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OUR ROLL OF LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

IT will have been seen from the Agenda Paper which appeared in our columns last week, that the newest of the Lodges holding under our United Grand Lodge is numbered 1886, and it is just possible that in the six weeks between the date on which the last return of new Lodges was made up, and the end of the year the roll of Grand Lodge will have reached to No. 1890. This, however,—assuming our anticipation proves correct—will by no means represent accurately the number of Lodges in full working order which yield a willing obedience to our Grand Lodge. A glance through the list in the new Freemasons' Calendar will show there are some 130 Lodges which, since the last closing up in 1863, have been erased or have dropped from the Roll, either because they have transferred their allegiance to a newly erected Grand Lodge, as that of Quebec, or from some other cause. Hence we may take it there are, in fact, some 1760 Lodges, of which about 300 are held in the Metropolitan district, some 1,000 in the Provinces, and the remaining 460 in districts abroad or as Military Lodges. If we allow an average of sixty members per Lodge—which, by those who have looked into the returns for different Provinces and Districts and the Metropolis, will be recognised as a liberal allowance—we have a total subscribing membership in the Grand Lodge of England of over 105,000.

We have, in more than one previous article, dealt with figures in connection with this subject, but figures are always useful, and we do not know that we can do better than select the present occasion for submitting a fresh, but consistent, variation on the original theme of the condition of Freemasonry in this country. Premising that the numbers we are about to give are not exact, but approximately so, it is, for instance, interesting to know there are 330 Lodges still in existence, whose Constitution dates from before the Union of Ancients and Moderns. Only six Lodges anterior to this epoch have dropped or been erased from the Roll since 1863. There are remaining 140 Lodges warranted by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex during his Grand Mastership of the United Grand Lodge of England from 1814 to 1843. Twelve have lapsed since 1863, while, doubtless, many other Lodges established both before and after the Union, have been struck off, especially in connection with the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to say nothing of those which passed from the Roll in 1832. Of the Lodges warranted during the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland, there are still some 750 in working order. Apart from those which lapsed in 1863, there are one hundred which have passed to other jurisdictions, or are in abeyance or dead since that year. About 180 Lodges were constituted during the period of the Marquess of Ripon's Grand Mastership, which may be reckoned to have lasted four years. Seven of these at this present moment are somewhere else than on the Roll of Grand Lodge of England. Taking the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales as having endured during the six years 1875-80, both inclusive, we find that 360 new Lodges have been added to the list. The highest number for 1875 is 1528, the lowest for 1880 at Wednesday's Communication of Grand Lodge was 1886, the exact number constituted therefore during that period being 359. We have it on the authority of His Royal Highness that latterly the average annual number of certificates granted to new members of our Society has been 10,000.

This, of course, represents an amazing increase to the strength of the Craft in this country, though to estimate the full value of our position, we should likewise be informed of the average annual retirements from active membership. It is also noteworthy that with the Masters, Wardens, and an average allowance per Lodge of three Past Masters for these 360 Lodges, the representatives in Grand Lodge have been increased by some 2200! If we proceed further with our analysis in respect of these 359 Lodges, it will be found that of the sixty-six constituted in 1875, there were fifteen which were added to the strength of the Metropolis, with thirty-seven new Provincial Lodges and fourteen new Lodges in Districts. In 1876, sixty-nine new Lodges were warranted, namely, twenty-five Metropolitan, twenty-eight Provincial, and sixteen Districts Abroad. In 1877 the number still further increased to seventy-three, of which twenty-six were Metropolitan, twenty-three Provincial, and twenty-four Foreign. In 1878, of sixty-five new Warrants granted, eleven were for the Metropolis, thirty-three for the Provinces, and twenty-one for Abroad. Fifty-three were constituted in 1879, namely, eleven Metropolitan, twenty-one Provincial, and twenty-one Abroad; while in the current year the number of new Lodges is thirty-three, of which fourteen have been added to the Provinces and nineteen to Districts Abroad. Thus in these six years, of the 359 newly constituted Lodges, eighty-eight are Metropolitan, 156 Provincial, and 115 Foreign. Not a single Lodge has been added to the Metropolitan District this year.

Perhaps it will interest our readers to learn how this increase has graduated in these six years. In the year 1874, when the Marquess of Ripon resigned his Grand Mastership—and with the whole of which for the sake of convenience we credit him—forty-five new Lodges were added to the roll, making, of the whole number constituted during his four years' tenure of office, as nearly as possible one-fourth part. In 1875, the first year the Prince of Wales was in office, the number was sixty-six, showing an increase of 47 per cent. on the preceding year. This rose, as we have shown, to sixty-nine in 1876, and reached its culminating point of seventy-three in 1877. In 1878 it fell to sixty-five; in 1879, to fifty-three; and this year, up to the present time, to thirty-three; or reckoning for the whole year, we may, perhaps, set down the new Lodges for 1880 as thirty-eight. We cannot but think this diminution is principally due to the additional precautions taken by the authorities to not unnecessarily multiply Lodges, especially in the Metropolitan area, where, as we have already said, there are, in round figures, some 300 already in working order. We will go further and say, that we think this greater caution must be largely due to the wise counsels of our late respected Bro. John Hervey Grand Secretary, who never missed the opportunity of pointing out, in his kind and therefore the more impressive manner, how necessary it was the utmost care should be taken in order to keep Freemasonry select, that is, as regards worthiness of character. That new Lodges should spring up in the Provinces and Abroad is but natural, especially in the case of the latter as applied to our Colonial possessions and dependencies, where new centres of industry are always being created and the old ones go on by leaps and bounds. It is noticeable, however, in the case of the Metropolis, that while the whole increase for the six years reached eighty-eight, sixty-six, or three-fourths of that number, were constituted in the first three years, and only twenty-two in the last three. A recapitulation of the actual figures for each year will prove instructive. In 1875, fifteen new Lodges;

in 1876, twenty-five; in 1877, twenty-six; in 1878, eleven; in 1879, eleven; and in 1880, none.

We will now devote a brief space to the roll of Royal Arch Chapters. This contains as nearly as possible 600, each of which is attached to a particular Lodge, so that with 1760 Lodges—of which about 150 are not yet entitled to have Chapters—there are on the average about three Chapters to every eight Lodges. The distribution of the Chapters is as follows: in the Metropolitan District some 110, in the Provinces over 370, in Districts Abroad over 110. Comparing these figures with the Lodges, we find in the Metropolis the proportion is rather more than one to every three Lodges (110 Chapters to 300 Lodges); in the Provinces nearly two to every five (over 370 Chapters to 1000 Lodges), and in Districts Abroad, less than one to every four (over 110 Lodges to 470 Lodges). We do not know that, in the absence of further information, it is possible, even if it were desirable, to carry further the analysis of the Grand Chapter Roll and its comparison with that of Grand Lodge. We shall merely add, therefore, that though the work of Grand Chapter is done very quietly, the Degree has fairly kept pace with the Craft in respect of progress during the last six years,

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held, on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Lord Tenterden presiding. Bro. Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Giddy, District Grand Master of Griqualand, as Past Grand Master. The Earl of Onslow was in his seat as G.S.W., Bro. Alston P.G.W. acted as G.J.W. Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) G.D.C., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., Sir J. B. Monckton President of Board of General Purposes, Col. Creaton G. Treasurer; Revs. Sir J. W. Hayes, J. Studholme Brownrigg, T. F. Ravenshaw, O. J. Martyn, P.G.C.'s, and C. W. Spencer-Stanhope G. Chaplain; R. F. Gould, J. H. Scott, Frank Richardson, and Col. Somerville Burney, Grand Deacons; Bros. Magnus Ohren A.G.D.C., Charles Greenwood G.S.B., James Lewis Thomas, Capt. N. G. Phillips, J. A. Rucker, J. M. Clabon, A. J. Duff-Filer, P. de L. Long, T. Fenn, S. Rawson, H. Grissell, James Glaisher, Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., C. C. Dumas, J. M. Case, H. D. Sandeman, C. A. Murton, Joshua Nunn, Capt. Platt, G. W. C. Hutton, R. Grey, H. G. Buss, and about 300 brethren. After the reading of the minutes, Grand Secretary stated that since last Grand Lodge one of the brethren to whom a grant of £100 was made had died, and therefore the minutes would have to be confirmed with the exception of that grant. Bro. J. M. Clabon stated that, as several kind and good brethren at Liverpool had disbursed sums of money on behalf of the deceased brother since the £100 had been recommended to be granted, and that though the brethren could do nothing with regard to the matter that evening, he gave notice that at next Grand Lodge he should move that those kind brethren be reimbursed the sums they had laid out to an amount not exceeding £100. The minutes were then confirmed. Bro. E. Letchworth then rose and said the duty he was now about to discharge was one which would elicit the brethren's cordial and unanimous approval. Standing in that hall, it was unnecessary to remind any Brother present that during the past six years they had been ruled by the Illustrious Prince the Heir Apparent to the Throne, a Prince who, whether they regarded his exalted rank or his Masonic virtues, was fully entitled to their respect, their homage and their love. With these sentiments he (Bro. Letchworth) had the honour to nominate His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year. Col. Shadwell Clerke then read the Report of the Committee appointed on the 3rd March, to enquire into the purchase by the Board of General Purposes of the freehold premises 57 and 58 Great Queen-street, adjoining the Freemasons' Hall. The result of the Committee's enquiry was that the Board had not proceeded according to the Book of Constitutions, which prescribed that such an expenditure should be first sanctioned by Grand Lodge; but that as immediate action was required to be taken when they found the property was for sale, and that any delay would have increased the price of the property, the acquisition of which was greatly for the benefit of the Craft, the Board having acted with perfect *bonâ fides*, the Board should be indemnified by Grand Lodge. Brother McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, moved, and Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, seconded the reception of the Report, which was thereupon carried. The election of a brother to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Bro. Frederick H. McCalmont W.M. of No. 394 was the next business. There were two candidates, Bro. Henry Harben P.M. No. 92, and Bro. John Messent P.M. No. 231; but Colonel Shadwell Clerke informed the Grand Lodge that Bro. H. Harben had retired. Lord Tenterden then announced that Bro. John Messent was duly elected. He also announced that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. John M. Clabon again to the Office of President of the Board, and that Bro. Joshua Nunn and Bro. James Brett were duly elected as Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents respectively. The Past Masters elected to serve on the Board were 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, and Wm. Stephens 1489. The recommendation of grants by the Lodge of Benevolence

were next confirmed, and the Report of the Board of General Purposes adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope G.C. obtained leave to bring on a motion which was not on the agenda paper, and said he supposed such a motion had never before been heard in Grand Lodge. It was the 1st of December, and the birthday of the Princess of Wales, who was beloved by every English man and woman throughout the world. He would therefore move "That the very best wishes of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to Her Royal Highness on this, her thirty-sixth birthday; and that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe in His great mercy to grant her many happy returns of the day is the prayer of the Freemasons of England gathered together in Grand Lodge this evening." The motion was seconded by the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., and Lord Tenterden said the brethren had so warmly received it that it would not be necessary to put it to the vote, the brethren would all add their hearty good wishes to it. Grand Lodge was then closed.

MARK MASONRY.

