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THE CRAFT IN DEVON.

WE published last week a highly interesting account of the meeting in the Market Hall, Torrington, on the 27th ult., of the Committee of Petitions for the Province of Devon, and the subsequent Especial Communication of Prov. Grand Lodge in the new Lodge room, under the presidency of Viscount Ebrington Prov. G. Master. It is worth while devoting a brief space to the former, while the principal business which occupied the attention of the brethren at the latter gathering merits something more than a passing word or two; and, as the business is still undecided, we shall, in all probability, have further occasion to deal with it.

The Committee of Petitions met together for the purpose of receiving the report of Bro. Godtschalk, its London representative, and that report is worth considering, if only for the purpose of showing how a Province which, albeit a strong one, and having, of necessity, only a very limited voting power, so exerts that power as to be able to carry the day in behalf of its chosen candidates at the elections of our Institutions. Devon appears to have been very successful during the past year, having carried no less than five candidates, namely, one at each of the Boys' School elections in April and October, one into the Girls' School in October, with one to the Male and one to the Female Fund of the Benevolent Institution in May. Now, the voting power which the Province itself was able to exercise during the year was 1948 votes only, and the number of those cast at the election of these five candidates was 4997, so that it must have entailed on Bro. Godtschalk a considerable amount of ingenuity in order to accomplish his task. In April last, the boy Norrish polled 1513 votes; in May, Mrs. Andrews obtained 923 votes, and Bro. G. Elliott 320 votes; in October, the boy Loveridge and the girl Drake secured 1652 votes and 589 votes respectively. But how were these successes achieved? Let us take the two last cases in illustration. The boy Loveridge was the adopted candidate of the Province, which directly—and indirectly likewise from Cornwall—was able, through Bro. J. B. Gover, to give him 372 votes. Bro. Godtschalk then borrowed from Berkshire 93 votes, Cheshire 300 votes, Shropshire 100 votes, North Wales 100 votes, Dorsetshire 276 votes, and, by exchanging girls' votes and adding his own, he succeeded in obtaining 1532 votes from outside sources. As there were already 324 votes to the boy's credit, Bro. Godtschalk only polled 1328, making the candidate secure with a total of 1652 votes. The surplus 204 were lent to the Province of Warwickshire, and will, of course, be repaid in April. In the case of the Girl's School Election, last October, no candidate was adopted as there were no votes available, yet Bro. Godtschalk does not appear to have been in any way dismayed. The occasion was an unusually favourable one, it will be remembered, there being no less than forty-two vacancies, and only fifty-four candidates. Accordingly, he set to work, and obtained from Devon, through Bro. Gover and himself, 350 votes, of which 200 were due from South Wales on IOU; from Cornwall, through Bro. Gover, 126 votes; from Berks 67 votes, and from Dorsetshire 67 votes in exchange for a proportionate number of boys' votes. This made a total of 567, which, added to a previous poll of 22, carried the girl in successfully as thirty-ninth on the list of candidates, with 589 votes, the lowest number polled being 582. The result of all this clever management is that, at the present time, the Province is in debt, in various

directions, to the extent of 1807 votes, and has owing to it 604 votes, leaving a net indebtedness of 1203 votes. Thus, by means of a total of 3151 votes, namely, 1948 of its own, and the 1203 due on IOU's, Devon has succeeded in carrying five candidates in one year, the difference between these 3151 votes, and the 4997 actually recorded, namely, 1846 votes, costing it nothing whatever. We are not surprised that, having regard to so satisfactory a result, Bro. Godtschalk should have submitted a proposition to the effect that two sums of £52 10s each should be voted to the Female Fund of the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School respectively. Nor are we surprised that Bros. W. G. Rogers, J. B. Gover, and C. Godtschalk should have been re-elected by acclamation to the several offices of Chairman, Secretary, and London Representative of the said Committee. It is principally due to the energy and ability of these worthy Craftsmen that Devon is in a position to congratulate herself with so much reason on the successes of the past year, and this re-election, accompanied by a hearty vote of thanks to each of them, was a matter of course. The recommendations as to the two sums to be granted, as aforesaid, were, of necessity, reserved.

The meeting of the Especial Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the afternoon of the same day, the purpose for which the brethren met together being to signify by word and deed their deep sense of the valuable services rendered to Masonry by the late Rev. Bro. John Huyshe, who for so many years presided over its destinies in this Province. As befitted so important an occasion, the chair was occupied by Viscount Ebrington, the late Bro. Huyshe's successor in the Prov. Grand Mastership, and in spite of the extremely inclement weather, there were present some sixty brethren. Devon, however, is a large Province, and it was rightly felt that such a gathering could not be considered a representative one. As to the resolution moved by the P.G. Master, duly seconded, to the effect that "the P.G. Lodge desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Huyshe in the loss she has sustained by the lamented death of the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., &c., and to record, by some lasting memorial, the affectionate esteem in which the late P.P.G.M. was held by the Masons of Devonshire," that was carried unanimously; but a long discussion ensued as to the character the said memorial should take. The first suggestion emanated from Bro. Rogers, and was to the effect that the virtues of our late brother should be perpetuated by a memorial window in the cathedral church of the diocese, and that a Committee should be appointed, in order to raise subscriptions, and make the necessary arrangements. Bro. Godtschalk submitted that a far better kind of memorial would be the foundation of a Huyshe Scholarship, in connection with the Devon Educational Fund. Bros. Curteis and Gover, though they moved as an amendment that the consideration as to the form the proposed memorial should take should be deferred, also favoured the idea of a Scholarship, whether connected with the Devon or any other Charity Fund, while the window was approved by Bros. Moon and Bradie. Lord Ebrington, however, seemed to think the idea was as yet immature, and the amendment to defer consideration was agreed to. In the meantime, we trust the Wor. Masters of the Devon Lodges, and the members generally, will give the matter all the attention in their power. No doubt the memorial window will find a large share of support, for our late Brother was a clerk in holy orders in the Anglican Church; yet it strikes us the Scholarship

scheme would be preferable. It is an essentially practical suggestion. Not only will it perpetuate the name and fame of our departed brother, but it will illustrate to a good purpose the active principle of benevolence, the charity of heart and of pocket, by which he was so greatly distinguished. As Bro. Curteis is reported to have pointed out, "Bro. Huyshe in his life had always been practical in his unbounded charity," and Bro. Gover supported this view by quoting in illustration the Fortescue Annuity Fund, which was founded in memory of the grandfather of their present chief, and was doing good service. Whether it should be established in connection with the Provincial Educational Fund, or in connection with one of our Central Schools, is a question which we do not venture on discussing. This must in great measure be settled by the character of the subscriptions. If these should be wholly or in greatest part from Devonian brethren, then we think the Scholarship should be connected with the local Fund; but if any considerable sum outside the Province should be subscribed, sufficient, that is to say, to justify the donors in claiming to exercise a voice in the appropriation of the sum raised, then, perhaps, it would be better to connect it with a central charity. For ourselves, we should prefer seeing it connected with the local Fund, for it was as a Devon Mason and among Devonshire folk generally that the late Rev. J. Huyshe was so deeply and deservedly respected. Perhaps, as the Prov. G. Master suggested, when the matter has been more generally discussed throughout the Province, and it becomes gradually more clear what will be the approximate amount of the subscriptions, it may be found possible to adopt both schemes—the window and the Scholarship. One thing is certain, nothing will be lost by delay, for the purpose of giving the Lodges in the Province the opportunity for formulating and making known amongst themselves their several opinions. We do not doubt, from the spirit already exhibited, that the Province will carry out the scheme it may determine upon in a manner which, while it will be a certain and lasting tribute to the memory of one who, in all the many positions he occupied, whether as a Clergyman, as a Justice of the Peace, or as a Mason, was universally loved, will likewise be in all respects worthy of so distinguished a Province, presided over, as it is, by so zealous and able a chief as our late Bro. Huyshe's successor.

FREEMASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

WE have received, and acknowledge with thanks, copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on certain Special Communications of the 1st October and 4th December, of the Annual Communication of the 8th December, and of a Stated Communication of the 28th December of last year, with a brief sketch of the annual feast which followed. The first of these was held for the purpose of consecrating the new Masonic apartments of the Norfolk Union Lodge, when there were present among other Grand Officers—Bros. C. A. Welch G. Master, W. H. Chessman as Deputy Grand Master, W. Parkman as G.S.W., F. Mortin as G.J.W., Bradford L. Wales as G. Treasurer, Tracy P. Cheever Recording G. Secretary, &c. &c., together with representatives of the several Lodges in the vicinity. The Grand Master made a brief but appropriate address, and when the proceedings were ended, Grand Lodge was entertained at a sumptuous banquet. The Communication held on the 4th December was for the fulfilment of no less sad a duty than the paying a last tribute of respect to the memory of a late distinguished Mason, Bro. John T. Heard, Past Grand Master, who died on the first of that month, at his residence in Louisburg-square, Boston. After a brief address, in which Grand Master Welch expressed his appreciation of the great loss the Craft in that State had sustained by the death of their late chief, the Lodge funeral service was read, after which the Grand Officers and brethren proceeded to the residence of their late brother, where, after a funeral service by the Rev. Cyrus A. Bartol, D.D., the *cortège* moved off to the cemetery at Mount Auburn, where the rest of the sad duties of the day were fulfilled, and the brethren dispersed.

