this toast the names of Bros. Groner and Guthrie. Bro. Groner, formerly a member, explained that the reason for his having withdrawn from the Lodge in which he had spent so many happy hours was, that belonging to the Ward of Cripplegate, he, in conjunction with several friends in the same Ward, concluded there was a desirability of having a Lodge of their own in the district, and of course became one of its founders. But the two Lodges meeting in the same week, he was unable to attend both, and hence had to relinquish the membership of one. Bro. Guthrie, responding, expressed his acknowledgments for the kind reception accorded to him. He had been highly gratified with the efficient working of all the degrees, in which not only the Worshipful Master, but also all his Officers excelled. His satisfaction was increased by the fact that he would be able to carry back to his Lodge, and Colonial Lodges in general, some new ideas as to the manner in which the business of a Freemason's Lodge should be conducted, for he had that evening learnt some lessons he should not lightly forget. He begged to be allowed to thank the Lodge for its hospitality, which he would be most happy to reciprocate should any of those present ever find themselves at Port Elizabeth. Bro. George Pare next proposed the health of the W.M. The gavel was entrusted to him to perform a very pleasant duty, and although he would not willingly forego the honour of its performance, he yet felt his inability to do justice to it. However, the worth and excellent qualities of the Worshipful Master being so well known and appreciated by all, somewhat relieved him of his apprehension that he would fail to express what ought to be spoken to honour this toast. The W.M., responding, said that all the degrees, charges, exhortations, &c., are as nothing compared with the duty of having to return thanks for one's self. He would, therefore, abstain from making a speech, but simply thank the brethren for their kindness and goodwill, and to assure them he highly valued their friendship. He trusted, as in the past so in the future, he would do nothing calculated to forfeit their esteem. He would now ask them to drink to the health of the Officers of the Lodge. This done, Bro. Croaker responded. The Tyler's toast ended the proceedings. The evening was greatly enlivened by some most excellent songs rendered by Bros. Constable, Silvester (Sidney Franks), J. D. Barnett, W. D. Bayley, Tipper, and A. C. Myers. Bro. J. D. Barnett recited the Garden Scene from the "Lady of Lyons," an effort which was much applauded.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 16th inst. Bros. Christian W.M., T. Clark S.W., Hand J.W., Dignam S.D., Polak J.D., Glass I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas.; F. Brasted acting Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, C. Lorkin, Carr, Harrodt, Floyd, Larter. After due observance of preliminaries, Brother Floyd was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and, after resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for next meeting.

On Tuesday last, Bro. Clark rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Larter candidate. Bro. Carr then assisted Bro. Forss to work the first section of the lecture. Lodge was resumed. Bro. Hand assisted Bro. Forss to work the third section of the first lecture. Bro. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 16th inst., at Bro. J. Hancock's, the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, Piccadilly. Bros. Waugh as W.M., Crosland S.W., Willett J.W., J. Hancock Treasurer, F. V. Green Secretary, Smith S.D., Docker J.D., Hemming I.G., E. Farwig P.M. 180 Preceptor; Bros. F. Green, Richardson, Pink, Storkirk, Mole, Hemming, Burgess, L. Beck. Visitors—Bros. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Outhwaite and Crosland Rothesay Lodge. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Green candidate. The traditional history was given in full. The third section of the third lecture was worked by the brethren, assisted by Bro. Farwig. Bros. Crosland and Outhwaite, of the Rothesay Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Crosland was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed.

Cranbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1658.—The inaugural meeting of this Lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, on Thursday, the 18th inst., when the ceremonies of installation and consecration were rehearsed by Bro. James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, W.M. 228, 1278, 1366, Hon. Sec. 1580, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who appointed as his Officers Bros. E. Bowyer P.M. 1580 P.S.G.W. S.W., T. S. Carter P.M. 403 P.P.G.J.W. J.W., J. L. Mather P.M. 1580 P.P.G.D.C. D.C. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of consecration was rehearsed in Bro. Terry's usual able manner, Bro. J. R. Dare Prov. Grand Organist presiding at the harmonium. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Halford W.M. 1580 P.G.S.D. candidate. He appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. J. S. Webb S.W., William Baker J.W., J. H. Wane Treasurer, W. Webb Secretary, J. R. Dare S.D., H. T. Shillito J.D., Couchman I.G. It was proposed by Bro. Terry, and seconded by Bro. Mather, that Bro. J. S. Webb be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. The following brethren were elected members:—Bros. Terry, Bowyer, Mather, H. Cox, G. F. Cook, R. H. Halford, W. Webb, William Baker, J. S. Webb, J. R. Dare, Wane, all of 1:80; Carter 403, H. T. Shillito 25, Miller 228, and Patmore 228. There were present as Visitors Bros. Quartly 228, Camden 228, Jackson 1037, Gladwell 1470, and Johnson 948. The Lodge will meet every Thursday evening, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, at 8 o'clock, under the Preceptorship of Bro. J. L. Mather, who has kindly consented to act for the present in that capacity.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE Annual Meeting of this Lodge was held on the 23rd inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden. There were present, Bros. John Douglass W.M., F. Clemow S.W., J. L. Jones J.W., Jas. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., W. M. Stiles P.M. Sec., J. J. Hyland S.D., W. Cook J.D., T. W. Deller I.G., A. Holt D.C., J. W. Smith A.D.C., and a numerous assemblage of the brethren and visitors, among the latter being Bros. Levi Jacobs J.D. 1732, B. Kauffman D.C. 1732, F. Silvester 193, C. J. Scales I.P.M. 1507, F. A. Kelly 1524, J. Gibbs 1580, W. Abrahams 1178, C. Baker 201, J. L. Edmonds 1507, H. J. W. Field 87, T. Pinn 860, Robt. Burleton J.W. 860, J. G. Thomas 871, P. Horne 813, E. G. Bax 871, E. Date 1446, A. N. Clemow 1589, W. Holland P.M. 157, Jas. Copelin 192, H. W. Clement 1589, Culverhouse 173, T. Burnett 1614, W. Liall W.M. 1507, W. J. Burgess S.W. 1402, H. J. Webb P.M. 72, R. W. Key 108, F. Jesse 453, J. L. Wilkes 177, E. Swanborough I.P.M. 1319, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the former meeting and two emergencies read and confirmed, Bros. Mugford and Price were raised to the third degree. Bros. J. Keast, W. C. Laing, J. Foster, and R. T. Wall were passed to the second. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the flourishing state of the Lodge accounts—there being £48 15s 9d in the hands of the Treasurer—was submitted and approved. Bro. F. H. Clemow S.W. and W.M. Elect was then presented to the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters having been opened, was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. John Douglass, in a very perfect and impressive manner. There were no less than 14 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present, and Bro. Clark A.G.P. made a most efficient D. of Ceremonies. On the readmission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and appointed and invested his Officers for the year, viz.: Bros. J. Douglass I.P.M., J. L. Jones S.W., Hyland J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles P.M. Secretary, Cook S.D., Deller J.D., Holt I.G., J. W. Smith D.C., Jakes A.D.C., Sillis W.S., J. Johnson Asst. W.S., J. C. Smith Org., C. Koester P.M. Tyler. The marks of approbation on the investiture of each Officer showed the W.M. had made a very excellent selection. Ballots were subsequently taken for the admission of Messrs. A. E. Wanthier, Barking, and J. S. A. Wilkes, and the result being in their favour, the first and last named gentlemen, who were in attendance, were duly initiated into the Order by Bro. J. Douglass I.P.M., who by the courtesy of the W.M. was permitted to occupy the chair. The remaining business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which, we regret to say, was neither well nor punctually served. It is not often that the unpleasant duty of finding fault devolves upon us; but in the case of the Royal Savoy Lodge on this occasion, a long wait was followed by a dinner which would have cast discredit on a fourth or fifth-rate hotel, the shortcomings being as worthy of remark as they were numerous and annoying. We sympathise with Bro. Clemow under the circumstances, seeing that his merits as a caterer are generally recognised. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were severally proposed and honoured, that of the Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. Clarke A.G.P., who referred in glowing terms to the two most brilliant events of the present year—namely, the laying of the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral, with Masonic ceremonial, by His Royal Highness the Grand Master, and the banquet given at the Mansion House by the then Lord Mayor, Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, Junior Grand Warden of England, to the same illustrious brother. On Bro. Douglass, as I.P.M., devolved the duty of proposing the health of the W.M., whom he congratulated on his attaining so high a position in the Craft, and who, from the slight opportunity they had that day had of forming a judgment, he believed would prove a worthy occupant of the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Clemow expressed his thanks for the honour done him. Such efficiency as he might be able to exhibit would be due to his association with the able brethren who had preceded him as Master. He should exert himself to fulfil his duties, and he thought it likely that with so many discreet advisers to consult, and such energetic officers to assist him, he should get through his year of office with some degree of success. He then, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Douglass with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in token of the esteem in which he was held, as well as in recognition of his services in the chair. He (Bro. Clemow) had great pleasure in performing this part of his duty that evening, and also in proposing the toast of his health, both as I.P.M. and Installing Master. Bro. Douglass acknowledged the gift, and the complimentary manner in which his health, as well as that of Bro. Willing, the other P.M., had been proposed and received. Then followed the toasts of the Visitors, on whose behalf Bros. Swanborough, Webb, Holland, Ferguson, Morgan, and others replied, and of the Initiates, which Bro. Wilkes, in a short but excellent speech, acknowledged. Due honour having been paid to the Treasurer and Secretary, as well as to the Officers of the Lodge, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Several songs were sung in the intervals between the speeches by Bro. Silvester and others. The absence of Bro. Willing caused general regret, and much sympathy was expressed for him in the circumstances which had made it necessary.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The brethren met on the 14th November, at Bro. Devine's, the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, Bro. Briggs, W.M. of the parent Lodge, occupied the chair, with Bros. Burgess S.W., F. Silvester J.W., Devine Treas., L. Solomon Sec., Birrell S.D., L. Jacobs J.D., B. Kauffmann I.G. Lodge was opened, and minutes confirmed. The ceremonies of raising, passing, and initiation were rehearsed in a very excellent manner; Bros. Solomons, Jacobs, and Storkirk were the respective candidates. Bro. Burgess was elected W.M. for the next assembly, and the brethren adjourned till the next week, at 7 o'clock.