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GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday, 30th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern. There were present:—Lord Henniker D.G.M. as G.M.M.M., Charles Stephens Dep. Prov. G.M. Berks and Oxon, as Deputy G. Master, Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., P.G.M. and Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Cheshire, Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., as G.S.W., J. F. Tweedale as G.J.W., W. Roebuck, C.E., as G.M.O., O. H. Pearson as G.S.O., Capt. A. B. Cook as G.J.O., Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O., Reginald J. Mure and R. de M. Lawson P.G.S.O.'s, Revs. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., and W. Stainton Moses G.C.'s, Revs. T. F. F. Ravenshaw, M.A., and C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., P.G.C.'s, James Stevens P.P.J.O., F. Davison G. Treasurer, H. C. Levander, M.A., G. Reg., F. Binckes G.S., D. M. Dewar Assistant G.S., G. J. McKay G.S.D., J. Lewis Thomas P.G.S.D., Capt. Thomas Hargreaves P.G.J.D., C. H. Driver G. Supt. Works., W. T. Westgate A.G.D.C., W. Hudson P.G.D.C., S. Rosenthal as G. Sword Bearer, T. W. Adams as G. Standard Bearer, E. M. Lott as G. Organist, F. H. Cozens P.G. Organist, W. T. Clarke as G.I.G., A. D. Loewenstark P.G.S., A. Haynes, J. Smyth, and F. de Leliva G. Stewards, Henry Massey and Thomas J. Pulley P.G. Stewards, C. T. Speight G.T., J. E. de Le Fauvre G.S.W. Hants, E. Passawer G. Reg. Middlesex and Surrey, Thomas Benham G.S.D. Hants, H. Lovegrove G. Supt. Wks. Middlesex and Surrey, H. Baldwin Assistant D.C. do., J. R. Shearer G.I.G. Hants and Isle of Wight, H. W. Homann G.I.G. Berks and Oxon, H. George G.I.G. Lincolnshire, W. J. Meek W.M. 199, Rev. H. G. Morse W.M. 197, A. F. Godson W.M. 40, J. Reaney W.M. 53, W. Groome W.M. 205, W. Stephens P.M. 235, W. Klingenstein P.M. 22, E. J. Hoare M.O. 244, J. H. Peach Org. 199, A. J. Bristow D.C. 7, J. J. Marsh 199, James Harris 44, J. E. Wright 54, W. Winnett 239, and R. Procter 54. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of 1st June last, the Report of the General Board was taken as read. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. moved the first recommendation arising out of the Report:—"That a sum not exceeding £25 be granted to a brother from the Benevolent Fund." He stated the distressing circumstances of the brother who required relief, and said that they had been fully considered by the Board; the motion having been seconded by Bro. F. Davison, G. Treasurer, was carried. Bro. Portal also moved the second recommendation, by which Bye-Law No. 10 of the Educational Branch of the Benevolent Fund, was proposed to be suspended, and the children of Mark Masters who had not subscribed three years to an English Mark Lodge made eligible for education out of the Fund. Bro. Portal stated that there was only one boy now on this Fund, which was of considerable amount, and that the Board had considered that it might be applied towards the education of the children of brethren who, though they had not subscribed three years to a Mark Lodge, had done much to promote the interests of the Order. The Bye-law could be re-enacted when the applications became too numerous. The motion was seconded by Bro. F. Davidson G.T., and carried. The third recommendation—"That the following Clause be added to the Book of Constitutions, to follow Clause No. 89," was referred back to the Board:—"Brethren who have deserved well of the 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, or attending banquets on payment of the same fee as subscribing members." Bro. Portal, in moving the fourth recommendation—"That as the tenancy of the offices of Grand Lodge, at No. 2 Red Lion Square, will expire on 25th March 1881, the General Board is hereby empowered to make all such arrangements, and, if necessary, to incur such expenditure as may be requisite for providing proper offices. He asked the Lodge to place such confidence in the Board as to give them the power of doing what was necessary; it would be too late to come to Grand Lodge next June for these powers. Bro. Davison seconded the motion, which was put and carried; the Report was then adopted. Bro. Godson nominated Lord Henniker as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were presented with Charity jewels and bars:—Bros. Daniel Ace, D.D., 227 (Bar), T. W. Adams 223, J. E. Anderson 13, Thomas Benham 54, Fredk. Binckes (Bar), Alfred J. Bristow 7, Rev. C. R. Davy P.G.M. Gloucestershire (Bar), W. Klingenstein 22, W. F. Lamony 229, C. S. Lane 39, E. C. Mather Old Kent. S. Mathison 11, George Newman 1, Christ. Park 247, E. Passawer, LL.D., 5, (Bar), Thomas R. Peel 34, Thos. J. Pulley 235 (Bar), E. L.

Shepherd 225, H. R. Cooper Smith Berks and Oxon (Bar), James Smyth 44, J. F. Tweedale 171, Aug. Walton 144, Wm. Watkins Monmouthshire, Alfred Williams 104 (Bar). Grand Lodge was then closed.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS (T.I.)

The annual meeting took place on Wednesday, 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Luke Armstrong W.M., assisted by the Officers. Bro. T. J. Armstrong Past Grand Steward Prov. G. Sec. W.M. Elect, was then presented to Bro. W. S. Hughes P.P.G.S.W., the Installing Master, to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. This having been performed according to custom, the newly installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Dr. Luke Armstrong I.P.M., R. L. Armstrong S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., W. E. Franklin P.M. Chaplain, John Wood M.O., J. S. B. Bell S.O., S. M. Harris J.O., R. Locke Treasurer, J. Usher Reg. of Marks, G. J. Place Secretary, W. S. Hughes P.M. D.C., C. B. Ford S.D., E. Marston J.D., Seymour Bell I.G., W. H. Dunn Organist, R. C. Symons S.S., R. Veitch J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Turk's Head Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent dinner, presided over by the W.M.

Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction.—A special meeting of the above was held, at the Trocadero, 6 Liverpool-street, on Monday, the 29th ult., when the chair was occupied by Bro. H. Venn, Bro. Moon was S.W., H. Dicketts J.W., W. B. Date M.O., Graveley S.O., Pargeter J.O., Ramsay S.D., Griffith J.D., Pitt I.G., and Bros. D. M. Dewar, Dr. Sigismund, Haynes, Nicholls, and several other brethren; Turquand Preceptor, and Gimmingham Sec. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of advancement, assisted by the brethren, Bro. Money acting candidate. Seven brethren were admitted members. The Lodge was then closed, and the company adjourned to an excellent supper, provided under the auspices of Bro. Silvestre, in celebration of the first annual Festival of the Lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. Turquand, who, in response to the toast of his health, congratulated the brethren upon the great measure of success which had attended the operations of the Lodge, as testified to by the considerable number of members already enrolled, and by the large meeting he saw before him. He referred to the prophecies of failure with which the inauguration of the Lodge had been met, but he considered failure impossible if the earnestness displayed during the past year were continued. He urged the members to make every endeavour to bring in other brethren, and particularly desired that Masters of Lodges would impress upon their Officers the necessity of practising their several duties, for which this Lodge of Instruction offered such good opportunities. The toasts of Success to the Mother Lodge, responded to by Bro. H. Venn W.M., and the newly joined Brethren, replied to in felicitous terms by Bros. Dr. Sigismund, Pargeter, and Graveley, the Secretary, and others, followed, the brethren separating after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

THE ZEALANDINA MARINE LODGE, No. 261.

SOME months back several Mark Master Masons resident at Port Chalmers determined to establish a Lodge under the English Constitution there, and to that end forwarded an application to the Grand Mark Lodge of England for a warrant of Constitution. This was numerously signed, and on arrival at Home was laid before the M.W.G.M.M., who at once graciously acceded to the request, and issued a warrant authorising the petitioners to meet under the style and title of "The Zealandia Marine Lodge, No. 261."

In due course the warrant reached Port Chalmers, and the members having made all necessary preparations, decided upon consecrating and dedicating the new Lodge on Wednesday, 15th September, at 8.30 p.m. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m. by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles de Longueville Graham, with the assistance of his Officers, and after a candidate for the Mark degree had been regularly advanced, the business of the evening commenced. The Lodge at this part of the proceedings presented a very beautiful spectacle, the building, which is exclusively devoted to Masonic purposes, being appropriately decorated, while from the numerous attendance of members and visitors (some of whom came from considerable distances) the scene presented a very animated appearance. Amongst the Mark Lodges represented were the "Copley" and "Beaconsfield," E.C., "Greenock St. John's," No. 17, S.C., "Kilwinning Otago," No. 116, S.C., and "Shamrock" Lodge, I.C. The dais was occupied by the W. Brethren T. S. Graham P.M. I.C., W. Caldwell, S. T. Kerr Campbell P.M.'s, and others. An efficient choir under the leadership of Bro. J. Ross was present, and the musical arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. A. Bott Organist of the Lodge. Throughout the consecration ceremony the necessary details were under the supervision of Bro. W. L. Buchanan, who was indefatigable in his efforts to carry out the ceremonies with success.

After the preliminary business had been disposed of the choir sang the 133rd Psalm, and the following prayer was offered by the Chaplain Bro. R. Bouchop:—"Grand Overseer of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all Worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this, and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of Light and Life, Great Source of Love and Happiness, to

erect this Lodge and now solemnly consecrate it to the honour and glory of Thy Most Holy Name."

After this prayer the choir chanted the sanctus, "Glory be to God on High," and the Worshipful Master proceeded to sprinkle the consecration elements—corn, wine, and oil,—the choir chanting the Old Hundredth Psalm, the dedicatory prayer being delivered by the Chaplain as follows—"Grant, O Lord our God, that those who are now about to be invested with the Government of this Lodge may be endowed with wisdom to instruct their brethren in their duties, and that, marking well Thy holy commandments, they may glorify Thee in all their works. Bless all our brethren wherever dispersed, and grant speedy relief to all who are either oppressed or distressed. We commend, O Great Overseer of the Universe, to Thee all the members of Thy whole family. May the genuine tenets and principles of our profession ever distinguish them, and lead them to increased knowledge of Thy Divine precepts, and the love of each other. Finally, may we, when we have finished our work here, receive Thy approving mark, and have our transition from this scene of our earthly toils to that spiritual mansion above, that Heavenly temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, there to enjoy light, glory, and bliss ineffable and eternal." The choir again chanted, "So mote it be," and "Glory be to God on High," with the anthem "To Heaven's High Architect all praise," and the Worshipful Master declared the Lodge consecrated and constituted. After this part of the ceremony an anthem was rendered by the choir. The grace cup was then passed round the Lodge, and the dedicatory ceremony was brought to an end.

The Officers of the Lodge were presented for investiture, and this part of the ceremony was ably performed by the R.W. Bro. W. Caldwell P.M. No. 116 S.C., who placed the distinguishing badges of their respective offices on the following brethren:—Bros. R. Ritchie S.W. W. Murray J.W., J. A. D. Adams M.O., S. de Leon S.O. (by proxy), W. L. Buchanan J.O., R. Bauchope Chaplain, C. G. V. Leijon Treasurer, J. W. Cumming Secretary, C. L. Arnesson R. of M., G. L. Asher S.D., C. N. Schumacker J.D., A. Bott Organist, G. Boaz I.G., T. Brebner Tyler, J. Johnston Steward.

The Lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and the visitors and members were entertained by the Master and Officers.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moor-gate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Monday, 6th December, commencing at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. George Davis W.M. 167 W.M., Hemming 1287 S.W., Side W.M. 1507 J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732, S.W. 1507 Preceptor. First Lecture:—Bros. A. Hubbard, W. M. Stiles, C. Taylor, W. Side, J. C. Smith, Hemming, and Gush. Second Lecture:—Bros. T. C. Edmonds, H. De Hane, E. Pelikan, R. Larchin, and E. A. Dutton. Third Lecture:—Bros. E. F. Pierdon, F. W. Sillis, and Edwin Storr.

Obituary.

BRO. ALDERMAN JOHN MARCH, OF YORK.