There was a very full attendance of Grand Officers and Lodge representatives at the Annual Communication on the 8th December. Bro. Charles A. Welch Grand Master

presided, and among those who supported him were Bros. A. H. Howland jun. D.G.M., Charles W. Moody S.G.W., Otis E. Weld G.J.W., Samuel Wells Grand Treasurer, Tracy P. Cheever Recording Grand Secretary, George P. Sanger Corresponding Grand Secretary, &c., &c., &c. When Grand Lodge had been opened, and the usual references made to the different Committees, the Grand Master read his report, in which he carefully noted all the incidents which had occurred during the period of his Grand Mastership. He also drew attention to the report of the Auditing Committee on the Grand Treasurer's accounts, which was of a highly satisfactory character. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, with the following result:—Bros. S. C. Lawrence Grand Master, Edwin Wright Deputy Grand Master, F. Lyman Winship S.G.W., Nathan S. Kimball G.J.W., S. Wells Grand Treasurer, Tracy P. Cheever Recording Grand Secretary, George P. Sanger Corresponding Grand Secretary, Charles W. Slack S.G.D., Charles Harris G.J.D., &c., &c., &c. On the 28th December the installation of the Grand Master and his principal Officers took place, Past Grand Master Welch playing the chief part in the ceremony. A handsome Past Grand Master's jewel having been subsequently presented to Bro. Welch, several other matters of business were despatched, and the annual banquet was held, about 154 brethren taking part in the festive gathering.

NEW FINSBURY PARK AND SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGES, Nos. 1695 AND 1602.

THE annual ball of the members of these popular Lodges was held on Monday, 7th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and in the result proved a great success. Dancing was enjoyed to the strains of C. H. R. Marriot's band. At the supper the W.M. of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge presided, being supported by Bro. Hollis vice. The toast of the Queen was followed by that of Success to the United Ball of the two Lodges. The President looked upon the large attendance and the happy appearance of all around him as evidence of the success of the ball, and he hoped it might continue as an institution for many years to come, and that at all times it would be a success. Bro. Hollis proposed the health of the Ball Stewards and Ball Committee. He was sure this toast would meet a hearty welcome, as it was to the exertions of these brethren that the success of the ball might be attributed. From personal experience he could testify that it was no easy task to organise such a ball, much less to bring it to a successful issue. He felt sure the committee were amply repaid for all their trouble by the way in which the ball was attended, and by the apparent happiness of all around him. He could not let the opportunity pass without making special reference to one brother, on whom perhaps fell a great portion of the work—he alluded to Bro. A. F. Speller, the Hon. Sec. of the Committee. That brother had left no effort untried to add to the enjoyment of the company, and to him especial thanks were due. Bro. Speller replied to the toast. He was very pleased to hear what Bro. Hollis had just said, but he thought so much praise was hardly due. He felt there was not a brother in the Lodge but would have done what he had in order to enhance the success of the ball. He was only too happy to know that the efforts of himself and brother committee-men had resulted so successfully. Bro. Tibbits proposed the toast of the ladies, to which Bro. Heyse responded. Dancing was then resumed, and kept up with spirit until close on five a.m.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix.—The annual meeting for the installation of M.W.S. took place at York, on Friday evening. The Chapter was opened by the M.W.S. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, after which the chair was taken by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33 S.G.I.G., who proceeded to install the M.W.S. elect Bro. J. S. Cumberland. The Officers were afterwards appointed, as follow:—Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis H.P., S. Middleton First General, M. Millington Second General, T. B. Whytehead P.S. Recorder, A. T. B. Turner G.M., G. Simpson Raphael, L. Murphy Herald, E. J. De Salis Captain of Guard, J. T. Atkinson Org., Rev. J. Blake D.C., P. Pearson and H. Jackson Equerries. The Chapter was afterwards closed, a vote of thanks for services rendered having been accorded to Bro. Banister.

Bro. W. Purkiss, P.M. 1695, has purchased the Royal Music Hall Holborn, of Bro. Sweasey. Bro. Purkiss will shortly take possession, when the Hall will undergo an entire renovation; all the modern improvements will be introduced. The work will be carried on under the superintendence of Bro. E. Clarke, architect. The best and most talented artistes are being engaged.

We have been requested to announce that the Annual Banquet of the Kilburn Lodge of Instruction will take place on the 14th instant, at Bro. W. F. Walton's, the South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street, Oxford-street, W., Bro. James W. Cuff, W.M. of the mother Lodge, will preside. Brethren are offered a cordial welcome. Tickets 5s each. Banquet at seven o'clock sharp.

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A MASONIC PANTOMIME.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We have all read about burlesque Masonic processions and Masonic caricatures; but I doubt very much whether any of your readers are aware that a Masonic pantomime was performed at Covent Garden Theatre in 1781, just a hundred years ago. Bro. Parker, the Superintendent of the Boston Masonic Temple, however, called my attention to "Curwen's Journal and Letters," printed here in 1842, in which Mr. Curwen described such a pantomime. A few words must, however, be said about the author, Mr. Samuel Curwen, a native of Salem, Massachusetts, who was at one time a soldier, then a judge and merchant, and was a royalist when the American Revolution broke out in 1775. As Boston was too hot a place for royalists, he went to Philadelphia; but finding Philadelphia also too hot for him, he sailed for England, and remained there until 1784, when he returned to America. During his sojourn in England he kept a diary. I find in it mentioned several visits to theatres; but he evidently never saw a pantomime before 1781. And now for his account thereof:—

"Jan. 9. [1781]. Accompanied Mr. Daglish to Covent Garden Theatre, comedy, Busy-body,—entertainment, the tasty performance of *Freemason's procession*,—scenery pompous, former part, to my taste, unpleasing—Harliquin in dumb show; why he is said to be a freemason, I cannot divine, unless investing him with a square, one of their badges, suspended by ribbon and hung round his neck, so constituted him. The skipping about of an antic dressed in a merry-andrew's coat, his face covered with black crape, and wooden sword by his side, put on for the purpose of showing how ready he is drawing it forth to slap his brother antic's face, shoulders, etc.; displaying the wonders of his transforming power in converting trunks, dogs, and chests, into watch boxes, arbours, chimney-pieces, etc.; his principal aim being to make grimaces and wry faces at his favorite columbine, who by the way, is a fine looking girl, and made to be deeply in love with a fantastic ape, without one probable reason for it. These species of pantomime seem at present greatly in vogue: to arraign the taste is perhaps conceited: but this remark will never come to light, if ever, till, I dare say, it will be as despised as it is now relished, especially by the more enlightened class; as to the lower, they ever were and ever will be too gross for any entertainment above the lowest humor. . . . I would fain call it vulgar, but too many box spectators seem to enjoy it, and join the galleries. I can't, however, but believe that all sensible persons do disapprove of these shows as unworthy, but dare not openly avow their opinion.

"The comedy was excellent, and well performed, and much exceeds in point of wit, plot, etc., the to me flattish sentimental compositions of the present day, with few exceptions.

"After the silly harliquin had skipped behind the scenes, a grand procession began, preceded by a standard of light red color, the ground of all following ones: the first contained a scroll, wherein was painted in large golden letters ENOCH, the first Grand Master, his representative following, accompanied by two attendants; at a little interval appeared NIMROD, second Grand Master, with his representative and four attendants; next was brought the front of the Temple of the Sun at Thebes; afterwards, the great pyramid of Egypt and the sphynx; then front of the Temple of Jerusalem, built by King Solomon. Pharaoh's two daughters next followed, attended by their Egyptian and Jewish female and male servants, the high priest properly habited, holding a pot of incense in his hand, breast plate and other insignia on, closing with a long stream of attendants and servants in the rear: next, front of the Pantheon at Rome, the founder or repairer, for it is uncertain which, M. Agrippa's name in a list under the capital; then, Temple of Jerusalem, built by Herod, destroyed by Vespasian, represented as in flames; next, William the Conqueror, and behind him was carried a prospective view of the Tower of London, as if built by him; then Edward the Third, accompanied by his son clad in black armor . . . giving liberty to, and taking the chains off the legs of two captive kings, John of France and James II. of Scotland, at the instance of his son, followed by a train of attendants. The front of St. Peter's at Rome then succeeded. Julius II., having in his hand a crosier, and on his head a triple crown . . . He was attended by a train of ecclesiastic officers and servants, and had the keys hanging to his girdle, as lord chamberlain of the state-rooms of the upper regions, and jailor in the lower dungeons . . .

"Next in order came Queen Elizabeth, dressed in royal robes, and attended by her servants, both state and domestic. Then followed King James, surrounded by court sycophants; front of the banqueting house, as it now stands. . . . Next, Guy Fawkes, in dress of his day, holding a dark lantern,—alluding to the gun-powder plot; next followed Inigo Jones, the restorer of Greek and Roman architecture, preceded by an ensign, having his name in a scroll, with the Masonic letters D.G.W. [more probable D.G.M.]. Then came Charles II. and attendants, follow'd by the front of St. Paul's. . . . founded in his reign [why was Wren omitted?] At length appeared William and Mary, the former holding a sheet of paper, with this inscription—*Bill of Rights*—words that I wish could be indelibly impressed on the minds of kings, lords, commons, courtiers, and people of this island; for, on the practical remembrance of this short sentence depends the security of this unparalleled constitution, which verily I fear is near its dissolution.

"Then followed the grand-master, seated in a magnificent alcove;

then, an arch, having an inscription *Ancient Masonry*; then two pillars, on the top of each a globe,—on one the celestial, the other terrestrial,—and on a list, by which they were kept steady, was inscribed *Modern Masonry*. The last in the procession were Solomon and Pharaoh's daughter, seated on a throne of state, and over it a rich canopy raised by six steps: on the bottom steps, on each side, stood two lions guardant, between them two young Egyptian damsels, dressed in white,—and on each side of the throne, all the principal personages of the procession ranged, with standards displayed, made a grand and glittering appearance. A fine chorus was sung, and, when ended, a universal shout of applause rang through the house, and the curtain dropped."