MARK MASONRY.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.)—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Tuesday, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. the Rev. Wm. Vallentine W.M., R. W. Hollou P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M., J. Todd P.M., J. Murray P.M. Star in the East, S. Middleton P.M. Star in the East, Rev. W. C. Lukis S.W., J. S. Cumberland J.W., J. T. Wilkinson, G. Ayre, A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries, M. Millington, A. Hanson, W. B. Dyson, J. Redfare, and other brethren and visitors. Bro. W. Coltman W.M. of the Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M., after which a ballot was taken for election of Master, resulting in the unanimous choice of the brethren falling on the S.W. Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., P.M. De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Ripon. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Those brethren having thanked the Lodge for the compliment bestowed on them, Bro. Pearson was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bros. Millington and W. B. Dyson were appointed Auditors. Bro. O. Marshall Eboracum Lodge 1611 was proposed as a candidate, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards met at supper, and spent a pleasant evening.

Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction (T.I.)—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Trocadero, 6 Liverpool-street, and was attended by the following brethren, viz.: Bros. Venn W.M., J. Moon S.W., Pargeter J.W., Nicholls I.G., Date, Pitt, Gimmingham and others, with Bro. Turquand Preceptor. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of advancement, assisted by the brethren. A resolution was passed agreeing to hold the first annual Festival in connection with this Lodge of Instruction on Monday, the 29th inst. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Pargeter was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge, which was then closed and adjourned until Monday, the 29th inst., at 6.30 p.m.

We beg to remind brethren interested in the progress of the Mark Degree, that the Annual Festival of the Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction will be held on Monday evening next, the 29th inst., at the Trocadero, 6 Liverpool-street, at 8 p.m. The Lodge will meet for work at 6.30, and afterwards adjourn to supper. Bro. W. H. Gimmingham, 22 Montpelier-road, Kentish Town, is Hon. Sec.

We understand that there is every probability of an application being shortly made for a warrant for a new Mark Lodge to be held at Malton.

Walden Lodge, No. 1280.—The annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 16th November, when there was a full muster of the members of the Lodge, and several visitors were also present. The W.M. elect was Bro. Frank Everett Emson, and the ceremony of his installation was performed in the careful and impressive manner for which Wor. Bro. A. N. Jones P.M. P.P.G.J.W. is celebrated. The new W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Newman S.W., Henry King J.W.; W. Bros. S. Leverett P.M. Treas., A. N. Jones P.M. Sec.; Bros. J. E. N. Whitlock S.D., B. L. Tandy J.D., E. Dudley I.G.; J. Bell P.M. and B. T. Thurgood Stewards. After Lodge, the brethren sat down to banquet at the Rose and Crown, a sumptuous dinner being served in Bro. Spicer's well-known style. In the course of the evening the usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and several brethren present assisted to enliven the proceedings by some vocal music.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 18th inst. Bros. H. Youens W.M., E. C. Porter S.W., E. Geflowski J.W., C. Andrews P.M. S.D., J. Wells J.D., J. J. Clarke I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Green, and Gasson. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Gasson candidate. The ceremony of the third degree was also rehearsed, with the same candidate. The W.M. gave the Traditional History. The Lodge resumed to first degree; and Bro. E. C. Porter was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was closed in due form.

On 25th. Bros. E. C. Porter W.M., J. Wells S.W., J. J. Clarke J.W., J. Green S.D., Smith J.D., C. Walter I.G., F. Botley, H. Stephens, and H. Mitchell. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mitchell candidate. Bro. F. Botley was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Prince Leopold Lodge of instruction, No 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday last. There were present—Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Fredk. Kimbell W.M., Aspinall S.W., Partridge J.W., also Bros. Goddard, McDonald, Robson, Smith, Loring, Seymour-Clarke Sec. After the usual formalities, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. McDonald candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Aspinall was then elected W.M. for Monday week, 6th December, it being resolved that the members of this Lodge of Instruction should meet on Monday next, 29th inst., at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, at 7 p.m., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. W. Musto P.M. 933 and 1349. A vote of thanks was unanimously given, and ordered to be recorded, to Bro. F. Kimbell for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the evening. Lodge was closed in due form.