WE regret to announce the death of Bro. John March, of York, which took place somewhat suddenly, at his residence in that city, on Tuesday, the 26th November, in his 73rd year. Bro. March was one of the oldest members of the York Lodge, No. 236, having been initiated on the 19th of November 1849. From the time of his initiation he took a warm interest in the Lodge with which he was associated, and after having served the minor offices, was elected to the Worshipful Master's chair in December 1858. He was also one of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall in York, towards which he was a liberal subscriber, and was ever ready to identify himself with any movement having for its object the good of Freemasonry. Bro. March was also a member of the York City Council, in the proceedings of which he took a very active part; he entered the Corporation in 1849 as Councillor, since which time he has sat continuously in the Chamber, being, at the time of his death, with the exception of Bro. Sir James Meek P.M. P.P.G.S.W., the oldest member of the Corporation. In 1871 he was elevated to the Aldermanic bench, and in 1873 served the office of Lord Mayor. During his mayoralty the installation of the Earl of Zetland, the present popular Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, took place in the City of York, under the auspices of the York Lodge, when Bro. March placed at the disposal of the Province the state rooms of the Mansion House and the ancient Guildhall, in which the ceremony was performed. On the occasion Bro. March was appointed to the office of Senior Provincial Grand Warden, amidst the warmest expressions of approval from a large concourse of brethren. Bro. March was greatly esteemed by a wide circle of friends, and by his lamented death the York Lodge and the Province of North and East Yorkshire have lost one of their most venerated and respected members, and the city of York one of its most valued citizens. The funeral of Bro. March took place at the York Cemetery on Tuesday last, his remains being followed to the grave by the Lord Mayor and Corporation, the magistrates, and a large number of prominent citizens. Amongst the brethren who attended to pay their last tribute of respect to their departed brother were Bro. W. H. Gainforth W.M.; Past Masters Bros. R. W. Hollon, Sir James Meek, Rev. J. E. M. Young, William Lawton, R. Davison, Jos. Todd Treasurer, George Balmford, Swann Maltby, F. Rawling, A. Buckle, T. B. Whytehead; Bros. J. Sykes Rymer J.W., George Kirby Secretary, Alderman Jos. Terry, Alderman George Brown, Alderman W. Valey, E. Oates, M. Varrill, T. S. Camidge, Thomas Hopkins Organist, E. Houlden, William T. Gowland, Jos. Wilkinson Town Clerk, H. Churchill I.G., Turner, George Browne, George Garbutt, J. Saville, John Ives, W. Wilson, T. G. Hodgson, Alfred Hanson, J. Young, W. Smith, F. Bland, W. Nicholson, Henry Scott, J. Redfare, and many other brethren.

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THE POLISH NATIONAL LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have seen in a recent number of your valued journal a brief account of the last regular meeting of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534; but with your kind permission I will supplement the necessarily scanty details it was in your power to give with some particulars of the business that was despatched on the occasion. I had the good fortune to be present, and consequently heard the very general expressions of regret among the members at the unavoidable absence of your esteemed representative. I beg, therefore, to offer myself up as a victim at the altar of the deity—I do not know his name, but I think it must be Mercury—who watches over the destinies of Reporters. Possibly, my expiatory sacrifice may succeed in allaying his anger at the meeting of the Polish National Lodge, in this instance, unavoidably received so small a measure of notice in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Even Mercury is powerless to distribute a reporter among several Lodges on one and the same evening. But without further preface let me at once enter upon my self-assumed character of your representative, in the hope that, albeit I am but a miserable amateur player of the part, my information may prove of interest to your readers.

After the usual preliminaries in opening the Lodge and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Dr. Jagielski W.M. set himself to the task of raising Bros. Culverhouse and Ernest A. Rüntz to the sublime degree of M.M., and those brethren having given the requisite evidence of their proficiency, were entrusted and retired, and the Lodge was raised. On their re-admission the ceremony was ably and impressively rendered by the W. Master and his Officers—in a manner, indeed, which evoked expressions of delight from all present. In the meantime Bro. A. H. Rüntz arrived on the scene, and he too, after having undergone the needful course of interrogation and preparation, was raised to the same degree, the ceremony being quite as finely and impressively rendered in this as in the previous instances. Certain motions relating to the internal arrangements of the Lodge having been discussed at considerable length, Lodge was closed after a very protracted sitting, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The brethren then sat down to dinner, under the presidency of their genial chief, and as you have already noted, a most pleasant evening, enlivened by a most commendable programme of music, was spent. I should mention that after the feast of the Visitors had been given and responded to, Dr. Jagielski decorated the three new Master Masons with the Polish Eagle, which all members of the Lodge of that degree are permitted to wear, and, in pinning the jewels on the breasts of the respective M.M.'s, the W. Master gave a full and interesting history of that decoration—similar to the one delivered by him in Lodge on the evening of his installation in the chair—as well as an explanation of its significance as an emblem. It may be as well to add that there are now three members of the Lodge—the Bros. Rüntz—who are not only brethren by birth but brothers in Freemasonry, the eldest of the three having already attained to the post of Senior Deacon. Dr. Jagielski likewise paid a well-merited tribute of respect to Bro. Saegert, P.M. of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford, who was present as a Visitor, and who, in a long course of years has by his able instruction—conveyed in a friendly and fraternal way—succeeded in providing the Polish National Lodge with a succession of model specimens of W. Masters and Officers; and this compliment was not only acknowledged, but reciprocated by Bro. Saegert, who congratulated the Master and his Officers on their highly admirable working that evening. Bro. Jagielski further stated that he had succeeded in obtaining grants of £15 and £20 respectively from the Lodge of Benevolence, the former in aid of a brother who was desirous of going to Edinburgh in search of work, and to see after his family. Both he and his colleague in distress had also been assisted out of the funds of the Lodge—one of them for the second time.

Amongst the members of the Lodge present were Bros. Paas P.M., Nowakowski P.M., Rath P.M., Camming P.M., Ebner P.M., and Aspinall I.P.M.; among the Visitors Bros. Saegert P.M. 548, C. W. Hudson W.M. 1540, and P.M. 315, H. W. Alford S.D. 228, H. Clark 788, J. W. Baldwin 1692, W. Kingham P.M. 1507, M. H. Baker 1732.

Trusting my *début* as a reporter may prove satisfactory,

I remain fraternally yours,

Q. E. D.

[We beg to thank our worthy correspondent for his kind communication. To borrow his own expressive phrase "Even Mercury is powerless to distribute a reporter among several Lodges on one and the same evening," and our customary representatives were, unfortunately, pre-engaged on the evening in question. It is needless for us to speak of the pleasure, as well as instruction, we derive from visiting the Polish National, or, with the experience of many visits deeply impressed on our mind, with what cordiality we are always welcomed by the Master, Officers, and Members. It is, therefore, the more gratifying to us to be in a position, thanks to "Q. E. D.'s" kind report above, to furnish these fuller details of the last meeting of the Lodge.—ED. F. C.]

THE MANSION HOUSE BANQUET.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I noticed some time since in the Masonic columns of your contemporary the *Citizen* certain remarks as to the absence from the banquet, given by ex-Lord Mayor Truscott to His Royal Highness the Grand Master toward the end of last month, of the Worshipful Masters of The Great City and other City Lodges. These remarks had considerable force in them. Lord Mayor Truscott, in his dual capacity of Worshipful Master of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and Junior Grand Warden of England, entertained the Grand Master, together with a large number of his brother Grand Officers, and other representatives of the Craft. The entertainment was given at his official residence, as the Chief Magistrate of the City of London, and it seems only in the order of things that complaints should have been made of the smallness of the contingent which represented the City Lodges, as distinguished from the general body of Metropolitan Lodges. It has since been explained, in the case of the Worshipful Master of The Great City Lodge, that no invitation was sent, as no one knew his address; but what about the numerous Lodges which meet in Aldersgate-street, Basinghall-street, Fleet-street, &c., the majority of whose members are in some way or other connected with the City? Were they as well represented as they should have been? I have seen it stated that several Common Councilmen, who, in their Masonic capacity, have not been inside a Lodge for some twenty years, were at the gathering. I say nothing against this, but I think those entrusted with the arrangements should have taken care that the City Lodges were not entirely left out in the cold.

It must seem ungracious on the part of any one to criticise the list of the invited at some special feast. In this instance the number of guests was necessarily limited. No one is so foolish as to imagine the Egyptian Hall could have accommodated the hundreds who would like to have been present. But even at the risk of being considered a rude and unfraternal critic, I must say it has struck me—as I know it must have struck many other brethren—as more than passing strange that the hospitality of the Lord Mayor was not extended towards the executive Officers of those three Charitable Institutions of which all English Masons are so justly proud. By the executive Officers I mean, of course, that triad of Masonic worthies, Bros. Binckes, Terry, and Hedges, the Secretaries of the Boys', Girls', and Benevolent Institutions respectively. I am sure Lord Mayor Truscott would not knowingly have permitted so conspicuous a slight to be placed on these brethren, whose untiring devotion to their arduous duties is universally acknowledged. It was, I repeat, something more than passing strange that, at a banquet at which it was certain the grand work done by our Institutions would be referred to in terms of justifiable pride, the very brethren to whose energy and ability is principally due the marvellous successes of our Charity Festivals should have been conspicuous by their absence. It may have been—though I hardly think it likely—that all three were invited, but were unable to attend. In such case my criticism necessarily falls through, and it would become my duty to apologise, as I should do most fully, "to whom it may concern," for having charged them with an omission of which they had not been guilty. At present it is on record that at a representative gathering of brethren met together in the official residence of the Lord Mayor, and at his invitation, for the purpose of doing honour to the Grand Master of England, the Secretaries of our three Institutions whose benefits were made the theme of approving comment, were not present. I say the slight to the gentlemen in question may have been unintentional, but that does not make it the less conspicuous or the less worthy of remark.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

MASTER MASON.

A DISSERTATION ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is considerable incongruity in the remarks of your correspondent who signs himself "ONE WHO WAS THERE." Our brother begins by deprecating your liberality in according me—or rather the reporter of my dissertation—three-quarters of a column. Does that spring from his purely Masonic anxiety to see none of a brother's substance—even though that consists only of printing ink—wasted? If, as our brother asserts, he was present, he must be aware that our esteemed Brother Wendt not only tolerated dissertation, but actually expressed his strong approval of it, fully sympathised with the object I had in view, and seconded (a very unusual proceeding on the part of a Grand Officer—a Visitor) the vote of thanks proposed by the Worshipful Master. He subsequently expressed himself to the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P., in the following concise manner—"Every word Bro. Sigismund said this evening is Gospel." And now to the objections of our communicative brother correspondent. If the Judea-phobe business is stale in his estimation, it does not follow that it is in that of others, more especially—as he himself admits—to a novice in Masonry. Our brother further deprecates, and evidently is in *terrore* of "certain new and absurd changes." This is quite comprehensible to me. To judge by his letter, he has strong reasons to put his foot down on all innovations, especially when those innovations point clearly and distinctly in one direction.

I will, for his information, give you an epitome of some of my remarks on the last occasion of my speaking on the subject. (It is that, dear Brother, which has induced your correspondent to unsheath his pen.) On the continent, I informed the brethren, the humble representative in the chair of King Solomon was chosen, not for the amount of ritual crammed into him, but for his *intellectual and social position*; and, further, that those who are candidates for admission into our Order undergo a most rigorous scrutiny into their

social as well as moral character. Every precaution is taken that none but really worthy and *honourable* men shall be admitted. Here, I informed them, my short Masonic career has given me the sad conviction that it was otherwise. How the strict following of my brother's recommendation to attend a Lodge of Instruction could possibly have prevented me from giving my dissertation, he does not enlighten me; therefore it remains a closely veiled mystery. Would it be any satisfaction to him to know that I have been to a Lodge of Instruction, and that although many of the working brethren were in search of something, they made continual additions to their loss; they kept on dropping certain letters, and picked them up again at most inconvenient times? Is our brother under the impression that I could have been deterred from suggesting those "absurd changes" by the lessons taught me there? It is true, that in explaining certain portions of the working of our Continental brethren I remarked that they impressed me very much, and are, in my estimation, even worthy of emulation. Has this given rise to a mirage before our brother's view, wherein he saw the downfall of our beloved Order, so that, imbued with true piety, he fervently raises his voice in prayer that our Ritual, Constitution (*and Aspirations*), will ever remain unchanged?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

J. MORDAUNT SIGISMUND.

48 Queen Anne-street, Cavendish-square,
1st Dec. 1880.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

London, E.C. 29th Nov. 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was likewise present at the meeting of the Montefiore Lodge when Bro. Sigismund, who is only a very young Mason, gave, by permission of the W.M., his dissertation on Masonry. Whilst admitting that much of his lecture might, *under the circumstances*, have been left unsaid, still I do not see there is any blame attached to a member of the Craft informing other members of his opinions and the impressions created in his mind by visiting foreign Lodges. In my humble opinion it is much to Bro. Sigismund's credit to have already, as so young a member, taken so much interest, and so thoroughly imbued himself with the true spirit of Freemasonry, that he has at once perceived some painful differences between Masonry as it ought to be and as it is carried out. I am certain, had he communicated his intentions to some older member of the Craft, he would have left some remarks in abeyance; but, at the same time, this is no fault, and I am sorry to see it has created a wrong impression.