I shall only here remark that the distinction made between *Ancient Masonry* and *Modern Masonry* is rather curious. The *Arch* properly belonged to the *Ancients*, but whether the *globes* and *pillars* were confined to the *Moderns* ought to be ascertained. Cannot our London brethren find out something more about this "Masonic Pantomime?"

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 25th Jan. 1881.

THE ST. AMBROSE LODGE, No. 1891.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—“AN OLD BUT JUST BROTHER” is a little hard on your contemporary for its notice about the consecration of the above Lodge. There was an inaccuracy as to date, and it is well known the *Freemason* is published on Friday for Saturday. But though the notice might have been worded somewhat differently, there was, I imagine, nothing in the paragraph it gave which had not already appeared in the summons or notice paper issued to those immediately interested as founders or invited to take part as visitors in the consecration of the St. Ambrose Lodge. It was a trifle premature, but not more so than other announcements of a somewhat similar character I have seen in other journals.

I am, faithfully yours,

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THE PHILADELPHIA QUESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot, for the life of me, understand why Bro. Jacob Norton will persist in banging away at Philadelphian Masonry, or what good object he imagines he will gain by so doing. Is he, I will ask, in a position to deny the authenticity of the following, namely, that—

- (1.) In 1730, the Duke of Norfolk granted a deputation to Daniel Coxe, as Prov. Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.
- (2.) The said Daniel Coxe was present the year following (1731) in Grand Lodge, London, and is described as Prov. Grand Master of North America.
- (3.) A Philadelphia journal, published in 1732, distinctly mentions the fact of brethren meeting in that city on one or more occasions in that year.

It matters very little to me personally whether Philadelphia, Boston, New York, or any other city in the United States, is the Mother-City of American Freemasonry, but until Bro. Jacob Norton is in a position to prove that the above are, to use a favourite term of his, all "humbbug," he should, in common fairness to history, if not to Freemasonry, discontinue questioning the Philadelphia theory of Bros. Hngham, McCalla, and others. There is, as you remarked last week, "no inherent or antecedent improbability" as to the "actuality" of the above circumstances, and it cannot possibly be of service to attack everybody all round, because there exist no records of their meetings, such as are compiled by a Lodge Secretary in these days.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

PHILADELPHOS.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE February meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), J. H. Tattershall, Wm. Stephens, Saml. Rawson, James Brott, Charles G. Hill, Jno. G. Stevens, Edgar Bowyer, Jno. H. Leggott, Thos. Cubitt, Louis Steau, Charles Atkins, Charles H. Webb, Jas. Willing jun., and Jas. Terry Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of an approved candidate, who had for two years received half her late husband's annuity. The Warden's Report for the past month was read. Permission was given to one of the residents in the Institution to resign his apartments, he wishing to reside with some relatives. Cheques for payment of the annuities for the ensuing quarter, as also for various other purposes, were signed. The rating of the Institution at Croydon having lately been materially increased, the Secretary was requested to appeal against the present rating. A statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year having been submitted, the Committee decided to elect thirteen males from an approved list of thirty-seven candidates, and seven widows from an approved list of sixty-one candidates, at the election on the 20th May next. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

The History of Freemasonry in the District of Malta, from the year 1800 to the present time. By W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law; P.M. 1717; W.M. 1835; P.D.D.G.M. Malta; P.G.M.M.M. for Tunis and Malta; P.G.M. of the Cryptic and Allied Masonic Degrees for Tunis and Malta; D. Intendant-General of the Red Cross for Malta and Tunis; P.G.C. and G.P. and P.P. Prelate and Chancellor K.T. and K.M. for the Mediterranean; and P.M.W.S. 18°. Published for the benefit of the District Benevolent Fund. London: George Kenning, "Freemason" Office, 198 Fleet-street, E.C. 1880.

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With the year 1815 may be said to begin the history of modern Freemasonry in this island. The arrival of Bro. Wright was a piece of good fortune for the Anglo-Maltese, and on 18th February of that year twenty-five brethren addressed a letter to him, requesting he would exercise his influence with the Governor for the erection of a Lodge of Freemasons, and further give them the benefit of his counsel and experience. This led to the issue of a dispensation for the establishment of a Lodge, bearing the style and title of St. John and St. Paul, No. 673, and on the 15th April the said Lodge was consecrated, Bro. Slythe being installed the first Worshipful Master by Bro. Wright, who, in the interim, had been appointed Prov. Grand Master for Malta and Gozo—a title subsequently altered to that of Prov. Grand Master of the Mediterranean. Bro. Slythe, however, appears to have been only nominally the first Worshipful Master, for no sooner had he been inducted into office than he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wright, and at all future meetings was described as Past Master. Twenty-eight brethren met together on this occasion, and no less than twenty candidates were proposed, of whom all but three were elected. The Lodge continued to meet weekly, under the personal direction of Bro. Wright, and their progress was sufficiently satisfactory to arouse the anger of the Roman Catholic Bishop, who sought an interview with the then Governor, Sir Thomas Maitland, for the purpose of remonstrating against the establishment of Freemasonry in his jurisdiction, the grounds of his complaint being that our Society was not only subversive of the Catholic Religion, but directly in antagonism with Christianity itself. Sir Thomas Maitland, after consultation with Bro. Wright, dismissed the complaint, and declined in any way to interfere. For his vindication of the aims and purposes of Masonry on this occasion Bro. Wright received a vote of thanks from the Lodge. At the next election Bro. Wright was re-elected Worshipful Master, and each of the Wardens, on appointment, nominated his own Deacon. The Lodge went on prospering more or less, under the presidency of Bro. Wright or other member, but with nothing of moment intervening till August 1829, when its sittings were suspended—presumably owing to the interference of the local Government—and remained so until the beginning of the year 1822, when the brethren received permission to resume their labours. During the first ten years of its existence the Lodge received several accessions of strength, among others that were elected being Viscount Mandeville, subsequently sixth Duke of Manchester, Lord J. S. Churchill, afterwards Junior Grand Warden of England, Right Hon. J. Hookham Frere, General Gardiner, R.A., and Sir Montagu Stopford. On the completion of this period, Bro. Wright proposed that a special jewel—an illustration of which is given at p 18—should be worn by the members of the Lodge, and this proposal was acted upon. In the year 1826 Bro. Wright died, and a funeral Lodge was held to commemorate his worth, the oration being delivered by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Whitmore. From the opening paragraph we give the following extract:—

"No one possessed of sense or feeling could ever have known our deceased brother who did not honour and esteem him; but we, my brethren, bound to him by every moral and social tie, our friend, our brother, the brightest ornament that ever graced our body, the establisher and constant supporter of this Lodge—how great is our cause for sorrow, how long and deeply must we deplore his loss! Within the Lodge, zealously rigid and eminently efficient in the execution of his own duties, he expected the same attention and obedience from others he was wont to pay himself; nor did any consideration of private gratification, nor sickness, nor suffering, ever prevent his attendance at all duties of the Lodge, which he continued to uphold and exalt to the last moment by example and precept. As a Mason perhaps unequalled, and excelled (I presume) by none. Most enlightened and refined, through a long and brilliant career the pride and beauty of the fraternity; its readiest source from which to gain instruction, its purest fountain of information. As a man, a profound and elegant scholar, a perfect gentleman, and uniformly constant in the exercise of every moral virtue. In his profession eloquent, just, and upright, unbiassed by partial or unworthy motives; honour and humanity guided his steps, and the goodwill and admiration of mankind were the crown of his labours. His mind a compound of all that was noble and generous, enriched by learning and dignified by conscious integrity; benevolent, kind, courteous, and affable; to rich and poor alike a friend, with a heart ever open to sympathise with distresses of his fellow creatures, and a hand ever ready to relieve their wants. An uncommon greatness of soul and mental vigour supported his enfeebled frame under long and acute bodily sufferings, and enabled him to perform the duties of his high station almost to the very moment of his death."

Bro. Wright was buried in the Misida Bastion Cemetery at Floriana, and in 1840 a monument was erected to his honour by the Lodge of which he was the founder, the inscription on which, by the Right Hon. J. H. Frere, reads as follows:—"To the memory of Brother Walter Rodwell Wright, of the county of Suffolk, P.G.M. for the Mediterranean, and founder of the Lodge of St. John and

St. Paul at Malta, President of H.M. High Court of Appeal, and senior member of the Supreme Council of Justice in this island. Early distinguished for high literary attainments, and throughout life for uniform benevolence and a strict sense of honour, he secured to himself the confidence and goodwill of the population of this island, and the respect and esteem of his British fellow-countrymen. He died on the 26th April 1826. Bonus atque fidus Judex honestum prætulit utili. This monument is erected by the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul to mark their deep sense of departed worth."