BIRTH.

WILLING.—On Monday, the 22nd inst., the wife of Bro. James Willing jun., P.M. Royal Savoy Lodge, &c., &c., of a daughter (stillborn.)

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the Chair. There were also present Bros. E. Letchworth, F. Adlard, J. J. Berry, William Stephens, A. J. Duff-Filer, H. Massey, C. Spooner, W. F. C. Montrie, C. G. Brown, A. E. Gladwell, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. On the recommendation of the House Committee, Mr. T. A. Howell was appointed honorary assistant Medical Officer of the Institution. The Chairman having stated that the School had now become very large, and as Dr. Howell, the Medical Officer, required assistants to help him in attending to the health of the children, his son now being his assistant the House Committee thought it expedient to appoint an assistant Medical Officer. Four petitions were then examined, and the candidates placed on the list for election in April next. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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Rose of Sharon Senate (K.H.P.) No. 6.—The meeting for the installation of the Officers of the above Senate, for the ensuing year, was held at the Senate House, 77½ Bishopsgate-street-within, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by the Grand Sec. Gen. of the Rite, R. Ill. Bro. James Hill 33 P.M.W. P.S.G.C., as representative of the Very Ill. Grand Master of Light for the Province of Middlesex. The following is the list of Officers for the year:—Ill. Sir Knt. William Stephens 32 P.M. P.Z. Sub. Grand Commander, Ill. Sir Knts. Henry Stephens 31 P.M. and Edward Harrison 31 Senior and Junior Knts. Interpreters respectively, Ill. Sir Knt. John H. Southwood 32 P.M. P.Z. Knight of Eloquence, Ill. Sir Knt. W. J. Meek 31 W.M. Mk. 199 Knt. of Finance, Ill. Sir Knt. J. H. Peach 30 Knt. Recorder, Ill. Sir Knt. A. P. Little 30 Knt. Marshal, Ill. Sir Knt. Thomas Sims 30 Knt. Archivist, Ill. Sir Knt. R. Marshall 30 Knt. of Introduction, and Ill. Sir Knt. G. C. Young 30 W.M. 820 Organist. The Senate was opened and closed in the degree of Knt. Grand Inspector (20). The brethren subsequently partook of a cold collation served in the ante-room, at which the S. Grand Com. gave the usual Loyal and A. and P. toasts, which were heartily responded to.

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OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, IN THE SULK. At 8.45, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, AULD ACQUAINTANCE. At 8.15, THE GUV'NOR.
FOLLY.—At 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY. At 8.30, THE UPPER CRUST.
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ROYALTY.—At 7, WILD FLOWERS. At 8, BOW BELLS. At 9.30, DON JUAN JUNIOR.
OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, WHICH IS WHICH? At 8.15, DELILAH.
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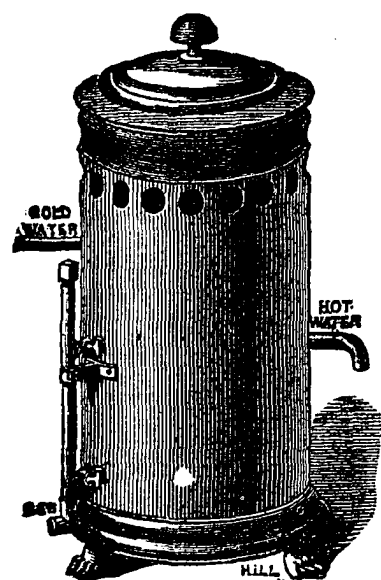
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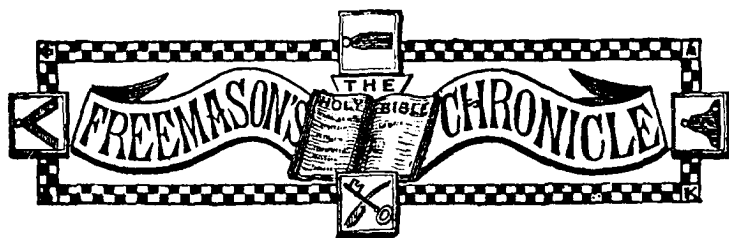
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Again, in *The Winter's Tale*, observe how Leontes evidently attaches the same meaning to the word when he says—

O that I had ever squared me to thy counsel.

And in *Measure for Measure* occurs the beautiful reproof given by the Duke to Barnadine, as one who—

Apprehends no further than this world,
And squarest thy life according.

We could almost be content to rest our claim to consider the Great Magician one of our brotherhood upon these last evidences; but we proceed, even although in our next illustration we find ourselves sadly admonished by learning that even Masons are sometimes not above taking advantage of each other, for does not Trinculo, in *The Tempest*, pleasantly justify theft by his droll remark—

We steal by line and level.

But let us endeavour to deal with the vexed question of oaths, about which we have heard and read so much of late. How striking are the words of Suffolk in *Henry VI.*—

A dreadful oath, sworn with a solemn tongue.

And again in the *Comedy of Errors*, where we read—

It is a branch and parcel of my oath,
A charitable duty of my order.

In *Measure for Measure* we not only obtain the following brief reference to the secret!

It is a mystery!

but we are darkly and impressively warned—

'Tis a secret must be locked within the teeth and the lips.

And in *King John* occur the following lines, which we are satisfied to quote without comment or remark of any kind—

And whisper one another in the ear,
And he that speaks doth grip the hearer's wrist.

Let us ask next if we can learn aught respecting the different grades and steps in the Order. Take two quotations. In *Henry VI.* we read—

Thou wast installed in that high degree.

Again, in *Twelfth Night*—

He's in the third degree.

In *Henry V.* we find a quaint passage—

Singing Masons building roofs of gold,

from which it would seem that our ancient brethren were accustomed to sing while at labour. Times are changed somewhat in this respect also. Our modern brethren take to their work sadly and decorously, and reserve their singing for refreshment.

But once more. Shall we make the attempt to discover any idea as to what the brotherhood was, then as now? Is it our desire that the world should be rightly informed as to the true meaning of the mystic tie? Then turn again to *Antony and Cleopatra*, and let Agrippa be our spokesman—

To hold you in perpetual amity,
To make you brothers, and to knit your hearts
With an unspilling knot.

Do we desire that candidates for admission into the Order should learn beforehand the fashion of their welcome? Let us turn this time to *Julius Caesar*, and let Brutus speak for us—

Our hearts,
Of brother's temper, do receive you in
With all kind love, good thoughts, and reverence.

But we may, perhaps, be asked which, if any, of the prominent characters in Shakespeare's plays may with fair reason be adjudged to be of the Brotherhood. Shall they reply themselves? Will their own testimony be held sufficient? With whom commence? Surely, with Prospero, "the great," the potent Master—

Rapt in secret studies,
In the liberal arts without a parallel.