What is occasionally done when there is no business before the Lodge? The Master, or some efficient brother, works a section or sections. What are these but explanations of Freemasonry? and why should a member not deliver a lecture on Freemasonry, and give us a gleanings of the working of foreign Lodges? I think it is both appropriate and instructive, and that time is better spent in listening on such occasions than in going at once to banquet.

Bro. Sigismund considered some alterations which he noticed worthy of adaptation. I differ with him, and should be sorry to see any alterations, either in our Ritual or Constitution; but it is only by the expression of our opinions that we can convince each other which is right or wrong; and I for one do not believe that Freemasonry stands on so weak a basis that it cannot allow a member to express his individual opinion, and almost to challenge better instruction.

I should not have troubled you with these remarks but for the letter of "ONE WHO WAS THERE." I differed with Bro. Sigismund on the good tact of his lecture, *under present circumstances*, as I mentioned before, and informed him of this; but I do not think it deserves the strictures of your correspondent.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Fraternally yours,

S. POLLITZER P.M.

SOC. ROSICR. in Angliâ.

York College.—On Saturday last a meeting of this College was held in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York. Amongst those present were Fratres T. B. Whythead IX Ch. Ad., Rev. W. C. Lukis VII. Suff., J. S. Camberland VII. Celeb., T. J. Wilkinson V., E. P. Peterson V., C. L. Mason V., R. W. Moore, and others. After some formal and preliminary work Bros. W. Paley, M.D. (Ripon), and John Oates (Darlington) were received into the M.C. and admitted to the First Grade. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Chief Adept read a paper on the Literature of the Old Rosicrucians, illustrated by a translation of an old pamphlet of 1619, entitled "Philosophicus Raptus." The Suffragan also read a paper on a visit paid by him last summer to the remains of a Preceptory of Knights Hospitaliers at Dunmore, in Herefordshire. Great interest was expressed in both subjects by the members, and the papers were ordered to be printed. The M.C. was then dissolved.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Hale Constitutions.—When the human frame has become debilitated from the effects of exposure, excesses, or neglect, these pills will repair the mischief. If they be taken according to the lucid directions wrapped round each box, Holloway's Pills exert the most exemplary tonic qualities in all cases of nervous depression, whereby the vital powers are weakened, and the circulation is rendered languid and unsteady. They improve the appetite, strengthen the digestion, regulate the liver, and act as gentle aperients. The pills are suited to all ages and all habits. A patient writes:—"Your pills to be valued require only to be known. During many years I sought a remedy in vain, was daily becoming weaker, when your pills soon restored me."

ROYAL ARCH.

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE Installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. P. Dickinson Z., L. Lazarus H., W. H. Gulliford J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, N. Baum S.E., P.Z.'s S. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, H. M. Levy, M. J. Emmanuel, and W. Littaur. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last Convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. J. S. Lyon, late of 188, was elected a joining member. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Megaw, Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, which was unanimously in his favour. Bro. J. Hobinstock, who had been previously accepted, was then exalted into the Order by the M.E.Z., whose accurate working it was a pleasure to listen to. Every Officer was perfect in his duties. During the evening a telegram was received from Bro. Megaw, regretting his absence. Comp. L. Lazarus was installed M.E.Z., H. Gulliford H., and P. Isaac J., the ceremony being performed by Comp. W. Littaur in a manner characteristic of that eminent exponent of R.A. ritual. On the re-admission of the Companions the newly-installed M.E.Z. appointed and invested his Officers:—Comps. P. Dickinson I.P.Z., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, N. Baum S.E., Budorus S.N., I. P. Cohen P.S., Hawkins 1st Assist., J. Davis 2nd Assist., Smith Janitor. The resignation of two Companions was accepted. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; this showed a balance in favour of the Chapter of £39 17s 6d. After hearty good wishes had been rendered by the Visitors, the Chapter was closed until January, and the Companions sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. Grace having been said, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal toasts. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of the newly-exalted Companion, who, he felt assured, would be a respected member of the Chapter, and one whom they were proud to see among them. He need hardly say he referred to Comp. Hobinstock, who, in an excellent speech, responded. The toast of the joining members was given, coupled with the names of Comps. Rev. S. M. Harris and J. S. Lyon. Comp. S. M. Harris said this was his second visit; the first time he came as a visitor; the second as a joining member. The speaker referred to the admirable and exceptionally able manner in which the Z. had performed the ceremony of exaltation, and then gave a very learned dissertation on the principles of R.A. Masonry, which was listened to by all present with great attention. Comp. P. Dickinson I.P.Z. said the next toast was a very important one; it was the health of the M.E.Z. In the Craft we work for the Mastership of a Lodge: in the Royal Arch for the M.E.Z.'s chair. To-night we have one at our head who has acquitted himself with great *éclat* during his year of office. Comp. Lazarus had not only given his services to the study of R.A. Masonry, but he would rule the Chapter with a kindly hand. The M.E.Z. said that he had always been anxious to preside over a Chapter of R.A. Masons; he thanked Comp. Dickinson for proposing his health. He then proposed the health of the Visitors whom they were always pleased to see. He enumerated Comps. Southwood, Coltart, Eckstein 1169, Lyons 753, and L. Alexander late 188. He hoped the members of the Chapter, one and all, would give them a hearty fire. After Comp. Southwood had acknowledged this compliment, the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the P.Z.'s, for which Comp. Dickinson replied. The ability displayed by the other Principals and the other Officers was not overlooked, and then the Janitor gave the parting toast.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 30th Nov., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and, as usual, was numerously attended. Present:—Comps. Le Feuvre Z., Lardner H., R. Payne J., Pennefather N., Dottridge P.S., Brown Preceptor, and the following Companions:—Wood, Bloomfield, Wyer, Thompson, Macdonald, Maidwell, W. Fraser, J. S. Fraser, Duncan, Edwards, Powell, Abell, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gillard candidate. The whole ceremony was gone through in an almost faultless manner, all the Principals being well up to their work. There can be no doubt that this Chapter offers advantages to young Royal Arch Masons seeking instruction which are not to be found elsewhere. Comp. Brown, the talented Preceptor, is at all times most painstaking in his efforts to make others as perfect in the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry as he is himself. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Comp. Swan, of the Granite Chapter 1328, and Comp. Cussans, of the Gladsmuir Chapter 1385, were unanimously elected members of this Chapter of Improvement. The Chapter was then closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday evening, 7th Dec., at half-past six o'clock.

We have to thank Bro. Tudor Trevor for a copy of his pamphlet, printed for private circulation, and entitled "The Un-Masonic Trial: Bro. Voigt versus Bros. Carr, Laking, and Tudor." It does not appear to contain fresh matter, and we see no reason for reverting to a subject which will always retain its unsavouriness, from whatever point of view it may be regarded.

DANCING.—Bro. JACQUES WYNMAN, Professor of Dancing, gives daily instruction in all the fashionable Dances to those who are without previous knowledge. Private lessons at any time, by appointment. Families attended. Balls conducted, and first class Bands provided if desired. Assemblies every Monday and Thursday, at Eight o'clock.

PROSPECTUS ON APPLICATION.

ACADEMY—74 NEWMAN STREET, OXFORD STREET, W.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE closing month of another year brings us once more to the date of the installation meeting of the St. Leonard Lodge, which this year was held at the regular quarters—the Town Hall, Shore-ditch—on Wednesday, 1st instant, and in the result we have to record a most successful gathering. The immortal bard has told us that "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them;" and this sentiment is as equally applicable to our Masonic Lodges as to mankind in general. Some Lodges start with such surroundings as to at once secure a place among the foremost ranks of the Order; others by their deeds of hospitality and charity earn for themselves a similar distinction, while others may assuredly be looked upon as having greatness thrust upon them. We assume there is nothing to prevent a combination of the three causes; indeed, we think that the present position of the St. Leonard Lodge goes far to prove not only the possibility, but the actual existence, of such a state. There everything, and everybody, seems to have combined to attain the great end of our beloved Order. Comfortable quarters handsomely fitted, efficient Masters and Officers, successful working, and a general desire on the part of all to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness, have produced the only result which can be possible, and to-day we find in 1766 a Lodge which may serve as a pattern to any who may desire to practise Freemasonry in its truest sense. On Wednesday the Lodge was opened by Bro. G. T. Barr, who has filled the chair during the past year. He was supported by Bros. C. F. Barham S.W., Elias Benjamin J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson, M.A. Chap., C. Stevens Treas., Joseph Cox Sec., J. A. Jones S.D., A. A. Clement J.D., E. Walker D.C., G. C. Young W.M. 820 Organist, J. Funston I.G., Frank Matthews Steward, J. Terry Hon. P.M., Louis Stean P.M., &c. Having discharged the opening duties and disposed of the routine business before the Lodge, Bro. G. T. Barr in due form installed his successor, performing the task in a most satisfactory manner. After the customary salutations, the following Officers were invested, viz., Bros. Benjamin S.W., Jones J.W., Henderson Chaplain, Stevens Treasurer, Cox Secretary, Clement S.D., Funston J.D., Walker I.G., Matthews D.C., R. Drysdale Steward, H. J. Thrower Assist. Steward, Young Organist, C. T. Speight Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed in regular order, after which the newly installed Master proceeded to initiate Messrs. George Lockyer and George Short into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The name of a gentleman desiring initiation was handed in, as also that of a brother wishing to join the Lodge. Before closing the Lodge, the W.M. invested his predecessor with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. The W.M. in brief terms made the presentation, at the same time assuring Bro. Barr that he had the heartiest good wishes of the members for his future health and happiness. The receipt of a letter was announced from Bro. Hedges, asking for the appointment of a Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' School. The W.M. and S.W. announced their intention of each acting in that capacity. A similar request was also made on behalf of the Benevolent Institution by Bro. Terry, and it was understood that next year the St. Leonard's Lodge would be represented in that quarter. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, the provision of which, we understand, is now undertaken by the Lodge itself. If what we witnessed on Wednesday is a fair criterion of what can be accomplished in this direction, we could almost advise many of the Lodges now meeting in similar parts to try the experiment. Bro. Barham, the W.M., had certainly the gratification of feeling that the efforts of himself and others in this respect amply rewarded them for any little trouble they might have been put to. The brethren having done justice to the good things provided, and grace having been said, the W.M. proceeded with the customary toasts; with that of the Prince of Wales the W.M. coupled the name of the Princess, desiring the brethren especially to drink to her health on that the anniversary of her birthday. Bro. W. Clarke Assist. Grand Pursuivant replied to the toast of the Grand Officers. He felt the Craft was safe in the hands of its present rulers, all of whom were always striving for its advancement. Bro. Barr I.P.M. followed with the next toast. On no occasion, he said, had a more pleasing duty devolved on him than that he had then undertaken. Whenever it was his lot to propose the health of a brother he liked to be in the position of knowing him well, as he desired to make only such statements as could not be refuted. Of the present Master he could justly say that he was never satisfied when he undertook a task unless he performed it well. From his known ability in the chair of a Lodge, Bro. Barr felt sure his duty as Master would prove no exception to the rule. The W.M. had undertaken the work or principally so, required in connection with the catering of that day; the brethren had had an opportunity of judging what he could do in that respect, and he felt that if any improvement was required it would be carried out. The toast met a hearty reception at the hands of the brethren, and the W.M. briefly acknowledged it. He felt grateful to the brethren for having elected him to his present position. He should do his utmost to carry out the duties of the chair with credit, both to himself and the Lodge. He assured the brethren that that day he had done his best, both in the Lodge and as regarded the provision of the banquet, and if anything was wrong, it must be attributed not to a want of desire for success, but really as being beyond his power. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M. He expressed the great pleasure and surprise he felt at witnessing the splendid way in which Bro. Barr had carried out the duties of Installing Master. He sincerely hoped that in the future every Master would consider that part of the year's work as a part of his duty, and that for many years to come successive Masters would be installed, not by deputy, but by the outgoing Master himself. He concluded by paying a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Barr for the able and efficient way in which he had carried out the work of the Lodge. Bro. Barr, in reply, expressed his thanks to the brethren for the very kind manner in which they and the W.M. eulogised him. He only hoped that what