For some years after Bro. Wright's death, the Lodge was the reverse of prosperous. "During the years 1830-31," writes Bro. Broadley, "the Lodge seems to have had a hard struggle for bare existence;" but on the rejoining of Bro. Whitmore, who had resigned his membership in 1828, there followed a great renewal of activity. In 1832, by the closing up of the Lodges on the roll, the Lodge became No. 437, and in 1863 this was again altered to its present No., 349. Among those who joined the Lodge during these years, may be mentioned Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, Bart., P.G.M. Hants, Admiral Sir Thomas Fellowes, Sir Godfrey Webster, Robert Langston, H.M. Attorney-General for the island, Archdeacon Burrows P.G.M. of Andalusia, subsequently P.G.M. for Malta, the date of his appointment being early in the year 1847, or close on one-and-twenty years subsequent to Bro. Wright's death. The progress of things during these years seems to have been generally uneventful, only a few incidents occurring which appear to be worth noticing. Thus, on 20th June 1828, the Lodge was visited by Lord Yarborough, P.G.M. of the Isle of Wight, and afterwards D.G.M. of England. His Lordship, however, would not seem to have been a very expert Brother, for the Officers that were sent out to examine him, reported that "he was not provided with his certificates, and was apparently imperfect in the signs and words of the first two degrees; at the same time he was possessed of so much as gave every reason to believe that he had lawfully obtained such degrees, upon which he was admitted." In 1833 a complaint was made against a Bro. Reade, on the ground of his having given "Masonic signs in a public manner at the Mitre Tavern, in Valetta." In March 1843, the thanks of the Lodge were passed to a Bro. Harding "for the very handsome present of two stones, one of them being from the rock of Mount Sion, to be designated the rough ashlar, and the other from the stone of Bethlehem, of which the church of St. James at Jerusalem is being built, to be designated the perfect ashlar." On the same occasion a Bro. Salih Effendi, of H.M.S. Monarch, was initiated, and took the obligation on the Bible and Koran conjointly. In October of this year a pastoral letter, denouncing secret societies, and especially Freemasonry, was issued by the Bishop of Malta, the effect of which was such as to expose the brethren, especially of the Union of Malta Lodge, to the insults and even violence of the populace. Letters were addressed to the Grand Lodge of England and the Chief Secretary of the Malta Government, by Bro. Leonard, of the Lodge of SS. John and Paul, but the effect of such remonstrances does not appear to have been entered on the records. To the end of 1850 the minutes of the proceedings in the three degrees were kept separately, but thenceforward a change was made, and the minutes were entered in the usual manner.

A singular mistake appears to have occurred at the meeting on the 1st March 1852, when a German brother, a member of the Zetland Lodge who was only an E.A.P., remained during a portion of the second ceremony, but it was remedied by the Brother being then and there passed. On the 15th May in this year, the Lodge, it seems, was opened in the degree of P.M., and five members admitted thereto, a record which is chiefly curious as showing till how comparatively recent a period the practice of conferring this degree lasted. Another curious custom is noted, that of allowing brethren to vote by proxy at the election of W. Master, a resolution to this effect having been adopted in December 1851.

The influx of troops into the Island at the time of the Crimean war, caused an extra activity in this and the other Lodges, and several officers were elected, one of them being Lieut.-Col. (afterwards General) Dalrymple, C.B. In the autumn of 1856, a Masonic Ball was held, with a view to raising funds for the Charities of the Lodges, and erecting a memorial to those brethren of the Island who fell during that gallant struggle. About this time, too, we meet with the names of two brethren, that are familiar to all English Craftsmen, namely, Captain N. G. Philips and Lieut.-Colonel, then Captain, Shadwell H. Clerke, our present Grand Secretary. Both won golden opinions from the Craft, and the latter remained long enough to occupy the chair of the Lodge, and very much it prospered under his hands. A curious circumstance is mentioned in connection with this distinguished brother. During his Mastership of St. John and St. Paul, a Captain E. C. Johnson, of the Rifle Brigade, was initiated and passed, but did not receive the third degree till 1876, or after an interval of sixteen years, when it was conferred upon him in the Bayard, No. 1615, in the presence of Lieut. Colonel Clerke and Colonel R. Douglas, to whom he was mainly indebted for such Masonic light as he had previously received.

Another and still more distinguished brother—the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol, then Viscount Glentworth—was initiated in the Lodge in February 1861, while of local brethren of high repute we notice Bro. Edwards, M.D., who in 1863 succeeded Archdeacon Burrows as D.G.M.; Bro. William Kingston, the present holder of the D.G. Mastership; his Deputy, Bro. Rosenbusch, and a former Deputy, namely, the learned author himself, Bro. Broadley. During the Mastership of the Hon. W. Hylton Jolliffe, the Lodge was visited by Sir W. W. Wynn Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire; and somewhat later, the Lodge took part in the presentation of a beautifully-illuminated address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., to which a gracious answer was vouchsafed. It was during this visit that an emergent meeting was held, at which Lord Suffield P.G.M. Norfolk, and Lord Carington were present as visitors; and Earl De La Warr, Bro. W. Howard Russell, LL.D., the well-known *Times* correspondent, and others were initiated. If to what we have already noticed we add that in 1877 the Lodge favourably recom-

mended the petition of certain brethren for the constitution of Lodge "Ancient Carthage," which meets at Tunis, and that St. John and St. Paul, with a roll of sixty-nine members, is in an eminently prosperous condition, we shall have said all that need be said of the premier Lodge of the District of Malta.

The next Lodge, the Union of Malta, was constituted early in 1831, as No. 859. The year following it became No. 558, and in 1863 received its present number, 407. The first Worshipful Master was Bro. Peter Hepburn. This, too, would seem to have enjoyed a career, not indeed wholly unchecked, yet on the whole satisfactory. A very unusual incident is quoted as having occurred at the meeting of the 6th April 1841, when a candidate, "duly prepared and admitted into the Lodge, refused to proceed, and was therefore dismissed, after taking a serious obligation to secrecy." In 1843 the members of this Lodge, which met at Senglea, were much inconvenienced by the Bishop of Malta's pastoral letter, denouncing Freemasonry, to which reference has already been made. Copy of the letter addressed to Grand Secretary, which was to be laid before the Grand Master, is given. Towards the end of the year following occurs another singular entry in the minutes—namely, "To prevent the visits of improper persons, the body of brothers may have the faculty of demanding ten pounds as a visiting fee, which they may reduce to two shillings and not less." We may note that the practice we have alluded to of conferring the degree of Past Master was also adopted in this Lodge, it being mentioned that on one occasion seven brethren received the degree, the fee paid by each being five shillings.

That in Malta the military element should become conspicuous in all the Lodges is a matter of course, and the 42nd Highlanders—the famous Black Watch—would seem to have greatly favoured the Union. Moreover, at the time when there was every prospect of war breaking out with Russia, and among other troops the brigade of Guards was quartered here, many of its officers either joined or were initiated in it, among the former being the Earl of Rosslyn—then Lord Loughborough—Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland—and among the latter the Earl of Annesley. On their return to England these officers presented a handsome Bible, with Square and Compasses in silver attached to it, bearing the following inscription:—"The Union of Malta Lodge, No. 588. Presented by the Brigade of Guards, who were initiated into this, their mother Lodge, in March and April 1854."

Among other testimonials presented to the Lodge must be mentioned a splendid silver snuff-mull, mounted on a ram's head, and surmounted by a Malta Cross, the gift of Bro. Captain Drummond, of the Black Watch, who filled the chair of Master in 1846-7. The horns are described as being tipped with silver, while six Masonic emblems are attached by chains of that metal to the ends of the Cross. The following is the inscription on the massive box in the centre:—"Presented to the Brethren by H. M. Drummond, Captain 42nd Highlanders, of Megginch Castle, Perthshire, as a mark of esteem and respect for a body over whom he presided for nearly two years. 20th December 1848." We may add that one of the most distinguished members of this Lodge is Bro. Kingston District Grand Master, who was initiated in the year 1857, while, as showing how prosperous the Lodge must have been, thirty-two candidates were initiated in the year 1847; in 1849 seventy-six brethren either joined or were initiated, and during the four years 1850-3 sixty-nine candidates were initiated. In further evidence of this Bro. Broadley mentions that prior to the decease of Bro. Gardiner, who was Worshipful Master in 1848-9, the half-yearly dues remitted to Grand Lodge amounted to £41, and a special request was made "that it should be clearly shown in the report of Grand Lodge to be a half year's dues, to show to the brethren of the Union, now scattered over the world, how their mother Lodge is flourishing." For this reason it is that we regret that every here and there we should have to be told that the minutes for such a year or such a period are missing, or were not compiled.

(To be continued).

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Institution for Boys met last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Bros. William Boebuck (in the chair), George J. Row, Donald M. Dewar, Leopold Ruf, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. J. Duff-Filer, J. G. Chancellor, A. M. Broadley, H. Massey, W. H. Saunders, Richard Tyrrell, Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D. (Head Master), F. Adlard, George J. Palmer, Alfred Williams, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The immediate business of the meeting was unnecessarily delayed through the intervention of Bro. Gladwell, who animadverted strongly on a paragraph which appeared in these columns on the 15th January. The chairman good-naturedly allowed our worthy brother to say what we may fairly presume was the bulk of what he intended to say, and the business on the agenda paper was then begun, and ended in complete harmony. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the House Committee were read for information. The Audit Committee's Report was read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The minutes of the Quarterly Court were read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign £1500 worth of cheques in discharge of tradesmen's bills, which would be certified by the Audit Committee. Three outfits, of £5 each, were granted to former pupils of the School, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

[Those who care to know what it was which so disturbed the equanimity of Bro. Gladwell, that he could not even postpone his explosion of temper till after the minutes of the previous Committee Meeting had been read and confirmed, will find it at p 51, in our issue of 15th January of the current year.—Ed. F.C.]