The Duke, in *Measure for Measure*, avows himself thus—

I am a brother of gracious Order.

Richard II. says of himself—

I am sworn Brother.

Whether or not *Othello* was a Freemason seems to be an open question; but we think we can claim Brabantio as one upon his own admission—

Mine's not an idle cause, the Duke himself
Or any of my Brothers.

Glendower, in *Henry IV.*, would appear to have been not merely a Brother, but a Welsh Brother, with strong Gladstonian proclivities. For example, when he enquires,

Shall we divide our right
According to the threefold order?

Benedick unmistakably was a Mason—we unhesitatingly pin our faith to him, for does not Beatrice, in *Much Ado about Nothing*, say of him—

He hath every mouth a new sworn Brother.

He was, doubtless, one of the most jovial members of a most popular and thriving Lodge, to which we confess we should ourselves much like to have been attached.

If we desire to represent how genial, how thoroughly hospitable a Brother can be, what better representative can we select than Bar-dolph in *Henry V.* List to his promise—

I will bestow a breakfast on you friends,
And we'll be all sworn Brothers.

Our old friend Pistol, in the same play, was scarcely behind in this hospitable feeling; indeed, he just steps in and supplies what was wanting in his Brother's kind invitation, when he says—

And liquor likewise will I give to them,
And friendship shall combine with Brotherhood.

But we have stretched our cable to its limits, and must now turn for a little while from the Operative Masonry of the past to the Speculative Masonry of the present, and it is here we venture to think is best discovered the fullness and perfectness of the Great Master's knowledge; it is here we obtain our most beautiful and touching illustrations.

We will suppose, in the first instance, the moral virtues ask for recognition. With very little search we are able to clothe a model Mason with them, and present him not merely "bearing the badge of Faith," but "keeping it firm and inviolable"—"strong as a tower in Hope"—and "bound by Charity"—

For charity itself fulfils the law,
And who can sever love from charity?

Next in order would come the principles upon which the Order is said to be founded, and in like manner we find them also noticed. Brotherly love: by the injunction "Use your brothers brotherly"—Relief: "Wherever sorrow is"—and Truth: "To the end,"

For truth can never be confirmed enough,
Though doubts did ever sleep.

And yet once more the truly Masonic utterance,

I will find
Where truth is hid, though it were hid indeed
Within the centre.

A rapid reference to the cardinal virtues is all we can allow ourselves. A true Mason will ever "let his own discretion be his tutor"—"will acquire a temperance"—"endure out of the fortitude of his soul"—and "will be just and fear not." And of him may be said in truth—

His life is paralleled
E'en with the stroke and line of his great justice.

And lastly we will endeavour to see whether the Great Master in any way recognised "Virtue, Honour, and Mercy," as being the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason. There are those, no doubt, who agree with Bevis, in *Henry VI.*, that

Virtue is not regarded in handicraftsmen,

but we prefer to hold otherwise, and desire in conclusion to place on record our firm belief that there are good and true representatives of the Ancient Brotherhood of whom it can be righteously said, as regarding their daily lives and practice, that they "show Virtue her own feature," "hold Honour far more dear than life," and regard Mercy as "Nobility's true badge"—that there are those who can add conscientiously—

My Virtue is my privilege.
Mine Honour is my life.
I render deeds of Mercy.

And to whom do the well-known, oft-repeated, beautiful lines which follow appeal with more eloquence and force than to a Freemason? to whom are they more familiar? to whom do they convey the like meaning or the same teaching?

The quality of Mercy is not strain'd,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest;
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.

And thus for the moment our inquiry must end. The presentation, as a whole, is not an unfair or misleading one; and if in some few instances a bearing has been given to passages and expressions which may not possibly stand the test of severe critical analysis, yet enough is left, more than enough, fully to establish our claim. It has been explained how it came about the present examination was undertaken—more in light pleasantry than in sober seriousness: let it be sufficient to add that it was commenced with a pleasure, lasting to the end, which is reached with reluctance and regret. So much has been left unsaid that might have been well said—so much said that might have been far better said—so many points of interest scantily touched—so many left untouched altogether; still the object sought will be attained, if a gleam of pleasure has been conveyed to a single reader—if a grain of information has been imparted—or a thought communicated in harmony with the intention.

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, 27th NOVEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Mugeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1439—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)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 143—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 449—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 3 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1666—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 228—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 Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, 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, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1791—Creton, 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.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 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 Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 R.A. 268—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike

- R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyll-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.15 (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)
 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)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (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.)
 M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 39—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 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, Fareham
 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—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
 1282—Anchorage, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle.
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8 (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 R.A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
 R.A. 753—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

- 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 8. Annual Banquet
 834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1439—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 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
 993—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool
 1006—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1397—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.
 1649—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1684—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

- 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, Royal Edward, Triangle, 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
 R.A. 303—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, NO. 1101.