had been said was deserved on his part, and that he should ever maintain the credit which then attached to him. As regarded his position as Installing Master, he had thought of leaving that ceremony in the hands of some more able brother, but he felt that however much more ably a brother might do the usual work, he could not more heartily approach the task than he should himself. Knowing also the kindly feeling of the brethren, who he was assured would look upon any mistakes, not with a critical eye, but rather with one of sympathy, and who would be the last to blame him for any shortcomings, he determined to attempt the task, with what result the brethren could best judge. He knew he could hardly express his feelings as regarded the handsome jewel which had that night been presented to him, but he hoped he might, by his presence on many future occasions, shew his appreciation of it. The W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Stean was, he said, one of the oldest Masons in London, and a worthy father of the St. Leonard Lodge. He was—and the W.M. trusted always would be—highly respected. Bros. Stean and Barr each replied. Bro. Stean felt he was too well known as a Past Master to need his making any long speech. Bro. Barr pointed out that the work of a brother did not finish when he left the chair, as he himself could testify, having received such valuable assistance from Past Masters both in his own Lodge and elsewhere. To the toast of the Initiates a reply was given by each of the newly admitted brethren, both of whom expressed their pleasure at joining the Craft. Bro. Terry, in an able speech, acknowledged a similar compliment paid to "The Charities," after which "The Visitors" and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a termination. Among the Visitors who signed the book were Bros. R. Jennings I.P.M. 907, G. Edwards W.M. 1816, S. Smither 193, W. Cutting 193, G. Taylor P.M. 217, J. Harrison 127C, F. A. Kelly 1524, H. Sarson 70, W. H. Lee P.M. 975, H. Dance P.M. 754, C. F. Luckhurst 1604, J. S. Badkin P.M. 1365, R. H. Peace 179, G. T. Turner S.D. 183, J. Smith 1107, J. T. Sinclair 813, W. W. Morgan jun. 1885, G. Townsend P.M. 820, &c., G. J. Woodman J.W. 1599, J. Dunse J.D. 193, A. Bridgman 754, W. Musto P.M. 1349, H. Finch W.M. 1635, J. Robson J.D. 1445, F. Carr S.D. 1607, W. Nicholson 19, T. Hamer W.M. 1426, W. Hancock 1549, &c., &c.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular monthly meeting of this old Lodge was held on Monday, 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M. Bro. Charles E. Hindley was supported by his Officers and a large number of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. William Warner, duly proposed at the last meeting, which proved unanimously in his favour, and being present he was initiated by the W.M. Later in the evening, on the invitation of the W.M. Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, raised Bro. Thos. Robinson to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge having been lowered, a gold Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Hindley for his valuable services as W.M. The S.W. Dr. Alf. H. Young was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. After the transaction of some routine business the Lodge was closed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting held on Friday, 26th November, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at half-past seven p.m., there were present—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Maton S.W., Gomm I.P.M. 780 J.W., Blasby W.M. 780 S.D., Gunner Hon. Sec. J.D., Monson I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Cummins P.M., F. Botley, Gelfowski, N. Wotton, Kent, Lees, Matts, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. N. Wotton offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Lees and Matts answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was advanced; then Bro. Kent offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in third degree, and closed to first, when Bro. Lees and Matts were re-admitted, and the dues were collected. Bro. Maton was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned till 3rd December, at the usual hour.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, "Liverpool Arms," Canning Town, on 23rd ult. Bro. Pavitt W.M., P.M. Myers S.W., Smith J.W., Ives I.G., P.M. Cundick I.P.M.; also Bros. Andrews, Johnson, Ellingford, Sadler, Spencer, &c. This being the night for Sections only, the following were worked by the brethren—1st Bro. Johnson, 2nd Andrews, 3rd Worsley, 4th Johnson, 5th Smith, 6th Myers, 7th Cundick. The Lodge opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and closed to the 1st. Bro. Cundick spoke highly of the way in which Bro. Pavitt put the questions for the first seven sections, and hoped to hear him work the fifteen on the next occasion. It was arranged the installation ceremony should have been worked on Tuesday by P.M. Bro. Musto, who, from unavoidable circumstances, has been unable to attend for the past month, and that he should be assisted by Past Masters Cundick and Myers, who kindly promised to attend. To commence at 7.30 punctually. We had not, however, at the time of going to press, received our usual report of the proceedings.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham, on Wednesday, the 24th November, when there were present—Bros. H. V. Clements W.M., J. Farren S.W., J. Garrod J.W., David Roberts Treasurer, T. Cunningham Sec., the rest of the Officers, and a good muster of the brethren and P.M.'s. The Visitors were Bros. W. T. Howe P.G.P., O. S. Oxley W.M. 1237, Bryant 1237, Poore 1237, Mathison P.M. 1237, Hubbard 1732, Pawson 1732, and Woodward 1728. After the usual preliminaries, and the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Lodge was opened to the second degree, and

further advanced to the third, when Bro. J. D. Birkin was raised by the W.M. to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. On the resumption of the Lodge to the inferior degree, Bro. Percy Gilling was passed to the second. Other business of a minor character having been disposed of, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren repaired to the banquetting room, where an excellent dinner had been provided, the chair being occupied by the W.M. In giving the last of the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Clements said he was pleased to see an Officer of Grand Lodge (Bro. Howe) present, he should therefore couple his name with that of the Grand Officers. Bro. Howe, after thanking the W.M. and brethren for their cordial reception of his name, expressed the great gratification he felt in witnessing that evening the masterly manner in which the ceremonies had been worked, not only by the W.M., but likewise by the Officers. He was quite certain they could not be surpassed in any Lodge, and that whilst the business was conducted in so admirable a manner, the Lodge could not fail to prosper. The W.M. having briefly replied to the toast of his health, and Bro. Townsend to that of the P.M.'s, the W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. On this occasion he had a double pleasure in proposing it, inasmuch as he was honoured that evening by what he might call a semi-official visit from the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237. The object he had in view when he invited the W.M. of that Lodge, and as many of its members as could conveniently come, was to show the cordiality that always existed among neighbouring Lodges, and it was with great pleasure that he gave them a hearty welcome to the High Cross Lodge. Bro. Oxley, the W.M. of the Enfield Lodge, in reply said, he could not find words to express the great pleasure he felt in being present with his Officers and other members of his Lodge that evening, and enjoying the hospitality of their old friends and neighbours; he was pleased to say there was not only a kindly feeling existing between the two Lodges, but they were also cemented by a brotherly feeling, which he trusted would always remain, and that these friendly visits would continue to be interchanged. Bro. Taverner, W.M. elect of the Enfield Lodge, also thanked the W.M. on behalf of himself and the other visitors for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they had been received that evening. Other toasts followed, and one of the most enjoyable evenings that could possibly have been spent was brought to a close in time for the brethren to catch their respective trains.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662.—Held at the Chequers Hotel, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Wednesday, 24th November. Present—Bros. J. Edwards W.M., J. Reed S.W., F. Hallows J.W., G. Clark S.D., W. G. Hallows J.D., T. Franklin I.G., Jas. Pinder P.M.; also Bros. Upward, Carter, and Clemens. The Lodge opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Carter candidate. Bro. Clemens answered the questions, showing such proficiency as entitled him to be passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. P.M. Pinder, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first, second, and third sections of the first lecture. Bro. Clemens was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge.

On Wednesday last, Bro. W. G. Hallows W.M., J. Upward S.W., J. Edwards J.W., G. Clark J.D., H. Clemens I.G., P.M. Pinder and Bro. J. Hyde. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hyde candidate. This brother then answered the usual questions preparatory to the second degree. The first and second sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. P. M. Pinder, with the assistance of the brethren. Bro. Hyde was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge. Bro. Upward was elected W. M. for the ensuing week. It was explained that several of the brethren were absent on account of their attendance at Grand Lodge. The Lodge closed in due form.

The future meetings of the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, will be held at the Lamb Tavern, opposite the Bethnal Green Junction Station of the Great Eastern Railway. Bro. W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor.

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The inaugural dinner of the Master and Wardens of this Company took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on the evening of Wednesday, the 1st inst. Bro. Alfred Williams, the Master, occupied the chair, and amongst those present were the Right Hon. Lord Mayor McArthur, M.P., Lord Ashley, Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., Sheriff Waterlow, Lieut.-General Sir H. W. Norman, K.C.B., Bros. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Colonel Dundas Royal London Militia, Bro. Major Savory, Mr. B. Emmanuel, Master of the Patten-makers' Company, Captain H. S. Freeman Master-Designate of the Fan-makers' Company, Mr. J. E. Walford Master of the Loriner's Company, Messrs. Baldwin, Latham, and A. B. Pearce Senior and Junior Wardens respectively of the Entertaining Company, Bro. W. T. Sugg, Bro. Saillard, &c. The loyal toasts were followed by those of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," for which Sir H. Norman and Colonel Dundas responded; "The Houses of Lords and Commons," acknowledged by Lord Ashley and Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P.; and "The Lord Mayor and Corporation," to which his Lordship made cordial reply. The toast of "The Sheriffs" was acknowledged by Sheriff Waterlow, and then followed the toast of the evening, that of the Master in the Chair, which was most humorously proposed by Bro. Clarke, M.P., and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Williams. Dr. Irons replied for the Visitors. An excellent selection of music enhanced the pleasure of the gathering.

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On Monday the troupe made their annual migration, rendered necessary by the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, to the East End of London, where they have found quarters at the Garrick Theatre, Leman-street, Whitechapel. They will remain for the next fortnight, and, if we may judge from the hearty reception they have, as usual, met with, their excursion will prove to be a great success. They re-open at the Agricultural Hall on the 20th inst., with a programme suitable to the festive season so near at hand. They purpose giving afternoon performances at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 27th inst. (Boxing Day), and the day following.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., a banquet was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, at which R. W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was presented with a handsome testimonial, in the form of a piece of plate, in testimony of the respect in which he is held, and also for the purpose of commemorating his recent accession to the baronetcy. The Vicar of Richmond occupied the chair, and he was ably supported by Sir Henry Peek and Sir Trevor Lawrence, two of the Members for the county, as well as by a strong muster of other gentlemen.