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 12.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Banner Lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, and was attended by a numerous assemblage of members and visitors, viz., Bros. Richardson W.M. 1861, G. Stransome 360, A. Thomas P.M. 1446, Dewar P.M. 1415, Iron J.W. 1579, Vaughan 861, W. G. Barnes W.M. 66, Soppet P.M. 1627, Dr. Ramsay P.M. 259, F. Binckes P.G.S., W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732, G. A. Berkeley 108, Cozens 907, A. Thomas, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The chair was occupied by Bro. Mower W.M., R. Coombs S.W., E. B. Kidder J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Secretary, W. J. Bedell S.D., Battenbach J.D., Matthews I.G., Pigache D.C.; P.M.'s G. Angold, W. B. Kidder, A. Lilley, Dudley Rolls, D. Nicols, Lemaitre, Snelgrove, Sidney Rolls. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Brother Coombs S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. E. E. B. Kidder, who performed the ceremony in a very perfect and impressive manner, and was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors at its conclusion. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to custom, and he appointed and invested his Officers: H. Mower I.P.M., E. E. B. Kidder S.W., J. Bedell J.W., L. Ruf re-elected for the 16th time Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Secretary, D. Matthews S.D., G. Pigache J.D., Jones I.G., Marsh Tyler. The W.M. said his first duty was a pleasing one; it was to present Bro. Mower, the I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel. This he was essentially worthy of; the zeal and assiduity he had displayed were most commendable; while the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair left nothing to be desired. He hoped he might live long to wear it. Bro. Mower, in suitable terms, returned thanks for the valuable gift so gracefully presented to him at the hands of the W.M. After the usual routine work, Lodge was closed, and the brethren, thirty-nine in number, sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. C. and A. Painter. The new W.M. most ably presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The National Anthem and God Bless the Prince of Wales being respectively given. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Grand Officers, stated that one of their P.M.'s—Bro. Raynham W. Stewart—was a Past G.D. All would regret the absence of that worthy brother, through indisposition. Bro. Bedell here sang an excellent song. Bro. H. Mower I.P.M. next rose; he said he thought they were all creatures of desire. When he became a Mason he desired to become a Master; so he supposed did the W.M.; and he had achieved his ambition. He would call on the brethren and Visitors to wish him a successful year of office. Bro. Cozens having sung a very humorous song, the W.M. thanked Bro. Mower for his kind remarks; that night, above all other nights, was the great one of his life. Theirs was not a large Lodge. In point of number, they were limited to 40 members; but they had good and honoured members of the Craft associated with them, men who had passed the chair in the Lodge with honour. We are proud of them, and we trust they will be among us for many years. Bro. Arthur Thomas sang an Italian bravura, with castanet accompaniment. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and called on Bro. Dr. Ramsay to respond. This worthy brother said he hoped he should embody the sentiments of the Visitors when he said they all should have regretted not being present that day had they missed the opportunity of hearing how ably Bro. Kidder had performed the ceremony of installation, while the genial manner in which the W.M. had presided showed that he was the right man in the right place. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, and mentioned their names *seriatim*. Each of them had worked, not only for the good of the Lodge, but also for the good of Freemasonry in general; all had done their duty admirably. He would call on his old friend Bro. Mower to respond. After a tenor song by Bro. Pigache, which was excellently rendered, Bro. H. Mower replied to the toast. He was much gratified at the manner in which it had been proposed and received; he knew he might safely say that if any member of the Lodge required the assistance of the Past Masters, they would always be ready and willing to give it. The W.M. now, by unanimous wish of the brethren, sang a capital song, his own composition, which was deservedly applauded. The toast of the Installing Master Bro. Kidder P.M. was next on the list. Those who had heard Bro. Kidder in the *role* he had so ably filled that evening could but have been pleased with the perfect manner in which he had carried out the ceremony. Among those present were many W.M.'s, who could testify to the ability he had displayed. Bro. Kidder, in an able speech, returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary; he could tell them that Bro. Ruf P.M. had conscientiously acted as Treasurer for sixteen years, and it was to him the Lodge was indebted for its creature comforts. Bro. Dudley Rolls P.M. is also a valuable assistant, while as to Bro. A. Snelgrove Past Master and Secretary no better Mason could be found. He (the Worshipful Master) hoped they would be spared for many years to continue their able services; no better Officers could be secured. Bro. Cozens again delighted the brethren, and then Bro. Ruf P.M. replied. As the W.M. had said, he had been Treasurer for sixteen years; he was proud to acknowledge, and thank Bro. Dudley Rolls for, much valuable assistance. Bro. Dudley Rolls said he was proud to act as assistant to such a worthy Past Master and Treasurer; all he could say was, that his services were at the command of the Lodge. Bro. A. Snelgrove felt it an honour to be associated with two such brethren; he hoped to be with them to help them to carry out their respective duties for many years. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities; it was astonishing to see the enormous amounts contri-

buted by the brethren to these Charities. Bro. Binckes had handed him a statement, showing that nearly £1000 per week had been collected for the Charities during the past year. In years gone by it would have been thought fabulous that such large sums could ever have been raised. He mentioned how many candidates there were receiving the benefits of the three Institutions, and said he would act as Steward for the Girls' School, while Bro. Walker would serve as Steward for the Boys'. As Bro. Binckes, the excellent Secretary of the latter Institution, was present, he would call on him to respond. Bro. Binckes said it was correct that the sum of £50,000, or nearly so, had been subscribed during the last year; thus, notwithstanding the depression of trade, which latter fact was too patent to be looked upon as a mere figure of speech, it was intensely gratifying to know the Institutions had not suffered. However, he must remind those present that the claims on them had materially increased. He had a Festival twelve years ago, when it was represented to him that the sum of £3600, which he then secured, was thought to be a great effort. On behalf of those associated with him in the Masonic Institutions, he begged to return his sincere thanks. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Officers. Bros. Kidder, Bedell, and Pigache were all good working Masons, and he hoped to see each occupy the chair. Bros. Kidder, Bedell, Matthews, Pigache, and Jones severally responded. The W.M. said he thought it was a duty incumbent on them to drink to the health of Bro. W. Raynham Stewart, a Past Master of the Lodge and a Grand Officer. Bro. Stewart had been ill for fourteen days, but he trusted he might be spared, and soon appear among them. He was sure the brethren all would join in wishing him a speedy return to health. The Tyler was then summoned, and the final toast was given.

PHENIX LODGE, No. 173.

THE Fourth Annual Ball of the members of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 8th instant, under the presidency of Bro. James Blyth W.M., who was assisted by an efficient array of P.M.'s, and a committee, consisting of Bros. E. W. W. Allen I.P.M., T. J. Bentley, H. Conolly, A. Culverhouse, Captain Finch P.M., F. Foxley J.W., E. Filmer, W. Holcombe W.S., G. Garden, G. Gutterbrook I.G., S. S. Phillips P.M., F. H. Riddle, F. R. Vine P.M., and W. Williams, to whom every credit is due for his consideration for the comfort of the ladies and brethren. Bro. Hon. Secretary H. W. Davis also rendered good service. At the supper, which was a most essential feature of the evening's proceedings, Bro. Blyth the W.M. presided. He said there were but few toasts to be given on the occasion. First, he would call on them to drink to Her Majesty the Queen. The present might be considered a somewhat critical time. However, he felt there was a spirit of loyalty among all, but more especially so among Freemasons, and he felt proud to propose the toast. Bro. Allen P.M. said it was with great pleasure he proposed the health of their W.M. It was a great honour to be W.M. of a Lodge, but the one he presided over he might be especially proud of. They also were proud of their W.M., who might be said to be overflowing with charity. Bro. Blyth said he felt proud to be their W.M., and also President at this social gathering; he would quote a very old saying—he was pleased to be happy himself, and communicating happiness to others. Bro. Phillips P.M., in a humorous speech, proposed the toast of the Ladies. Bro. Davey responded, and then the brethren and ladies again repaired to the ball room, where dancing was resumed. Bro. Blyth, the W.M., who had so ably contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, also presented each Steward with a souvenir, consisting of an elegant shield, with a solid silver Phoenix, emblematic of the title of the Lodge. One little feature we have omitted. Before the W.M. left the chair, he asked the brethren present to drink to the health of Bro. Foxley; this was his natal day, and all the brethren wished him many happy returns of it. Bro. Foxley fluently responded to the compliment. Bros. Coote and Tinney's band, which was in attendance, gave unqualified satisfaction to all present at this most agreeable assembly.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge took place on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The W.M. Bro. William Radcliffe presided; he was supported by a goodly number of Past Masters and members. Amongst the former body being the esteemed father of the Lodge, Bro. Douglas Drysdale; also Bros. Charles Greenwood (G. Sword Bearer) Treasurer, T. H. Lavers, John Laver, George Parsons, T. T. Pyecroft, Jas. Linsdell, Alfred Green, and Alfred Withers I.P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. F. Gould P.M. 92 S.G.D., C. Greenwood P.G.R. Surrey, E. C. Woodward P.M., B. E. Blasby W.M. 780, John B. Stevens W.M. 1627, Wainwright 34, A. Goldcutt late 211, Charles Maton 780, H. Nash 150, J. Coppen 1219, J. M. Wohlgenuth P.M. 916, H. W. Madeley 1543, G. King P.M. 172, W. Bonner P.M. 1348, W. Alexander 1348, John Case P.M. 190, John Glynes 1027, C. W. Bevis 511. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock, and the minutes of last meeting were read by Bro. W. W. Morgan the Hon. Secretary. In due course the W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, and Bro. P.M. T. H. Lavers introduced the Senior Warden and W.M. elect, Bro. John Waters, to receive the benefits of installation. Bro. Waters having given his assent to the requisite conditions of Master-ship, Lodge was further advanced, and in due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the ceremony proceeded with. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new Worshipful Master was saluted, and he appointed the following brethren his Officers:—Bros. Usher Back S.W., C. E. Young J.W., C. Greenwood P.M. G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Sec., F. J. Hentsch S.D., T. H. Peirce J.D., H. Green (by proxy) I.G., Martin Org., A. Withers P.M. D. of C., and C. T. Speight Tyler. Bro. W. Radcliffe, who had performed the ceremony throughout in a most perfect manner, then gave