THE Installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. J. Early Danks P.G. Supt. Works Berks and Bucks W.M., W. Ferguson S.W. and W.M. elect, E. J. Blackwell J.W., J. T. Stransom Treas., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., R. Dowsett S.D., Rev. C. R. Honey J.D., J. H. Hawkes D.C., W. Hickie Organist, W. W. Ridley and Prickett Stewards, Newman I.G.; also Bros. Hurley P.M., Margrett P.M., Flanagan I.P.M., Collins, Ravenscroft, Rhind, Tegg, Wort, H. Ferguson, W. J. Browne, Beeton, Vowles, Cordery, Mare; together with the following Visitors—Bros. W. H. Ferguson 414, Lindars 1714, Moffatt 414, Tench 1225, Ruckley W.M. 1501, Carless 140, Huckford P.M. 1328, Cox W.M. 1566, Butler Steward 414, Pocock P.M. and Treas. 414, Gadd 1247, Newstead I.G. 142, Oades I.P.M. 414, Knight W.M. 574, Yetts P.M. 414, Kirk P.M. 1687, Claridge S.D. 599, S. Bradley W.M. 414, F. J. Ferguson S.D. 414, R. Bradley P.M. 414 Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, Moxhay P.M. 414, Cantrell W.M. 771, Cozens Org. 907, Westall W.M. elect 1714, H. Ayres 414, Withers Sec. 414, &c. Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Stephen Knight of Wokingham, and Mr. William Joseph James of Wellington College, as initiates, and in both cases it was successful. Mr. William Goff, elected at the last meeting, was duly initiated into Freemasonry. Lodge having been opened in the second degree, the Installing Master was announced, and the W.M. having resigned the gavel, introduced as his successor Bro. William Ferguson as W.M. elect. After the customary interrogations and replies, the candidate was referred to the Secretary, who read the ancient laws and regulations, to which unqualified assent was given. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Moxhay in his usual correct and impressive manner. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers, with an appropriate charge to each, as follows (the I.P.M. having been invested at the Board of Installed Masters): Bro. Blackwell S.W., R. Dowsett J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, Rev. C. R. Honey S.D., Hawkes J.D., Browne D.C., Hickie Organist, W. W. Ridley S. Steward, Ravenscroft J. Steward, Prickett I.G., Hemmings Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the charges, and the ceremony was brought to a conclusion. Before the W.M. commenced the closing ceremonies, he addressed the Lodge as follows:—Brethren, you have already heard from the minutes of the last regular Lodge that a cordial vote of thanks was passed to my immediate predecessor in the chair, and that a Past Master's jewel was voted in recognition of his valuable services. (Turning to the I.P.M.,) he continued—Bro. Danks, I have now the gratification to present you with this beautiful jewel, and in fixing it upon your breast, to express the hope that you may be spared for many years to wear it in this your mother Lodge, as an ornament well earned, and as a memento of the very admirable manner in which you have conducted the ritual and working of this Lodge during the past year. The I.P.M., in reply, said—Worshipful Master and Brethren, twelve months since I had the honour of being installed as W.M. of this Lodge, to which you had kindly elected me, and I then promised, with your kind forbearance of my shortcomings, to do my utmost to fill that office to the best of my ability. This beautiful jewel and the vote of thanks kindly recorded on the minutes assures me that in my humble efforts I have not altogether failed. I thank you from my heart, and in vacating the chair this day my very best wishes are with the Grey Friars Lodge for its continued prosperity. And, Worshipful Master, as we are taught it is equally pleasant to give as to receive, I have great pleasure in offering to you, for the Lodge's acceptance, a pair of polished oak Deacons' wands, with silver emblems duly inscribed, as a small tribute of my regard for No. 1101, on my retirement from the chair. The W.M. rose and thanked the I.P.M., and at the same time placed the wands in the hands of his Deacons. The Secretary drew the attention of the Lodge to the case of a brother who was in circumstances requiring aid. Many of the brethren were acquainted with the case, and the W.M. recommended it to their favourable consideration. Bro. Margrett P.M. stated that he had inquired into it, and proposed that the sum of three guineas be given to the distressed brother. Bro. Flanagan P.M. seconded the proposition, and it was carried. After the proposal of candidates, and the usual salutations, Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Bailey in his usual excellent style, to which sixty-three sat down. Upon the removal of the cloth, and after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the I.P.M. rose and said—Brethren, the Worshipful Master has entrusted me with his gavel to propose what I consider may be justly termed the toast of the evening. I could have wished it had fallen into abler hands, but still, believe me, by no other could it be more cordially given than by myself. You are doubtless aware whose health I am about asking you to drink. It is that of our worthy and excellent newly-installed Worshipful Master. From the assiduity he has shown in the different Offices he has hitherto filled, we have, I think, a guarantee of what may be expected from him in his new and important position. I am sure you must have been pleased at the manner in which he invested his Officers to-day, and will unite with me in wishing him every success during the ensuing year. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and the W.M. in reply said—Brethren, the reception you have so kindly given to this toast gratifies me very much, and encourages me to hope that you will bear with me in discharging the arduous duties of the chair, in which I have this day been installed. Succeeding such a Master as Bro. Danks, I felt very diffident in accepting the position; but with his kind and able assistance, upon which I rely, I hope to merit your approbation, and trust that in my hands the beautiful ceremonies will lose none of their excellence. The health of the I.P.M., of the Installing Master, Bro. Moxhay, and other toasts were given and

responded to. The music, under the direction of Bro. Hickie, Organist, together with some excellent songs by Bros. Cozens, Robinson, and other brethren, helped to bring a most agreeable evening to a close.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,

THIS Lodge met at the Star and Garter hotel, Kew Bridge, on 19th inst., when there were present—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Maton S.W., Gomm I.P.M. J.W., Blasby W.M. 780 S.D., Goss P.M. J.D., Sperring I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Gunner Hon. Sec., Acworth, F. Botley, Brill (Host), Costelow, Dorey, Franckel, Gellowski, Gifford, Hilton P.M. Sec. 780, Kent, N. Wotton, Monson, and Underwood 780; together with Bros. Phillips 1512, and Edmeston 1612, Visitors. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of last meeting read, confirmed, and signed, Bro. C. E. Botley was unanimously re-elected to fill the chair of K.S. on 26th inst., and he re-appointed his Officers. Bro. Secretary reported that, in obedience to the wish of the brethren, he had conveyed to Mrs. Rands (the widow of our late Bro. T. Rands) their condolence with her in her recent bereavement, and that Mrs. Rands had desired him to express her appreciation of their kind sympathy. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren re-assembled in the fine hall in which the banquets are served, and did ample justice to the many good things provided for their enjoyment. On the cloth being removed, due honours were paid to the usual toasts, and then the W.M., in the name of the members of this L. of I. presented Bro. Hon. Secretary with a handsome dining-room timepiece, bearing the following inscription on a silver plate, under the dial:—

"Presented to Bro. J. J. GUNNER,

"By the Members of

"The ROYAL ALFRED LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 780,

"In recognition of his Services as Hon. Secretary of the Lodge.

"19th November 1880."

The W.M. of the evening, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and several other P.M.'s and brethren having offered a few kindly observations, all couched in flattering terms as to the manner in which Bro. Gunner had performed his somewhat arduous duties, and expressing hopes for his future health and happiness, Bro. Gunner, in accepting the present, said he felt at a loss fittingly to thank the brethren for their uniform kindness to him during his membership. He was grateful to them as a body, and to Bro. C. E. Botley individually, for their indulgence during his long illness last year. The W.M. and P.M.'s of the Mother Lodge, the Visitors, the Host, and the Press (Bro. Acworth) were duly toasted; while the musical members gave songs and recitations, and the proceedings closed about 11 o'clock. We must not let slip an opportunity of tendering to Bro. Gunner our most hearty congratulations on his having received so kindly but, at the same time, so well-merited a testimonial to the valued services he has rendered the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction in his capacity of Hon. Secretary; and we deeply regret that the numerous demands on our time prevented us from personally attending, and taking part in so interesting a ceremony.

Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, on Thursday, the 18th instant. Bro. J. G. Defriez W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. Starkevart S.W., Hadley Prestage J.W., W. J. Crutch P.M. Treasurer, G. Ward Verry P.M. Secretary, Peall S.D., Chitson J.D., J. J. Berry I.G., together with Bros. Lazarus I.P.M., Henry Lloyd P.M., J. J. Ashburner P.M., J. Terry P.M., Harrison, Making, Clarke, A. Jones. Visitors: Bros. Edgar Bowyer P.G.S.W. Herts, John Mason P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Thomas Goode P.M. 1288 and 1677, together with a strong muster of other members and visitors. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for three candidates, which was unanimous in their favour, and two of them being present, were then and there duly initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was excellently served by Bro. Thomas Lloyd, "mine host" of the Approach. In fact, it may be said to have far surpassed any similar provision of his of the same character, and that, it is well known, is saying a great deal in behalf of this occasion. In due course the W.M. proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, after which Bro. Lazarus I.P.M. gave, in highly complimentary terms, the health of the W.M., who thanked his predecessor and the brethren present, the former for having spoken so highly of his merits, and the latter for having so cordially endorsed Bro. Lazarus's remarks. Bro. Defriez then gave the toast of the Initiates, who both responded. Next followed the toast of the late Treasurer, Bro. James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, and Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and after dwelling on his services during the eleven years he had held that important post, Bro. Defriez presented to him the testimonial which had been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge. This consisted of a "Tantalus" liquor frame, a table kettle, and easy chair, and the selection of the articles showed great taste on the part of those who were entrusted with making it. Bro. Defriez further expressed the great personal gratification he experienced in being the medium for handing to Bro. Terry that testimony of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the Burdett Coutts brethren. Bro. Terry, by whom the presentation was entirely unexpected, then rose and endeavoured to the best of his ability to express his thanks for the gift, but words manifestly failed him to give expression to his feelings. However, he cordially thanked the members for their kindness, and trusted he might yet have many opportunities of furthering their interests. The other toasts, including those of the Past Masters and Visitors, were given and suitably acknowledged, and the proceedings came to an end. There was some good singing by Bros. Berry, Starkevart, and others, which served admirably to fill up the intervals between the speeches.

CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1769.

THE installation of Bro. Thomas Grove, C.C., as W.M. of this Lodge, took place at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. J. Cooper, the outgoing W.M., in the presence of a large assembly of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Stephens P.G.D.C. Middlesex, E. C. Mather P.M. 23, J. Farmaner P.M. 28, D. Crombie P.M. 28, J. C. Dwarber P.M. 55, J. T. Robertson P.M. 55, H. C. Soper P.M. 70, J. F. Stone P.M. 1033, O. X. Oxley W.M. 1237, S. J. Cook 95, E. Bumpus 28, W. J. Heath 766, R. H. Johnson 1348, W. Green I.G. 1364, H. G. Gush J.W. 1541, H. Dehaene S.W. 1543, M. S. Rubenstein 1612, A. J. Accher 1801. Bro. C. W. Thompson was appointed and invested as S.W., Bro. H. W. Mayes J.W.; Bro. J. Stanley was invested as Treasurer, and Bro. Croxton was re-appointed and invested as Secretary. The Assistant Officers appointed were Bros. Soper S.D., G. Croxton J.D., T. Linscott I.G., Thompson D.C., Thomas (reinstated) Tyler. In consequence of its being Lord Mayor's Day, the Installation Banquet was deferred until the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern.

A Banquet to celebrate the installation of Bro. Thomas Grove, C.C., as Worshipful Master of this Lodge was given on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. It will be recollected that the installation ceremony was performed on Lord Mayor's Day, by the retiring Master, Bro. James Cooper, but in consequence of the Civic festivities of that event the congratulatory banquet was deferred, for the convenience of the brethren and their friends. On Tuesday night there was a numerous assemblage to welcome the newly-installed Master, amongst the company being included several brethren holding high Provincial rank. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Grove, C.C., who was supported by all his newly invested Officers, with the exception of his S. Warden, Bro. C. W. Thompson, who was prevented by indisposition from attending—a circumstance which elicited the heartiest expressions of sympathy and regret from those present, amongst whom were:—Bros. James Cooper I.P.M., H. W. Mayes J.W., John Stanley Treas. and Sec., John Soper S.D., George Croxton J.D., T. C. Thomson D.C., Thomas Linscott I.G., C. Thomas Tyler; William Goldsmith, Edgar Abercrombie, Arthur Abercrombie, and W. Hurran. Visitors—Bros. Mead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, the Rev. J. H. Smith W.M. 279 P.P.G. Chaplain Leicester and Rutland, David Crombie P.M. 28, Joseph Farmanor P.M. 28, Shearman P.M. 28, Neilson P.M. 28, Hawksworth W.M. 28, Linscott I.G. 30, Walford, C.C. (Chairman of the Loriners' Company) P.M. 177, H. Turner W.M. 1589, Robinson P.M. 55, Maurice S. Rubinstein 1642, H. Debare S.W. 1543, Pearse Morrison, C.C., 1218, Charles Beaumont W.M. elect of the City of London Lodge 901, George Felton P.M. 1056, A. J. Archer 1801, Robert H. Johnson 1348, William Green I.G. the 1364, and others. At the conclusion of a most excellent repast, the Loyal and Craft toasts were proposed in eloquent terms by the Worshipful Master, and received with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. James Cooper I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, congratulated the brethren upon their wisdom in selecting of so excellent an Officer as Brother Grove. It redounded very much to their credit, because they had had an opportunity of seeing his admirable working in the offices he had filled prior to his installation, and they were, therefore, aware they could not make a more judicious choice. That he would fulfil the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of all, and beyond the expectation of many, they had had abundant proof that evening, and he might add on Tuesday last. The manner in which he invested his Officers was something very delightful to see, and instructive to hear; and the crisp and brilliant way in which he closed his Lodge was such as they seldom witnessed in Freemasonry. Now they had had the opportunity of seeing the manner in which Bro. Grove had presided at the festive board, which was as near perfection as they could possibly wish. The Worshipful Master, who was received with loud and prolonged cheering, said he should endeavour to discharge with efficiency and zeal the duties attaching to the exalted position to which, by the kindness of the brethren, he had been elected. He was very proud to occupy that position, and he thanked Bro. Cooper for the kindly wishes he had expressed towards him. He could not flatter himself that the working part of the business would bear microscopic reflection, though he should endeavour to make it so in the future. He could not lay claim to all the kindly and flattering remarks that had been applied to him by the proposer of the toast, though he thanked the company for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name. He should endeavour, as the Master of the Clarendon Lodge, to carry out the tenets and traditions of Freemasonry to their fullest extent. His purse might not be as long as those of some who had preceded him, but his intention and ambition were equally as great and grand as theirs had been. He hoped to discharge the duties of the chair to their satisfaction, and to hand on the insignia of office to his successor unblemished and unsullied. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, said Bro. Cooper's working had been as creditable to himself as it had been enjoyable to the brethren. He had striven to do his best to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and had succeeded in gaining the sympathy and admiration of the brethren. This was no empty compliment, for Bro. Cooper had passed through the various stages in the offices of his Lodge, filling the chair with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all the brethren. He asked Bro. Cooper to allow him, in the name of the Lodge, to present him with a Past Master's jewel which, in his (the Worshipful Master's) opinion, was a handsome one, and few Lodges in London had one more to be admired. This was the second jewel which had been presented to a retiring Master of this Lodge, and it gave him unfeigned pleasure to perform the task which devolved upon him. He then pinned the jewel to Bro. Cooper's breast, with the assurance that he had well earned the distinction; which he hoped the recipient might live long to wear, as a mark of the esteem and regard in which he was held by the members of the Clarendon Lodge. Bro. James Cooper, on rising to acknowledge the