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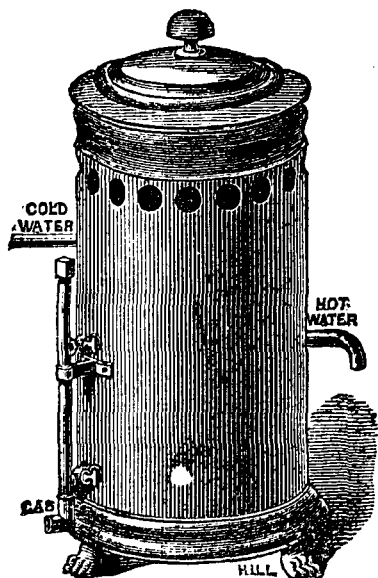
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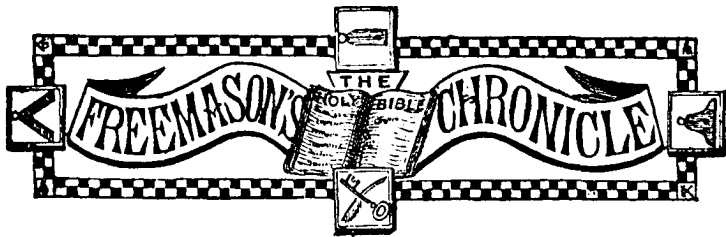
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Collings has more than realised the expectations that were formed of him when he was promoted to the chair of King Solomon, and having well and wisely governed his Lodge, winning golden opinions from brethren who are not lavish of their encomiums unless well deserved, he will carry with him to the Past Masters' dais the satisfaction that his endeavours to sustain the dignity of his office have been most creditable to himself and to the whole of the brethren. That satisfaction will be enhanced by the consolatory fact that he will be succeeded in the chair by a gentleman who has well earned the honour, and upon whom the Master's mantle will sit gracefully. All those who know Brother George Britton, and have watched his progress in the science during the twelve months he has supported Bro. Collings in the Senior Warden's chair, will be ready to look forward with confidence that the lustre of the position and the dignity of the Lodge will not suffer in his hands. It was, therefore, with the utmost gratification that at the final meeting for the season, which was held on Thursday, 25th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, Bro. Britton was elected by the unanimous voice of a well-filled Lodge as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The brethren assembled at half-past two o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring W. Master, who was supported by Bros. George Britton S.W., J. Harper, Ph.D., J.W., Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treasurer, T. R. Eames P.M. Hon. Sec., Oliver Cromwell Sargent I.G., A. B. Neats P.M. acting as S.W., Henry Povey acting as S.D., W. M. Ashwell I.P.M., E. F. Storr P.M., Crawford P.M., James Norman P.M., Thos. Whiting, Henry Frederick Griffin (Master of the Fanmakers' Company), Wm. John Eden Crane, Alexander Macgregor, Joseph Corbett, John Davidson, Mark Hubbard, W. Cook, E. Hollandt, C. H. Crowe, Benjamin C. Crowe, R. Cutting, John Frost, E. Y. Jolliffe, R. W. Coulcher, W. Busyard, T. J. Lawrence, and R. Peart. Visitors—Bros. John R. Puttick 81, G. P. Britton 183, H. R. Davidson 181, and Abercorn, of the Archimedes Lodge, Saxony. Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. J. Harper, Ph.D., was invested as J.W., that office having become vacant. The ballot was then prepared for Mr. Henry Frederick Griffin (Master of the Fanmakers' Company), on the nomination of Bro. E. F. Storr P.M., seconded by the Treasurer; Mr. William John Eden Crane, proposed by the W.M., seconded by the Hon. Sec.; and Mr. Alexander Macgregor, whose sponsors were the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. M. Ashwell, and Bro. Crawford P.M. All three were unanimously approved, and Messrs. Crane and Macgregor were duly initiated by the W. Master, who acquitted himself with his accustomed ability. In the case of the Master of the Fanmakers' Company, Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. requested that he might be allowed the privilege of initiating his nominee, and the request having been courteously acceded to by the W. Master, Bro. Storr performed the ceremony with an ability and precision which forcibly reminded the brethren of days gone by, when the now popular Past Master was in the zenith of his activity as Master of the Neptune. Subsequently Lodge was advanced to the third, and Bros. Joseph Corbett and Thomas Whiting were raised to the sublime degree by the W. Master, who delivered the charges in a most able and effective manner. Lodge having been lowered, Bro. George Britton S.W. was unanimously elected W. Master for the ensuing year, in return for which compliment he thanked the brethren in a few happily-chosen sentences. He was deeply sensible of the great honour which they had conferred upon him, and should endeavour to justify the choice they had made by devoting himself sedulously to promote the best and highest interests of the Lodge. He trusted he might be able to tread in the footsteps of the many excellent Masters who had preceded him, and by emulating their example, to maintain successfully the prestige which they had secured for the good old Neptune Lodge. Bro. Isaac Wilcox P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with cordial thanks for his past services; and Bro. Parkinson was re-appointed Tyler. The sum of five guineas was voted to each of the three Masonic Institutions, Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. expressing his regret that the brethren could not see their way to granting double that amount. The proposal to present Bro. Collings with a Past Master's jewel, on his retirement from office in January next, met with an enthusiastic response, and the W. Master received the heartiest congratulations of the brethren upon his success and efficiency in the discharge of his exalted functions. The business of a somewhat formidable

agenda having been concluded, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the handsome and spacious throne room of the hotel, where a *recherché* banquet was provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, who well sustained the character of this first-class establishment by the quality of their wines and *cuisine*. The tables were decorated with vases and epergnes of the choicest cut flowers, ferns, and ornamental plants, which imparted to the saloon an aspect of great beauty; and in his arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the numerous party, Mr. Sherwill gave fresh evidence of that perfection which comes only with experience. Bro. Henry Mills personally superintended the waiting, which left nothing to be desired, and Bro. J. Marcham acted efficiently as toastmaster. At the conclusion of the repast the W. Master gave the Loyal toasts, informing the Initiates that such was the custom amongst Masons, who were always loyal to the Throne and devoted to the best interests of the Craft. The toasts were received with musical honours, the solos being well sustained by Bro. Mark Hubbard. Bro. Ashwell I.P.M., in proposing the "Health of the Worshipful Master," said he approached that particular toast with a degree of regret, inasmuch as this was the last time he should have the pleasure of proposing it. To a certain extent he must repeat what he had said in Lodge, and that was they all felt that Bro. Collings had done even more than they expected of him (and that was a good deal) when he entered on his year of office. He had fulfilled every expectation which they had of his capabilities, and they would all agree that the reward they had just agreed to present him on his retirement from office did not nearly compensate him for the time and trouble he had spent in furthering the interests of the Lodge. For himself he should be sorry to pass away from the lower ranks of the Past Masters, and he had heard Bro. Collings say he also should regret to leave the chair. He could hardly believe this, because if he had to spend another year in that position he might perhaps grow a little tired of the very arduous duties which attached to it. The W. Master, who was cordially received, said he had met with so much kindness from his brethren since he had occupied the chair, and he appreciated so deeply the extremely kind way in which they had received the mention of his name that evening that he hardly knew how to express himself in adequate terms. All he could say was that he had done his best to carry out the duties of his office; and if what he had done had met with their approbation, when he left the chair that would be something to take with him, which he should never forget. He next proposed the "health of the Initiates," in doing which he said the brethren ought to be proud of the class of recruits which had come amongst them on that occasion. He thought they might look forward to those initiates as very promising ones. Bro. Griffin, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the brethren for the kind and hospitable manner in which they had received him and his fellow initiates on this occasion. He accepted with peculiar pride and pleasure the right hand of fellowship which they had so kindly held out to him. He confessed he had some little fear and diffidence at first, but confidence was inspired by the knowledge that they were in such friendly hands. He trusted that their conduct might be such as to ensure for them in the future the increasing friendship and respect of the brethren. Bros. Crane and Macgregor also briefly returned thanks for the honour and privilege of being admitted to a participation in the privileges of the Craft. The W.M. next proposed the "health of the Past Masters," who were always ready to give what assistance was required of them. It was very fortunate for the W. Master for the time being to have such excellent P.M.'s to fall back upon as this Lodge possessed. There were times when such counsel and assistance were invaluable, and when it would be difficult to arrive at right conclusions upon one's own responsibility. But when the W. Master knew he would have the best advice—and he had always found his P.M.'s ready to give freely and voluntarily—it added much to the pleasure of the position he filled, and he now desired to acknowledge with gratitude the aid he had received at their hands. Bro. E. F. Storr P.M., in the course of his response to the toast, said he could not help speaking out on behalf of the Masonic Charities and sticking up for them. The brethren might call him "peppery," and he might have the name of "Charity Storr" in the Lodge; all he could say he was very proud of it. He hoped the day was far distant when the Charities would not find a friend in him, or when he should be unable to advocate their noble cause. He was proud of having been able to do some little towards augmenting the prosperity of the Neptune Lodge. He had brought in to-night, and had had the honour of initiating, through the courtesy of the Worshipful Master, his friend Mr. Henry Frederick Griffin, Master of the Fanmaker's Company; and he need not say, if he had not considered that gentleman a fit and proper person, worthy to be received into the Lodge, he should not have proposed him. He felt assured that in Bro. Griffin they would find not only an excellent friend and worthy brother, but one who would do his duty; and, as he sat now on the right of the chair, he would some day work his way into that chair. He hoped he might live to see the day when Bro. Griffin should be installed into the chair of what he considered one of the best Lodges in Masonry. It was his mother Lodge, and he loved it now more than ever, and desired to see its prestige and its prosperity still continue to increase. He thanked them for the hearty way in which they had received the toast of the P.M.'s, and as they had selected him to respond to it, he would merely say it was a great honour to be associated with such an array of P.M.'s as they saw around them that evening. Might God grant a long continuance of prosperity to the Neptune Lodge. The W. Master, in proposing the "Health of the Visitors," said ever since he had been a member of the Lodge it had been one of the cardinal points of their creed to look after their visitors, and this should be well followed up; for it made them acquainted with many excellent brethren, whom otherwise they might never have known; moreover, it kept them on the *qui vive* as to their working; and he had always seen the members of this Lodge anxious that the working should pass off well before visitors, and that they should be well treated. He loved to see visitors amongst them, for they gave a tone to a Lodge

which he thought very desirable. Bro. G. P. Britton P.M., of the Warehousemen and Clerks' School, responded, in doing which he spoke of the value of the interchange of visits amongst the brethren, so that they might witness the working of the various lodges. He could say, from a very long experience of Masonry, in the course of which he had visited many Lodges, he had never seen work better done than it had been to-night. It was a very rare occurrence to see officers so uniformly proficient, and their places so worthily filled. Bro. John R. Puttick, in responding, humourously observed that when he got on his legs to speak in the Neptune Lodge, he naturally felt "very much at sea." He had been delighted with what he had witnessed in Lodge, and with the open-hearted hospitality of the brethren. Bros. H. B. Davidson and Abercorn also suitably returned thanks. The W. Master then proposed the "Health of the Worshipful Master Elect," in doing which he said if he was guilty of the grief which had been attributed to him, at vacating that position, he should certainly be cheered in his dying moments by the confidence that he should have a worthy successor. He liked to be candid, and he had ventured the remark in Lodge that at one time he was doubtful as to the capabilities of the brother who was to follow him in the chair. He now begged to apologise to his immediate successor, who had showed capacity and a capability of acquiring proficiency that had certainly astonished him. He saw Bro. Britton once in the Lodge of Instruction, then he was somewhat backward, but when he went again three months after he found he could do the whole of the three ceremonies remarkably well. He had taken the three chairs at the Lodge of Instruction in a thoroughly competent manner. That was cheering to him, because he had taken a great interest in this Lodge, and wanted to see the work well done. He could not express the pleasure it afforded him to see his successor was progressing, and he anticipated that in the coming year they would witness some of the best working in London. The W. Master elect, who was received with loud and prolonged applause, said if one of their visitors had felt himself at sea in rising to speak in the Neptune Lodge, he (the speaker) certainly ought to say the same on this occasion. He would not say that he felt particularly flattered, even at the very nice remarks that had fallen from their excellent W. Master, because he failed to see the other end of them. He, too, like the W.M., would be honest and outspoken, and he would say he should like to know why he should not be able to do the work? (A voice: Bravo! little Britton.) It was very well at one end of the year to fancy that at the other end of it a man would not be able to do certain things. Men were not known all in a moment, and he did not know why he should not be able to do what any of his predecessors had been able to accomplish. They might recollect that at one time there was a "Brother Gray's Disabilities Bill," which he opposed, and should oppose again. But because he opposed it, he enjoyed for some time a certain amount of odium in the Lodge. He was willing, however, to undergo any ordeal, so far as he was personally concerned, to prove his efficiency, and he was bold to think he could do the work to the satisfaction of the Lodge. He therefore threw back upon some members who doubted his capabilities, and asked why they should think so? He should endeavour to do his best to promote the interests of the Lodge, and promised them that neither its working nor its dignity should suffer at his hands for want of exertion on his part. He felt confident that, assisted by such officers as he hoped to have about him, that the prestige of the Lodge would be well maintained, and that the end would be better than the beginning. The Worshipful Master then, in the most eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, with thanks for their past services, and expressing regret that Bro. Wilcox could not remain long enough to respond. The toast was suitably responded to by Bro. Eames P.M. Hon. Secretary. The health of the Junior Warden was next cordially received, and in reply, Bro. J. Harper, Ph.D., returned thanks for the very graceful compliment that had been paid to him, and expressed his confidence that their worthy Brother who had just been elected to the chair would acquit himself to the entire satisfaction of the Lodge. He (Bro. Harper) should endeavour, so far as he was personally concerned, to follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded him, and he hoped to discharge his duties with the same degree of skill as they had done. The Tyler's concluded the official toasts. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs, rendered in excellent style by Bros. Hubbard, Povey, Corbett, Harper, Peart, Cook, and other brethren. The evening was characterised by that harmonious and fraternal spirit for which the Neptune Lodge has become proverbial, and it was admitted that this was one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in connection with the Lodge.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S LODGE, No. 972.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Wednesday, 17th Nov., when Bro. Edwin Beer S.W. (P.M. 1449) was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. J. Welsh P.M. in his usual able manner, Bro. G. Pilcher P.M. P.P.G.D.C. acting as Director of Ceremonies. The following brethren were appointed Officers:—Bros. S. F. Pringuer S.W., Thomas Rossiter J.W., G. Pilcher P.M. Treas., H. F. Pringuer Sec., Thomas Crump S.D., W. Price J.D., A. J. Pelling Organist, W. Plant I.G., W. Harnett Tyler, S. Newman and R. Westwood Stewards, J. Welsh P.M. Director of Ceremonies. The brethren unanimously elected Bro. John Welsh P.M. as delegate to the Masonic Charities, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him for his efficient services as Installing Master. The W.M. then performed, on behalf of the brethren, a very pleasing duty, that of presenting to Bro. W. Harnett a gold chain and emblem, as a small token of regard for many years' faithful attendance as Hon. Tyler. The following visiting brethren were present:—Bros. W. G. Pidduck 31, J. E. Wiltshier P.M. 31, Sutton 1110, John Head P.M. 1110, W. D. Young I.G. 31, C. J. Ayton I.P.M. 1209, Thomas Bent W.M. 704, W. H. Drake W.M. 133, J. Lapper 1449, George Cox