a forcible and very effective rendering of the several addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, and took his seat amidst the congratulations of the many distinguished brethren who were present. We must not omit to mention that the new W.M., in investing the Officers, addressed some forcible remarks to each as to what was expected of them in the discharge of their respective duties; these remarks were greatly relished for their originality and the earnestness with which they were offered. The Auditors had held their meeting the week previous, and a copy of the accounts will be placed in the hands of each of the members at an early date. The I.P.M. was presented with the jewel of the Lodge, the W.M. complimenting Bro. Radcliffe on the admirable way in which he had conducted the work of the past year; likewise on the ability he had shown as an Installing Master. After routine work, during which the names of two gentlemen were handed in as candidates to be proposed at the next meeting. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which, speaking from a pretty long experience, we do not hesitate to say was a magnificent one, in every way worthy of so famous an hostelry. On the removal of the cloth the accustomed Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, the responsibility of replying for that of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, being entrusted to Bro. Gould G.S.D., who acknowledged the compliment in a well considered speech. He pointed out that the services of the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom in the interests of the Craft were recognised on all sides, so that the value of such services needed no embellishment at his hands. There were also, he remarked, among the Grand Officers several who, like Bros. Sir Albert Woods Grand Director of Ceremonies, Æneas McIntyre Grand Registrar, John Gibson Grand Supt. of Works, held, almost as a matter of course, life-long appointments, whose services were also appreciated as they deserved; and who, he trusted, would long remain to adorn the front rank of English Masonry. He also complimented the Worshipful Master in having been chosen to his high office by the unanimous voice of his fellow-members, and the I.P.M. on the ability he had displayed in the capacity of Installing Master. On Bro. Radcliffe, of course, devolved the agreeable duty of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, whom he congratulated on his attainment of the chair, as well as on the ability he had already displayed during his brief tenancy of the office. Bro. Waters, in reply, thanked his predecessor for the kindly manner in which he had proposed his health, and all present for the heartiness with which they had received it. He hoped he should be found equal to the discharge of the important duties they had entrusted to him, and that during his period of office the St. Michael's Lodge would be as prosperous as it had been under his predecessors. The toast of the Visitors followed, and was responded to by Bros. Stevens, Blasby, and Bourne, Bro. C. Greenwood jun. adding a few words. With the toast of the Past Masters was associated the name of Bro. Radcliffe I.P.M., who took that opportunity of reiterating his thanks to the Lodge for the Past Master's jewel which had been presented to him earlier in the evening. He also thanked the brethren of St. Michael's generally for the kindly support they had extended to him during his Mastership. When Bro. Radcliffe resumed his seat, Bro. Pyecroft P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel which had been voted him by the Lodge for his services when occupying the chair, but which, owing to his inability to attend, had not been handed to him. Bro. Pyecroft in a few words expressed his thanks for so grateful an acknowledgment of his services as Master, and the other toasts having been given and responded to, the brethren rose and separated after a most agreeable evening had been passed, as old minute books are wont to record, "in perfect harmony." Of the ten Past Masters of the Lodge who were present—and whose presence may be regarded as indubitable evidence of the hearty good feeling which has always prevailed in the Lodge—one (Bro. Drysdale) occupied the chair for the first time as far back as 1849, while another (Bro. C. Greenwood) held the same position in 1855. We must not conclude our notice without mentioning that Bro. Radcliffe I.P.M. presented each member of the Lodge with a copy of its recently published history, the cost of reproducing which in book form from the columns of this journal was most generously undertaken by our worthy brother. We trust the deep interest thus exhibited by Bro. Radcliffe in the Lodge of which he is, and, we hope, will long remain, a most conspicuous member, will be appreciated by his fellow-members. For ourselves we thank him most cordially—as, indeed, we have already done in our brief preface to the history—for his kind assistance in placing at our disposal the materials necessary for the completion, as well as in suggesting and contributing, towards its reprint.

CHERWELL LODGE, No. 599.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Banbury, on 8th inst., upon which occasion Bro. W. P. Ellis was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Potts, Bro. Ellis afterwards appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. W. Holland I.P.M., J. S. Palmer S.W., C. Claridge J.W., Rev. A. W. Ayton P.M. Chaplain, R. Havers P.S.G.D. Treasurer, E. J. Hartley P.M. Secretary, W. H. Garland S.D., W. A. Samman J.D., Dr. Griffin P.M. D.C., T. Fowler and W. Chamberlin Stewards, H. Kilby I.G., T. Moss Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, when Mr. Johnson catered in a style that does the highest credit to the cuisine of the Red Lion. The dinner was truly sumptuous, and was served up most admirably. The W.M. presented the wines.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., when Bro. Dr. Jagielski the W.M. presided. Several matters of business were disposed of, and the Lodge having been closed, a most enjoyable evening was spent at the festive board.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.0, FARCE. At 7.45, MOTHER GOOSE. Monday Wednesday, and Saturday at 2.0 also.

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HAYMARKET.—At 8, TAMING A TIGER. At 8.30, MASKS AND FACES.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.15, THAT BLESSED BABY and OTHELLO. On Monday, KING LEAR.

STRAND.—At 7.30, A SUMMER CLOUD. At 8, OLIVETTE.

COURT.—At 8, ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, A SHEEP IN WOLF'S CLOTHING. At 9, THE MONEY SPINNER.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, THE CUP. At 9.30, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, THE DOWAGER. At 8.45, LOLA.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, THE ILLUSTRIOUS STRANGER. At 8, THE GREEN BUSHES.

GAILETY.—At 7.10, OPERETTA. At 7.20, LITTLE MOTHER. At 8.30, FORTY THIEVES.

GLOBE.—At 7.30, THE GENIUS. At 8.15, LA BELLE NORMANDE.

CRITERION.—At 7.50, BRAVE HEARTS. At 8.45, WHERE'S THE CAT?

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

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, AULD ACQUAINTANCE. At 8.15, DIVORCE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.45, IN HONOUR BOUND. At 8.30, THE COLONEL.

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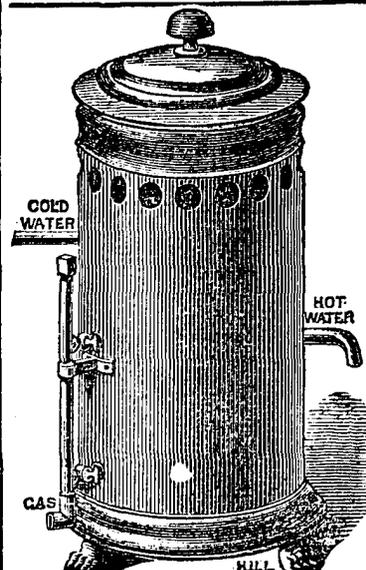
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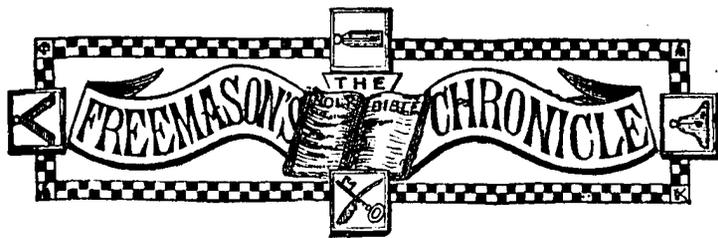
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A QUARTERLY communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 3rd instant—Sir Michael R. Shaw, Bart., Grand Master Mason, on the throne. Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart Senior Grand Warden was in his place, and Bro. Crombie, Aberdeen, Junior Grand Deacon, acted as Junior Grand Warden. Amongst the other brethren present were—the Earl of Mar and Kellie Depute Grand Master; Bros. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, Andrew Kerr Grand Architect, John S. Matheson Grand Jeweller, George Fisher Grand Bible Bearer, Major Hills Grand Director of Ceremonies, H. Y. D. Copland Grand Sword Bearer, James Turner President of the Board of Grand Stewards, W. M. Bryce Grand Tyler, Alexander Hay Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica and Greytown, William Mann Proxy District Grand Master of India, Dr. John Falconer Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, with numerous other representatives from foreign Grand Lodges.

Grand Lodge having been properly constituted, the Grand Master made a suitable reference to the loss which Grand Lodge had sustained through the decease of Bro. the Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson, one of the Joint Grand Chaplains. Many of the brethren were, he said, better acquainted than he was with their departed Chaplain, but he had always understood that he was a very estimable and rising minister of the Church of Scotland. At any rate he knew, and most of the brethren knew, that Bro. Jamieson was kind, courteous, pleasant, and gentlemanly; and he little thought, when he had the pleasure of meeting him at last St. Andrew's Festival, that that kind and genial young man would no more be among them. He was sure the brethren all regretted his loss, not for his own sake, but for those he had left behind him; and he moved that Grand Lodge, through their Grand Secretary, should send to the bereaved widow an expression of their sincere sympathy and condolence. This was at once agreed to by Grand Lodge.

A statement was submitted of the accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 30th November last, which showed an income of £3685, and expenditure amounting to £2285. The funds and estate amounted to £18,105, as compared with £16,705 last year, showing an increase during the year of £1400. During the period under report there had been 3763 intrants and affiliations. A statement of the accounts of the Masonic Benevolent Fund for the same period showed that about £400 had been distributed by the Committee in votes and casual charity in the course of the year, and that the Fund now stood at £5712, as compared with £5460 last year. During last quarter the grants had amounted to nearly £140. A vidimus of the income and expenditure of Grand Lodge for last quarter showed that the income had been £1291, and the expenditure £723, leaving an excess of income to the extent of £568. There had been 855 intrants to the Craft during that period.