compliment paid him, was received with prolonged rounds of cheering. He said as they journeyed through life they filled various positions, each having its special duties and rewards. To-night he occupied a fresh position in Freemasonry, which, although gratifying, rendered it difficult to find language sufficient to express his gratitude for the honour which had been conferred upon him. He spoke in all sincerity when he said he had endeavoured to discharge the duties of the Mastership of the Lodge to their satisfaction, and that he had succeeded had been demonstrated that evening by the kind and complimentary utterances of their W.M., and the hearty response the brethren made when Bro. Grove placed that jewel upon his breast. They were all aware that the hope of reward sweetened labour, but there was a jewel which had sweetened his labour far more than the splendid decoration which had just been presented to him, and that was the esteem, kindness, and good fellowship they had extended to him during his year of office. He should always continue to take a lively interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and should at all times be pleased to communicate Masonic instruction to any one who might stand in need of it. This brought vividly to his mind the valuable assistance he had received from Past Master Robertson, who had always taken a deep interest in the Lodge, and had rendered him the utmost possible aid in fitting him for the late installation ceremony. He trusted he might be long spared to work for the advantage of the Clarendon Lodge, and for the noble Charities of the Craft. The jewel, which was a very massive and handsome one, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. James Cooper, by the brethren of the Clarendon Lodge, No. 1769, in recognition of the able and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties as W.M. 16th November 1880." The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, gave a cordial welcome to the Visitors, whom he was pleased to see in such numbers, and including so many officers of rank. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. the Rev. J. H. Smith W.M. 279 P.P.G. Chaplain of Leicester and Rutland, in responding, expressed the wish (which bade fair to be realised) that more members of his profession would attach themselves to the Craft, and enlarged, in eloquent terms, upon the beneficent principles which commended the Institution of Freemasonry to the religious section of the community. Bros. Mead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Walford P.M. 177, Robertson P.M. 55, Farmanor P.M. 485, also acknowledged the hospitable reception that had been accorded to the Visitors. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given from the chair, and acknowledged in a humorous speech by Bro. John Stanley. In proposing the health of the Principal Officers of the Lodge, the W.M. expressed regret—which he was sure would be shared in by all the brethren—at the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Senior Warden C. W. Thompson. He should inform him, however, on the morrow, of the cordial manner in which his name had been received on that occasion. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. H. W. Mayes and John Soper. Several other complimentary toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were varied with some excellent songs, Bro. Maurice S. Rubinstein lending efficient assistance as accompanist.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE final meeting of the season, for the nomination of Officers and other business, was held on Monday, 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a very large attendance of brethren and visitors, under the genial presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Alfred Ginger. Amongst those also present were:—Bros. Charles Beaumont S.W., G. A. Cundy J.W., Henry Darcey P.M. Treas., Henry Harbord Sec., Alfred Parker S.D., John Hughes J.D., Ernest T. Hand Organist, W. Alder D.C., D. Hughes I.G., J. Woodstock P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s W. Lewis, J. Darcey, and A. Griffiths; R. P. Stevens, W. R. Haylock, H. Smith, F. J. Ford, F. C. Ford, George Smith, J. Roberts, Alfred Prince, R. Gillard, T. Baines, Fredk. J. Lawrence, W. B. Smith, William Waller, E. V. P. H. Harris, J. B. Turner, Henry Barwell, Thomas Hosking, R. K. Stubbs, John Bailey, William Dance, A. E. Thornton, E. W. Cundy, G. Rnhardt, T. Barnes, A. Tame, H. Vernon Chichester, Henry Mortimore, E. W. McLachlan, William Alder, John Thos. Vears, W. Balcombe, J. Corkill, E. C. Wharton, W. Little, W. Hodgkinson, J. Vale, Charles S. Pinn, G. Chivers, C. J. Whitnall, Robert F. Whur, and Robert Clinch. Visitors—Bros. C. J. W. Davis 1637 P.G.D.C. Middlesex, F. Wellings 1055, John Hurdell J.D. 1348, F. Robert Ward W.M. 501, E. J. Lewis J.W. 754, A. Orton 1287, T. Saunders 1287, Stephen A. Cooper W.M. 1647, Walter S. Cooper 754, J. G. Luccup 1326, and B. Flower 902. Lodge having been opened in due form, the ballot was prepared for Bro. George Smith, of the Arnold Lodge 1779, as a joining member, on the proposition of Bro. Parker, seconded by P.M. Bro. Darcey. The voting was unanimous. Three candidates were then balloted for, and unanimously accepted, viz., Mr. Edward Lawrence, wine merchant, Bradford Bowers, Battersea Park-road, proposed by P.M. Bro. H. Darcey, seconded by P.M. Bro. G. Darcey; Mr. Arthur Geo. Thompson, linerdraper, 5 Leith-terrace, Kilburn, on the nomination of Bro. A. Prince, seconded by the W.M.; and Mr. Frank Churchill, wine merchant, The White Lion, Warringham, near Croydon, proposed by Bro. G. A. Cundy. Mr. Churchill, being present, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in masterly style. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bros. F. J. Ford, J. C. Ford, and R. P. Stevens were passed to Fellow Craft. Subsequently Bro. J. Roberts was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being ably carried through by the W.M., assisted by his Officers, in such a manner as to elicit the heartiest expressions of approval and admiration. The election of Officers then took place, when Bro. Charles Beauchamp S.W. was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing year, amidst general applause. Bro. Henry Darcey P.M. was re-elected Treas., and Bro. J. Woodstock Tyler. It was decided that a ball should be given, under the auspices of the Lodge, early in January, and several brethren volun-