P.M. 199, John R. Hall P.M. 31 P.P.G. Assistant Secretary, H. Hammond 1449, W. H. Pardoe 1440, Dr. W. H. Longhurst W.M. 31, Vautier J.W. 1449, Goodenough 917 1745 London, H. T. Naylor W.M. 1449 P.P.G.S.B., T. Blamiers 1449, James M. Longhurst W.M. 1273 P.M. 133. A banquet took place at Bro. Shaxby's, Guildhall Hotel. The W.M. was supported by the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Bro. J. Coppin P.M. 31 P.P.G. Sup. W. Kent, Bro. William Henry Vile I.P.M. 972, and the following Visitors and brethren:—Dr. Longhurst W.M. 31, J. S. Longhurst W.M. 1273, and P.M. 133, Taylor P.M. 1110 972, Head P.M. 1110, Sutton 1110, T. Bent P.M., 704 C. J. Ayton I.P.M. 1209, W. H. Drake W.M. 133, Hammond 784, W. D. Young I.G. 31, G. Pilcher P.M. 972 and P.P.G.D.C., J. F. Cozens P.M. 972, Plume P.M. 972, Goodenough 917 1745 London, J. Plant P.M. 31, J. Secra P.M. 972, Naylor W.M. 1449 P.P.G.S.B., J. Wiltshier P.M. 31, Ayton I.P.M. 1209, T. Bent 784, Blamiers 1449, &c. About 50 brethren were present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. During the evening Bro. Dr. Longhurst, Plant, Higgins, G. Smith, Pelling, and several of the brethren, rendered most valuable musical services.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

NO very wide interval elapses between the meetings of the two great City Lodges. That of The Great City, No. 1426, was recorded in these columns a fortnight since; that of The City of Westminster, No. 1563, which was held on Thursday, the 25th ult. we have the pleasure of now placing before our readers. As it was the installation meeting, it may be readily imagined that the members mustered in great force, and that the array of visitors was worthy of the occasion. The meeting took place on the day aforesaid, at the Lodge quarters, Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bro. Turner W.M. occupied the chair, and among those Officers and members who supported him were Bros. J. E. Shand S.W. and W.M. elect, Hutchinson J.W., B. W. Swallow P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, J. Waugh S.D., Day J.D., Hammond I.G., Rev. P. M. Holden P.P.G.C. Middlesex P.M. and Chaplain, E. White P.M., &c., &c. The Visitors included Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., P. Willson J.W. 861, H. J. Kent P.M. 60, Seymour Smith 742, J. S. Lundy P.M. 101, W. Browne W.M. 1614 P.M. 1348, G. French 591, Barfield P.M. 35, C. A. Woods J.W. 145, G. Festa 834, G. W. Coe 87, E. Lott P.P.G.S.W. Jersey, J. Sim 1345, Watkins 1585, Lake P.P.G.R. Cornwall, J. B. Stevens W.M. 1627, W. Carrington J.D. 1791, E. J. Ruysenaers 1349, Lewis 1472, E. Farwig P.M. 180, S. Webb 193, H. Reed 733, J. Bocha W.M. 1585, G. F. Baum 1765, Austin 1158, Lakin 180, Wright 1612, Dicketts 25, Cook 1614, J. S. Cox P.Dist.G.R. Hong Kong and South China, J. I. Cattle P.M., H. M. Levy P.M. 188, and Thomas 1319. After the usual formalities, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. J. Edell S.D. 108 as a joining member, and he was accepted. Ballots were likewise taken for Messrs. E. Durant, W. Morton, R. J. Quedest, and W. Davis. They were unanimously elected, and, being present, were duly initiated, in accordance with the prescribed ceremony, the duties of the W.M. being most ably fulfilled. After Bro. O'Farrell had been raised to the sublime degree, Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and Bro. J. E. Shand S.W. and W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation. A board of Installed Masters having been formed, with Bro. B. Swallow Past Master for its President, the ceremony of installation was most impressively carried out, the concluding addresses being given by Bro. E. White P.M. and the Rev. P. M. Holden P.M. On the re-admission of the brethren below the grade of P.M., Bro. Shand was congratulated and saluted in ancient form, and then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, a few appropriate words being addressed to each new officer in turn. Bros. B. Turner I.P.M., Hutchinson S.W., Waugh J.W., B. Swallow P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, Rev. P. M. Holden P.M. P.P.G.C. Middlesex Chaplain, Day S.D., Hammond P.M. J.D., Eastgate I.G., James D.C., Lee W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. The applause that followed the investiture of each officer showed the W.M. had made a selection which met the approval of the brethren. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, and the resignation of three members having been accepted with regret, Lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of seventy-six, adjointed to an excellent banquet at the Café Royal, the menus by Bro. H. Reed being very artistic. The chair was occupied by the W.M., who is a most genial president for such an occasion, and in due time he gave the several Loyal and Masonic toasts, that of the Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. C. E. Cottebrune P.G.P., whom, the W.M. said, he had experienced great pleasure in meeting, as he was a most industrious brother, but especially because he believed he was right in saying that he (Bro. Cottebrune) had left other important duties in order to be present. Bro. Turner I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and rose with a view to propose the toast of the W. Master, which he did in brief but complimentary terms. After a song by Bro. Thomas, Bro. Shand expressed his hearty thanks to his predecessor for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and to the brethren for the enthusiasm with which they had received it. He had, he said, had the good fortune to be one of those who took part in the Consecration of the Lodge, and he had then mentally formulated the wish that some day or other he might enjoy the privilege of being appointed to the chair. The wish had that day been realised, and all it was in his power to add was, that he trusted he might not be found wanting in the fulfilment of his duties, and that when the time came for him to retire from his office he might be found to have contributed, in some slight degree, to the prosperity of the Lodge. He then proposed the toast of the Initiates, of whom there were no less than four present, all well recommended, and one of them being a Lewis. He laid great stress on the great advantage of having new blood introduced into the Lodge, and judging from the attentive manner in which they had

borne themselves throughout the ceremony, he firmly believed they would prove an accession of strength to the City of Westminster. After the E.A.P. song by Bro. Seymour Smith, the initiates severally responded in brief but modest terms, and the toast of the Visitors was then given; the W.M. expressing the pleasure he felt at seeing present so many brethren of distinction, both from far and near, and confirming in words the hearty welcome they had already received. With the toast were associated the names of Bros. Cox of China, Kent, and others, and they severally responded; Bro. Cox remarking that it was the first Lodge he had visited since his arrival from China, and assuring the brethren that if it fell to the lot of any among them to make a journey to that country, they might be sure of meeting with a hearty welcome. All of those who spoke expressed their admiration at the able manner in which the work of the Lodge had been carried out, and the confidence they felt, that, under the genial conduct of so worthy a Master as Bro. Shand, The City of Westminster would increase in prosperity. The toast of the Past Masters followed, and the W.M. paid each of them a well-deserved compliment. The name of Bro. Swallow, who had enacted the part of Installing Master, was, he said, a household word among the West-monasterians brethren. Bro. White's ability was highly appreciated both in that and the other Lodges with which he was connected; and last, but not least, Bro. Turner, his immediate predecessor, had so fulfilled his duties in the chair, that he (Bro. Shand) felt no small amount of diffidence in following in his footsteps. That his able services had called forth the approval of the brethren of the Lodge was evidenced by the fact of their having voted him a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of those services; and it was his duty that evening—a duty which he need hardly say it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to perform—to formally hand over to Bro. Turner the decoration in question. He sincerely trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would grant him very many years of health and strength to wear it, and as Bro. I.P.M. was about entering the Granite Lodge, that he would there experience the same amount of consideration as had been so deservedly accorded to him by the members of The City of Westminster. After a brief interval, Bro. Turner rose and expressed his acknowledgments. He said he had never passed a more enjoyable year of office than that which had been brought to a close that afternoon. He thanked the members of the Lodge for their gift, a gift he should look upon with pleasure so long as he lived; and especially did he express his gratitude to the W.M. for the handsome terms in which he had spoken of his services. The toast of the Officers was next on the programme. In proposing it, Bro. Shand paid a handsome compliment to each for the energy and ability they had hitherto shown, and especially to their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Swallow, who was the senior Past Master of the Lodge, and whom he hoped to see among them for many years. Bro. Hammond, also, who is an Installed Master of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, was highly complimented on his knowledge, and, by anticipation, on the proficiency he was certain to exhibit in the office he had just entered upon. Bros. Swallow P.M., Treasurer, and Scott P.M. Secretary having severally acknowledged the compliments paid them individually, and to the officers generally, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. The meeting was a complete success, thanks on the one hand to the kindly presence of Bro. Shand in the chair, and the attention shown by the Stewards both to members and visitors; and on the other, to the excellent musical programme, to which Bros. Seymour Smith, Lott, Durant, and others so ably contributed.