It was reported that Bro. the Earl of Fife, acceding to the wishes of the brethren in Banffshire, had agreed to allow himself to be nominated for appointment to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Banffshire; and Grand Lodge unanimously agreed to issue a commission in his Lordship's favour. On the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Bro. Dr. H. Goldstaeker was appointed representative to that body, in room of Bro. Dr. De la Camp, deceased. It was agreed to accept the resignation of Bro. T. M. Reid of his office of Provincial Grand Master of Trinidad, and to thank him for his long-continued and highly valuable services. In forwarding his resignation, which was owing to pressure of business, Bro. Reid stated that Masonry in that colony was at present carried on more satisfactorily than he had known it for many years. It was resolved to exchange representatives with the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, U.S., and to appoint Bro. Past Grand Master James Hutchison as representative to that body. Bro. Dunas Filgueira was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Peru. On the petition of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the West India Islands and others, Bro. William M'Call Provincial Grand Senior Warden was unanimously appointed Provincial Grand Master, in room of Bro. the Hon. J. King Wattley, deceased. Grand Lodge ordered that charters be issued in favour of

Lodges St. Clair (Kilwinning, Lyttleton, N.Z.), Breadalbane (Aberfeldy), and Rawcliffe (Rothsay). A report was submitted from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Peebles and Selkirk for the year 1880, which showed that the Lodges within the Province had been officially visited during the year, and found to be in good working order, and that otherwise the Provincial Grand Lodge was in a healthful condition. Satisfactory reports were also submitted from Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, and Captain Clayhill Henderson, of Invergowrie, Provincial Grand Masters of Renfrewshire East and Forfarshire, as to the condition of the Lodges in their respective Provinces.

Grand Lodge approved the minutes of committee in reference to complaints against the action of the office bearers of the Lodge the "Gael," Glasgow, and other brethren, for having issued and recommended a petition or "begging circular," which had been issued to Lodges both in and furth of Scotland and the Scotch Constitution. It had been stated in the Glasgow Provincial Grand Lodge, in defence of the "Gael," which Lodge was founded for the express purpose of rendering the mysteries of Freemasonry in "the native Gaelic tongue," that the liabilities of the Lodge which necessitated the circular were about £100. The Provincial Grand Lodge had expressed their strong disapproval of the conduct of the office bearers and other signatories of the letter, and expressed an opinion that a stop should be put to Lodges or brethren issuing begging letters or circulars, which were excessively derogatory to the Order. The Grand Committee had approved of this report, and recorded a vote of censure expressive of their reprehension of the course which had been adopted with reference to the petition; and their procedure was confirmed by Grand Lodge.

A report from the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India showed also that the Craft was prospering in that important region. The Special Committee on the designations of the Provinces of Berwick and Roxburgh shires and Peebles and Selkirk shires reported that the Grand Secretary had issued circulars to all the Lodges in these Provinces, but that only seven had replied; and, looking to the diversity of the views entertained, the Committee recommended that, seeing Grand Lodge had had this matter under consideration so very recently, and that the views of the Lodges in the above Provinces were not sufficiently matured, the last resolution should not in the meantime be altered. This was approved of. Grand Committee reported that they had on their table a report from the Hall Committee on a scheme for additional accommodation in Grand Lodge premises, which proposed an expenditure of about £300, in order to afford more perfect scope for the working of the several Masonic degrees, and greater accommodation for Lodge property and stores, the want of which had from time to time been subject of much general complaint.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of fifteen brethren to serve on the Grand Committee, in place of twelve who retired by rotation and three interim members. There were twenty-four brethren nominated, and the following were elected, with the under-noted votes:—Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Edinburgh, 234; William Maclean, Glasgow, 200; Wm. Mann, Edinburgh, 181; Wm. Hay, Edinburgh, 178; Alex. Hay, Edinburgh, 176; Dr. James Carmichael, Edinburgh, 168; John Wilson, Edinburgh, 149; James Craig, Edinburgh, 149; James T. S. Elliot jun., of Wolfelee, 142; Jas. Berry, Carnoustie, 140; H. Munro, Edinburgh, 137; W. Niven, Edinburgh, 125; Alexander Henry, Edinburgh, 121; Colonel J. T. Stewart, Glasgow, 120; J. D. Duncan, Glasgow, 111.

After disposing of some other business, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form after about two hours of a sederunt.

JAMAICA.

Royal Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 240.—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 20th December last, at Freemasons' Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston. The Rt. Wor. Bro. Altamont De Cordora Prov. G. Warden (in the absence of the Master, through illness) being the Installing Master. The Master elect, Bro. E. X. Leon, S.W. of the Lodge and Prov. Grand Secretary, having been presented, was duly installed in the chair of A., appointing and investing the following brethren as Officers of his administration:—Bros. G. J. Sargeant Prov. G.M.O. I.P.M., B. Stines jun. Prov. G.J.O. S.W., T. N. Aguilar Prov. G. Steward J.W., T. Demetrius M.O., M. W. Simpson S.O., A. P. Alberga J.O., W. C. Hendriks Treasurer, Wm. R. Ryder Secretary, F. J. Fryer R. of Marks, A. Tripe S.D., F. J. Ward J.D., C. McL. Keer Director of Ceremonies, Geo. Levy I.G., J. Hoyes Tyler. Letters of application to be advanced were read from Bros. C. L. Campbell and C. W. Sherlock, who, having been put to the ballot, were elected. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they sat until midnight, spending a most agreeable evening. Bro. E. X. Leon, the present Master, is the founder of this Lodge, which it at present the only Mark Lodge in the Province that is in good working order. It numbers over thirty members, and meets regularly every quarter.

Sussex Lodge, No. 354.—At the ordinary meeting of this Lodge, held at Sussex Hall, Kingston, on Wednesday evening, the 19th January, there being present a goodly number of Past Masters and brethren of the sister Lodges, Bro. A. H. Jones J.W. and Master elect was installed Master for the ensuing year, the retiring Master, Bro. J. Harris, most ably performing the ceremony. The following brethren were then invested as office bearers:—Wor. Bros. J. Harris I.P.M., D. P. Ross, M.D., S.W., H. Priest J.W., G. G. H. Waldron Treasurer, G. G. Cox Secretary, J. C. Ford S.D., E. S. Sanguinette J.D., R. A. W. Holwell I.G., A. De Montagwas and F. L. Sanguinette Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. The visitors were afterwards entertained by the brethren of the Sussex Lodge at a sumptuous banquet.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE annual meeting for the Audit of the Accounts took place on Wednesday, 2nd inst. Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. M. Rooke, who was supported by a number of his officers and brethren. The Balance Sheet was presented by Bro. J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R., and having been examined, was pronounced to be eminently satisfactory. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at supper, ample provision having been made under the supervision of the Tyler, Bro. Calvert. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Alderman G. Brown then gave the toast of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, and the P.G. Lodge. He said that it had been his privilege on the last occasion of the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge in York to afford some entertainment in the Mansion House, which he then had the honour to occupy, and he was sure that his opinion of their chief was that of all who had seen him presiding in Lodge, that he used his best efforts in the cause of Masonry, and nobly succeeded. Bro. A. Buckle P.M. Past Grand Deacon, responded, and said that he was certainly proud of the purple which had been conferred upon him, more especially as it brought him into closer association with those brethren who were standing up with him, and because he felt that in him the York Lodge had been honoured. The S.W., Bro. J. S. Rymer, gave the health of the W.M., who had already set them, during his short term of office, so good an example, and whose health he was so glad to see restored to him. The W.M. briefly responded, assuring the brethren that he should spare no pains to do his duty by the Lodge in all respects. Bro. Buckle then gave the toast of the evening, the health of the Treasurer of the Lodge. He dwelt upon Bro. Todd's many excellent Masonic qualities, and said that in him the successive rulers of the Lodge had always and would always find a friend and counsellor. Bro. Todd, in replying, made some reference to the finances, which he was glad to be able to show were in so healthy a condition. He then spoke of the Masonic Charities, and said that their Bro. the Dean of York was going up as Steward to the Benevolent Festival, and he hoped the Lodge would be able to vote a sum to his list. He (Bro. Todd) hoped to represent the Lodge at the Girls' Festival, and trusted he would receive the support of the Lodge and brethren. He then gave a sketch of the work of the Lodge during the past year, and showed that it had contributed a total sum to the Charities of over £100. Bro. T. B. Wytchhead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. gave the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge. He said that since the time he had become a joining member of the Lodge, about seven years ago, there had been a succession of Masters who had done their duty with the utmost credit to themselves and the Lodge; and if such conscientious workers could always be secured or the chairs of other Lodges, Masonry would be in a much better position than at present. He was entirely at one with his brother (Bro. Todd) on the Charities question, and was delighted at the substantial work of the Lodge. He trusted that great care, however, would be exercised in the admission of candidates into Masonry, for from several matters which had lately transpired, as well as from the number of applicants for the benefits of the Institutions, it was too patent that men were joining their ranks for the sake of what they and theirs could get out of Masonry. Such a condition of affairs, if not discouraged, would prove most damaging to the W.M. Bro. W. H. Gainforth I.P.M. responded, and was followed by Bro. G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., who proposed the Officers of the Lodge. The S.W. replied, and shortly afterwards the proceedings were brought to a close. During the evening songs, duets and glees were sung by Bros. J. Todd, G. Kirby, W. Smith, G. R. Hitchcock, J. Stead, M. Smith, and others, Bro. Tuke Org. presiding at the piano. Among those present, in addition to the brethren already named were Bros. Sir James Meek P.M., G. Garbett S.D., W. Powell I.G. W. Nicholson, J. Young, W. T. Gowland, G. C. Lee, C. Kearsley, J. Welburn and J. G. Turner.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—A meeting of the members of this old and flourishing Lodge was held on Monday evening, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Bro. Richard Baker W.M., who was supported by Bros. Lewis M. Meyer S.W., I. Benjamin J.W., Lewis Lazarus P.M., M. L. Alexander P.M., A. G. Dodson P.M., Henry Hymans I.P.M., Israel Abrahams P.M., S. L. Hickman P.M., E. P. Albert Past Grand Pur. Secretary, W. Baum I.G., A. Botibol and Lewis Wall Stewards, George Bean D.C., Van Noorden Organist, J. T. Woodstock Tyler; B. J. Hart, W. J. Gardiner, Isaac Botibol, S. Genese, &c. Visitors—Bros. A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G. Master Malta P.M. 1717, &c., A. Abrahams 205, R. Baker, L. Norden P.M. 205, H. J. Phillips W.M. 205, H. Meyer (Hamburg), Asher L. Meyer 185, Charles Bellerby 1612, H. M. Appleton 861, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, William Wyatt (Brant Lodge, No. 45, Ontario, Canada), H. P. Isaac I.P.M. 1693, George A. Fletcher W.M. 180, &c. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, certain candidates for acceptance into Freemasonry, who had been balloted for and elected, were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. Application for relief was made by a distressed brother, and the Bye-laws of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, which forbids a higher amount than half-a-guinea being given, was in this instance suspended, and the sum of two guineas was voted unanimously. Certain propositions relating to the Bye-laws of the Benevolent Fund, which, of course, are interesting only to the Lodge members, came under consideration. We may state, however, that a proposal for dispensing with one of the formularies peculiar to this Lodge was most ably argued at some length, and in the result, an amendment for modifying the particular formulary was accepted. Lodge having been closed, and it being an off-night, the brethren sat down to a very quiet repast, after which the customary toasts were honoured. It was announced in connection with that of the Initiates, that each of them—including those initiated at a previous meeting, there were eight in all—had presented a guinea to the Benevolent Fund, and further that the Fund amounted to between