teered their assistance to the Officers as Stewards for making the necessary arrangements. Amidst general acclamation it was resolved that a ten guinea P.M.'s jewel should be presented to Bro. Alfred Ginger on his retirement from office, and congratulations were offered to him upon the satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. This is the first jewel of such value that has been presented to any outgoing Master of the Lodge, and Bro. Ginger hesitated to accept it, alleging that the money should be devoted to charity. This, however, the brethren would not permit, it being urged that Bro. Ginger had well deserved this special mark of distinction, and appreciation of valuable service. Some other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the handsome throne room of the hotel, where a *recherché* banquet had been provided by Brothers Ritter and Clifford. The arrangements were, as usual, personally superintended by Mr. Sherwill, and Brother Henry Mills acted efficiently as toastmaster. At the conclusion of the well-served repast, the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, the W.M. accompanying each by a few well-timed and happy sentences. P.M. Bro. Griffith, in proposing the health of the W.M., said he had great pleasure in doing so, for Bro. Ginger had well earned the esteem and admiration of all the members of the Lodge. The manner in which he had acquitted himself in all the various offices he had filled entitled him to the esteem and gratitude of the brethren, and that esteem had found demonstration in the valuable jewel which it was intended should be presented to him on retirement from the position he had so well and worthily occupied. The W.M., who on rising to respond, was greeted with most enthusiastic fire, said he was extremely obliged to P.M. Griffith for the kindly way in which he had proposed the toast, and to the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received it. He could not say much about the working of the Lodge, because he could not lay credit to all the flattering remarks that had been made respecting himself. But he could conscientiously say he had had the success of the City of London Lodge very closely at heart, and had done his best to promote its welfare. He was happy to know that the Lodge was in a much better position than he found it four or five years ago, and he should ever continue to devote his best efforts to advance the prosperity of that Lodge in which he had experienced so much kindness and hearty goodwill. He paid a high tribute to the Officers who had so kindly assisted him in the performance of his arduous duties, and to the Past Masters who had rendered him invaluable counsel and aid in the discharge of his functions. He felt deeply sensible of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the presentation of a handsome jewel, being the first M.M. of this Lodge to whom a ten guinea jewel had been voted. He should always value it, and look upon it with feelings of gratitude to the latest day of his existence, as a mark of their affection and appreciation of his humble services, which should be continued in the interest of the Lodge. In turn he proposed the health of the Initiate, the toast being received with much applause. Bro. Churchill in responding, said he never felt so flattered in his life as by his admission into the Institution of Freemasonry, of which he should study to make himself an efficient and worthy member. The Worshipful Master elect then proposed the health of the Visitors, to whom he extended, in the name of the Lodge, a most cordial welcome. The toast was heartily received, and acknowledged by Bro. C. J. W. Davis P.G.D.C. Middlesex, and other Visitors. In giving the health of the Worshipful Master Elect, the W.M. said if Bro. Beaumont were not present he should have offered a far higher tribute to his worth than would be becoming in his presence. He could only say he was exceedingly glad to have so able an Officer to follow him in the chair, for Bro. Beaumont was a man by whose side he was very proud to sit. He had always found him most amiable, intelligent, and assiduous in his work, and had received great and valuable assistance from him. He considered the brethren had exercised a very wise discretion in unanimously electing him to the chair for the ensuing year. The W.M. elect, who was cordially greeted, on rising to respond, thanked the W.M. for his kindly expressions, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast. He felt very proud of the distinction which the brethren had conferred upon him, and assured them he should ever be solicitous for the welfare of the City of London Lodge. He hoped to receive from the brethren the kindly feelings which had always been so deservedly extended towards Bro. Ginger, and that at the expiration of his term of office he might be able to retire with the honours which marked the outgoing of their present W.M. The next toast from the chair was the health of the Past Masters, whose valuable aid was acknowledged by the W.M. in the warmest terms. Bro. Lewis congratulated the Lodge upon its prosperous condition, numbering as it did about eighty members; it was exceedingly pleasant to witness the harmony and fraternal feeling which pervaded the whole of the brethren. Bro. Griffith also briefly responded. The W.M. next proposed the Masonic Charities, commending them in suitable terms to the support and admiration of the brethren. The toast of the Ladies was gallantly acknowledged by Bro. D. Hughes, and the official programme was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some capital singing interspersed the speeches, and the proceedings throughout were of the most harmonious and enjoyable description.

King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. J. T. Briggs W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Stiles S.W., H. Higgins J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer P.G.P. Kent, L. Solomon S.D., L. Jacobs J.D., Gorringe I.G., Putland D.C., B. Kanffman Assist. D.C., and Past Masters W. M. Stiles and Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent. Bro. F. Saintsbury Secretary was absent, owing to indisposition. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tillbrook, having answered the necessary questions, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bros. A. R. Amor and

J. Bickley were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A ballot was then taken for the admission of Mr. F. C. Austin, and being unanimously in his favour, he was duly initiated into the Order. The several ceremonies were ably worked by the W.M. and his Officers. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro. Saintsbury, the worthy Secretary, regretting his absence through illness, and expressing a hope he would be speedily restored to health. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren and Visitors sat down to a very excellent repast, supplied by Bro. Clemow. The Worshipful Master presided, and with his accustomed geniality proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. W. M. Stiles I.P.M. gave the toast of the "W.M." who, he said, had shown evidence of his ability. After a song by Bro. Silvester (Sidney Franks), the W.M., who was enthusiastically received, expressed his thanks to Bro. Stiles for his kindly remarks, and said he would echo the words of his predecessor—"The longer he occupied the chair the more he was proud of it." He then proposed the toast of the "Newly Initiated Bro.," whom he congratulated on his reception into the Fraternity. Bro. Austin made an excellent speech in acknowledgment of the honour paid him in his new capacity as an E.A.P. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bro. Morrison W.M. 141 and other of the Visitors severally responded to the toast, one and all of them paying a compliment to the W.M. for his excellent working, and the admirable manner in which his Officers had supported him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, Bros. Knight and Michael, who had received Provincial honours, and Bro. Stiles P.M., who was not only an honour to that Lodge, but likewise to the others with which he was associated. Bro. W.M. Stiles responded to the toast, and said his services were always at the command of the Lodge. Bro. Michael also replied, and expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. Saintsbury, Hon. Sec., whom they hoped to see on the next occasion. He remarked that though the Lodge was in its infancy, its condition was most prosperous. The toast of the Officers followed, the W.M.'s remarks being both appropriate and complimentary. Bro. H. Stiles S.W., in a brief but appropriate speech, responded, and the other Officers followed. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Frank Clemow, W.M. elect of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and Bro. Arthur Clemow, of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, and those brethren thanked the W.M. and all present for the compliment paid them. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, after passing a very agreeable and harmonious evening. The Visitors present were Bros. J. Strokirk No. 188, N. Vallentine 1017, F. Silvester 193, N. Lyons 185, G. B. Denham 534, Morrison W.M. 141, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817.—The usual meeting of this Lodge took place at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness, on Thursday, the 18th inst. The Lodge was opened at six o'clock by the W.M., Bro. G. J. Glasscock, who was supported by the following officers and brethren, viz.:—Bros. J. M. Farr S.W., Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160, M.E.Z. 1000, P.P.G. Chaplain J.W., C. Eltham I.P.M. Prov. G.P. Treas., J. W. Harris P.M. 1000 P.P.A.G.D.C. Sec., S. McCall Walker S.D., J. English as J.D., H. Church I.G., A. Martin Tyler, A. Lucking P.M. P.Z. Prov. G.D.C., J. A. Wardell P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.D., S. Turner, T. Bertram, G. A. Foster, G. Berry S.W. 1000, A. Betenson, T. Hamblin, F. Reed, J. Cockburn, C. Floyd. Visitors—Bros. J. Harrington W.M. 160, H. Harper S.W. 160, C. Purdon P.M. 36 (I.C.), T. F. Barrett J.W. 1000, J. Moroney 226, C. Worde Godfrey 160, and J. Taylor 1000. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bros. G. A. Foster and F. Reed to the second degree, and afterwards initiated Mr. Wm. Kirkwood into the mysteries of the Order. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful meeting.

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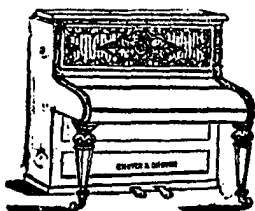
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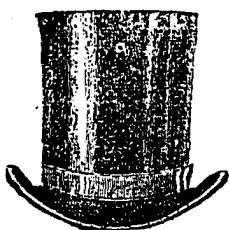
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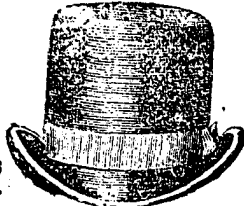


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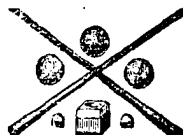
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