SHEPHERDS' BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the evening of Monday, the 22nd ultimo, at the Athenæum, Goldhawk-road. Bro. Lewis Bryett W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. A. B. Baker S.W. and W.M. elect, the rest of his Officers, and a numerous gathering of members, together with the following Visitors, namely—Bros. John O. Carter Prov. G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, P.M. and Sec. 209, C. Festa S34, J. M. Levy 185, W. Cubitt 193, Doran Witt 414, J. Lichtwitz 1642, W. Howard W.M. 181, W. Pierpoint J.W. 813, S. Millis P.M. 157, C. Hubbard P.M. 820, Pye 193, J. Williams S.W. 1791, Gorringer I.G. 834, Knight-Smith I.P.M. 1441, Walker Cooper W.M. 538, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Heath 1642, G. Read P.M. 511, Stephen Cooper W.M. 1637, Baker 511, S. Smout W.M. 1642. The Lodge having been opened with the usual preliminaries, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report, which proved most satisfactory, was submitted and accepted, after which Bro. Priest was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. House was then passed, and a ballot having been successfully taken for Mr. Charles A. Alberger, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of the first degree of Freemasonry. The several ceremonies were most ably rendered by the W.M., and those present silently indicated their appreciation of the treat. Then followed the installation of Bro. Baker as W.M., his immediate predecessor being the Installing Master. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Alfred C. Alais P.M., and that to the Wardens by Bro. Fisher, while the charge to the brethren was given with masterly effect by the I.P.M. After the customary congratulations and salutations, the several Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested, viz., Bros. G. Harrison S.W., R. Pierpoint J.W., W. Game P.M. Treasurer, Alfred C. Alais P.M. Secretary, Richard Josey S.D., Peter Barton J.D., Fisher P.M. D.C., J.M. Pierpoint Steward, Brietbart Assist. Steward, and Schofield P.M. Tyler. A candidate was then proposed for initiation, and a letter read from the Rev. Ambrose Hall P.P.G. Chap. P.P.G.S. Surrey, expressing the deep regret he felt that the state of his health was such as to prevent his being present. The I.P.M. Bro. Bryett was next presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in testimony of his able services in the chair during the first year's existence of the Lodge, and when the complimentary terms in which it was

offered had been acknowledged in words suitable to the occasion, steps were taken to complete the other business, and Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to a banquet which did the greatest credit to Bro. J. R. Ward, who had charge of all the arrangements, and whose taste in matters culinary is to be commended most highly. The wines, too, are a credit to the Lodge. They have their own cellars, and are, therefore, in a position to secure vintages of a quality beyond what are supplied by the ordinary *restaurateur*. At the close of the repast, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Grand Officers Present and Past being acknowledged by Bro. Clarke A.G. Pars. The Worshipful Master's health was proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. I.P.M. Bryett, who expressed his belief that the Lodge might anticipate a very prosperous year under its new Master. Bro. Baker acknowledged the compliment paid him, and hoped that during the term of his office he might be able to emulate the merits of his predecessor. He concluded by proposing the health of the Past Master, coupling with it the name of Bro. Bryett, to whom it had been his great privilege to present that evening a Past Master's jewel, in token of the Lodge's appreciation of his services. Bro. Bryett expressed his acknowledgments in heartfelt terms, and trusted he should for years to come be able to point with pride to the token he had that day received from the Shepherd's Bush Lodge of the appreciation in which his services during the first year of their existence had been held by his co-members. The other customary toasts followed, and the brethren then separated, after a most enjoyable evening. We cannot, however, conclude our few remarks without drawing attention to the excellent arrangements made by this Lodge. The Hall in which it meets is admirably adapted for the purpose, and the cost of its meetings is light. It has, as we have already hinted, an admirable caterer in the person of Bro. J. R. Ward, while its wines leave nothing to be desired, the Lodge having them under its immediate direction and control. These are points which fairly come within our province to direct attention to, and we should be glad if other Lodges exhibited a disposition to look more immediately after their own comforts instead of delegating that important duty to people who are comparatively careless, and take no interest whatever in the clients who patronise them.

Gladsuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet.—This Lodge held its regular meeting, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, the 26th ult. Bro. Charles Gray W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. John Euerby S.W., J. G. Yolland J.W., R. F. Young P.M. Sec., C. Allen S.D., G. Askew P.M. J.D., Brittain D.C., Parrott I.G., Hopkin and Trigg Stewards. After the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for Mr. J. F. Carrier, and proved unanimous in his favour. Mr. Carrier, however, was not present. When the Bye-laws and Inventory had been read, the Lodge proceeded to the election of W. Master for the ensuing year. The choice fell unanimously on Bro. John Euerby S.W., who expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Lowthin P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, Bros. Brittain, Hopkin, and G. Crntchloe were appointed Auditors, and Bro. Goddard P.M. Tyler. The motion of Bro. Young P.M. and Sec., to the effect that a sum be voted from the Lodge Funds in order to purchase a P.M.'s jewel for presentation to Bro. Gray, at the close of his term of office as W.M., was carried with acclamation. We congratulate Bro. Gray on this evidence of the esteem and respect in which he is held by his Lodge, as well as on the proof it furnishes of the great proficiency he has shown in the fulfilment of his duties. The compliment may not have been looked for, but it cannot be said it was undeserved. The amount of five guineas was also voted to be placed on Bro. Yolland's list as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Gray's motion, that a sum equivalent to 6d per member be contributed from the funds towards defraying the expenses of printing the Provincial Calendar, was carried unanimously. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to a dinner, for which Bro. Hali, who has succeeded Bro. Fisher as host of this old established house, deserves not one, but many words of praise. The usual toasts were honoured, that of the W.M. elect Bro. Euerby being proposed by the W. Master in a few well-chosen terms of compliment, and modestly acknowledged. The toast of the W.M. was also most warmly received, and appropriately responded to. The evening passed off most pleasantly, a very liberal response being made to Bro. Yolland's earnest appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Fund.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On 28th ult., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square Bros. F. Silvester W.M., Birrell S.W., L. Jacobs J.W., Devine Treas., L. Solomon Sec., N. Vallentine S.D., Paul J.D., B. Kauffmann I.G., Hemming Preceptor, and Bros. H. C. Bocking, Edwards, Baker, Lambourne, C. Joseph, E. Storr, and H. M. Levy. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Edwards acting as candidate. The first and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren, assisted by Bro. Hemming. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Bro. Lambourne acting as candidate. Both the ceremonies were perfectly and impressively conducted by the W.M. and the Officers. Bro. Birrell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—We have great pleasure correcting a slight error which occurred in our report last week of the installation meeting of this Lodge. It was the new W.M. Bro. F. H. Clemow, not the *retiring* P.M. Bro. J. Douglass, who initiated Bros. A. E. Wauthier and J. S. A. Wilkes. We believe we are correct in saying that Bro. Clemow has been working most assiduously in order to be able to fulfil his duties as accurately and impressively as possible. Bro. Clemow certainly made it apparent, by his conduct in the chair on the occasion, that he is well qualified to enact the Master's part.

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, 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)
1361—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. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

MONDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
92—Moirs, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrexham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Batterssea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1391—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 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)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
255—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
791—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carearvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1242—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Elth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, 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.)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domat'c, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1559—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1611—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 7.30. (Inst.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.

1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill.
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 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 6. Annual Banquet
 834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1286—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)
 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portlar d Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Onse-street, Goolse.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Courcil Room, Denbigh
 1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.

UNITED STRENGTH CHAPTER, No. 228.

THE Annual Convocation of this Chapter was convened on Tuesday evening, 23rd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, when there was a numerous attendance of Companions and Visitors to witness the Installation of Comp. James Hillhouse as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. Convocation was opened soon after half-past five, in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of Comp. Robert Griggs, the retiring M.E.Z., who was supported by Comps. James Hillhouse H., John While J., S. Winsland P.Z. Treas., Robert H. Halford Scribe E., Charles K. Killick Scribe N., Edward Davies P.S., R. Pearcy 1st Assist., A. Timothy 2nd Assist., James Terry P.Z., A. Lewis, A. W. Fenner, J. Newton (honorary), W. T. Making, H. Paine, P. Woodman, Robt. D. Lummings, J. Woodman, William J. Goode, W. Fysh, J. Crump (one of the Founders of the United Strength Lodge), Joseph R. Green, and C. Thomas Janitor. Visitors—Comps. G. Ward Verry P.P.G.P. Soj. Herts, and Charles Goolden H. 1706. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was received and adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. At the conclusion of the formal business, all below the rank of Past Principals were required to withdraw from the Chapter, and Comp. James Terry P.Z. having taken the chair, Comp. James Hillhouse was duly installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, with John While as H., and Robert H. Halford as J. It is scarcely necessary to inform those of our readers who are personally acquainted with the honoured Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—and who is not?—that the ceremonies were performed in a most masterly style. Suffice it to say Comp. Terry was in his happiest vein, and the way in which he discharged his duties formed a rich intellectual treat to all who were fortunate enough to be present. The Companions having re-entered the Chapter, the newly installed M.E.Z. invested his Officers as follow:—Comps. S. Winsland P.Z. Treas., Joseph K. Killick Scribe E., Edward Davies Scribe N., R. Pearcy P.S. (who appointed Comps. A. Timothy as 1st Assist., and Dr. Hunter as 2nd Assist.), Comps. A. W. Fenner and Stock Stewards, and C. Thomas Janitor. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, convocation was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Throne Room of the hotel, where a banquet had been provided. The customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were received with acclamation; Comp. Henry Mills discharging, with his wonted efficiency, the duties of toastmaster. During the evening a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Robert Griggs, in recognition of the zealous and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of M.E.Z. during the past year, and in acknowledgment of the valuable services he had rendered in promoting the welfare and prosperity of the Chapter. Comp. Griggs P.Z. acknowledged the compliment paid to him in a happy speech; in which he observed that he had faithfully endeavoured to fulfil the exalted functions, which, by the kindness of the Companions, were entrusted to him a year before; he was happy in the belief, which was confirmed by the handsome gift he had received at their

hands, that he had succeeded in that effort. He should value it as long as he lived, and trusted his interest in the United Strength Chapter would be unabated as years rolled on. The proceedings throughout were of the most harmonious and interesting character.

PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRIORY LODGE, No. 1863.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland took place on the 29th October, at the Skating Rink, Tynemouth Aquarium, under the banner of the St. George's Lodge, No. 431. There was a very large gathering of brethren from all parts of the Province, and the Skating Rink, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, presented a very imposing appearance when the Provincial Grand Officers entered and took their places on the dais. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the V.W. L. M. Cockcroft Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Stocken Wilson acting as Deputy Grand Master. The Lodge being opened, the acting Provincial Grand Master informed the brethren that he had that morning received a telegram from Earl Percy, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, intimating that sudden indisposition prevented his attendance at Grand Lodge. He (Bro. Cockcroft) was sure all the brethren joined with him in regret that the noble Earl should have been so unfortunately prevented from attending. The regular business of the Province was then proceeded with, and the several reports were submitted and adopted. The sum of £63 was voted to the Masonic Charities, and £88 4s to local Charities. Bro. G. Anderson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Clapham and Hotham Auditors. The ceremony of consecrating the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, was then performed in an impressive manner, a beautiful feature in the ceremony being the splendid singing of a choir composed of brethren from Durham Cathedral. Bro. E. D. Davis P.G.D.C. then installed Bro. the Rev. J. Featherstone as Worshipful Master of the new Lodge, and having delivered the warrant into his hands, Bro. Featherstone invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Nickals S.W., Gibson J.W., Rev. Humble I.P.M., Stertus Secretary, Rev. Callom Chaplain, Hensell S.D., Rea J.D., Wilson I.G., Robson Tyler. Provincial Grand Lodge was then resumed and the acting Provincial Grand Master appointed the following Officers:—

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T. Robson	Junior Warden
Nickals	Chaplain
T. Anderson	Treasurer
B. J. Thompson	Secretary
R. L. Armstrong	Registrar
John Brethwaite	Senior Deacon
Cooper	Junior Deacon
W. B. Hall	Supt. of Works
E. D. Davis	Dir. of Ceremonies
R. G. Salmon	Assist. Dir. of Cer.
Muscant	Sword Bearer
M. Catcheside	Organist
W. O. Potter	Pursuivant
Montgomery	Assist. Pursuivant
Curry	Tyler

The Prov. Grand Master announced that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of Lodge 24. The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the Winter Garden of the Tynemouth Aquarium. The usual toast list was gone through, and the brethren separated at a comparatively early hour. Altogether the day's proceedings passed off most successfully.

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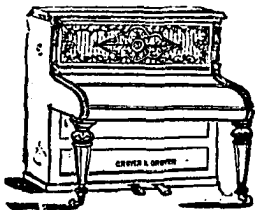
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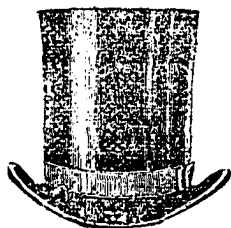
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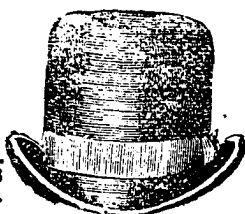
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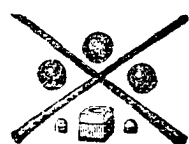
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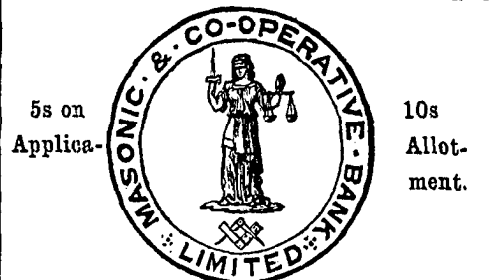
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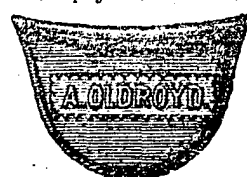
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