£900 and £1,000. Bro. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta, in replying for the Visitors, spoke in eloquent terms of the work that was being done in his District, especially in the classic neighbourhood around Tunis, where ancient Carthage once reared its proud head, and where the Lodge of "Ancient Carthage" now meets. He also heartily congratulated the Lodge on the efficient manner in which the duties of the evening had been carried out, and the enthusiasm exhibited by all present. It is needless to say that the toast of the W.M. experienced a very hearty reception. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 8th February, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Wardell W.M., Clark S.W., Christian J.W., Dignam S.D., Larter J.D., Catling I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor, Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Brasted, Edwards, Collins, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edwards, a candidate for passing, was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the third, and resumed to the second, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Wallington, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Wardell acting as W.M. The investiture of Officers followed, and Bro. P.M. Wallington gave the customary addresses in a very able manner. Bro. Edwards assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the first section of the lecture. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form. We are glad to hear that Bro. P.M. Wallington has been able to resume his Preceptorship. Illness has prevented his attendance for the last four weeks. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 22nd inst. Bro. Webb P.M. 1607 and 177 will preside. Brethren are invited to attend.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Moorgate Tavern, 15 Finsbury-pavement. Present—Bros. H. C. Sanders W.M., Holness S.W., Halestrap J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Sec., Medwin S.D., Couchman I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Button candidate. Bro. J. L. Mather then took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. H. C. Sanders the W.M. elect of the Mother Lodge acting as candidate. Bro. Holness was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 3rd instant. Present:—Bros. G. Coop W.M., J. Green S.W., C. E. Porter J.W., Hamilton S.D., A. Jones J.D., T. Smith I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary, H. Stephens, E. C. Botley, F. Botley, G. S. Wright, C. Bellerby. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. G. S. Wright candidate. Lodge was opened in second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. Bro. J. Green was appointed W.M. for the 17th inst. The Officers of the mother Lodge occupied their respective places on the 10th inst. The regular meeting of the Lodge will be held this day (Saturday).

Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765.—The regular meeting was held on the 3rd instant, at No. 13 Mandeville-place, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Hammond W.M., Stark S.W., Dr. Keene J.W., Gabriel Treas., J. Stedman L.Mus. Secretary, Hoare S.D., B. Turner J.D., G. F. Hammond I.G., W. J. Jennings Organist, A. W. Hoare Steward, G. Harrison Tyler; P.M. Professor E. Lott P.P.G.J.W. Jersey. The Visitors were—Bros. A. J. Muckelov 1658, F. Corder 732, Shand W.M. 1563, Taylor 1865, Tate 1653, Ward 1563, J. Docker W.M. 1687, T. Loring 171, F. Ward, A. W. Williams P.M. 1509, F. Low 181, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. John Mills; being unanimous in his favour, he was duly initiated. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. The W.M. stated the Lodge had now been in existence three years, and he felt great pleasure in announcing that he would act as a Steward at the Anniversary Festival for the Boys' School; he hoped the brethren would support him. The W.M. then gave a very excellent account of the Charities, and Bro. Turner J.D. stated that Bro. Ridpath would give ten guineas, to be placed on the list of the Worshipful Master. The brethren also voted the sum of ten guineas from the funds. The name of a candidate for initiation was announced by the Secretary. Lodge was closed until the first Tuesday in March. The brethren afterwards partook of a cold collation and dessert, provided by Messrs. Withers and Englefield. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. A new overture, composed by Bro. Stark, was played by Bros. Stark and Turner. It received great applause for its artistic merits. Bro. Professor E. Lott I.P.M. then rose; he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M.; all respected and were proud of him; the duties of his office were ably fulfilled, and he (the speaker) was sure they would continue so to be. After a song—"The Sea Rover"—by Bro. Frank Ward, the W.M. returned thanks; Bro. Lott had said they ought to be proud of him; he might say in return he was proud of them. He had heartily to thank the brethren for placing him in his present position. In proposing the toast of the Initiate, the W.M. said that Bro. Mills was a very old friend of his; if he was as good a Mason as he had proved himself a friend, the Craft would be proud of him. The E.A. Song was sung by Bro. Turner. Bro. Stark then delighted the brethren with the overture

to "William Tell," which he played on the organ in a most vigorous and effective manner. The newly-initiated Brother, in appropriate terms responded to the toast; he trusted he should fully carry out the W.M.'s kind anticipations. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; they were all pleased to see them; he would call on Bro. Williams P.M. 1509 and Bro. J. E. Shand W.M. 1563 to respond. After a very excellent tenor song from Bro. Stedman—"The Shades of Evening"—Bros. Williams and Shand responded, expressing their appreciation of the great Masonic treat they had participated in, and thanking the Lodge for its excellent hospitality and musical entertainment. The P.M.'s were next honoured, and after a pianoforte solo by Bro. A. W. S. Hoare, Bro. Professor E. Lott I.P.M. responded in a very appropriate speech. After a splendid basso song by Bro. Stanley Smith, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers and Wardens. He regretted the absence of the Junior Warden, through illness. The S.W. of the Lodge however was present, and with his name he would couple the toast. Bro. Hoare sang "Simon the Cellarer." After a response from the S.W., who remarked that the excellent working of the W.M. would be an incentive to those whom he had appointed, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—A regular meeting was held on 30th ult., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy Square. There were present Bros. Burgess W.M., B. Kauffmann S.W., Birrell J.W., Devine Treas., L. Jacobs as Sec., L. Solomon S.D., Harvey J.D., Proctor I.G., Hemmings Preceptor; also Bros. Guyer, J. Edwards, H. L. Phillips, H. M. Levy, N. Vallentine, Smith, Lambourne, &c. After preliminaries, the second and third sections of the first lecture were worked, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. L. Phillips acting as candidate. Bro. Kauffman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145.—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Comps. Venn M.E.Z., Haslett H., Braine J., E. Moody P.Z. S.E., N. Headon S.N., Leggott P.S., T. Bull P.Z. Treas., Moon 2nd Assist. Soj., Warrington, Cox, and E. H. Thiellay. The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Defriez 45, who was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The ceremony was perfectly and impressively worked by the M.E.Z., the H., J. and other officers likewise being perfect in knowledge of their duties. After the Chapter was closed, the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Comp. Dawkins. The M.E.Z. ably presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Complimentary speeches were in the ascendant, and a very agreeable time was passed. Comp. Green Z. 795 was present as a Visitor.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—A weekly convocation of this eminent Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 8th February, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and was very numerous attended. The respective offices were filled as follows:—Companions Edmonds Z., Higgins H., Lardner J., F. Brown S.E. and Preceptor, M'Donnell Sec., J. S. Fraser P.S., and the following Companions:—Lovegrove, Kirke, W. Fraser, Rowe, Sayer, Coden, Greenwood, Webb, H. Thompson, W. Green, Clement, Walker, F. T. Pocock and S. H. Parkhouse. After the confirmation of the minutes of last Convocation, it was announced that the ceremony of exaltation was about to be rehearsed, upon which Comp. Walker expressed his willingness to act as candidate. The ceremony was most ably performed, and elicited the warmest marks of approval, all the Officers being most efficient in the performance of their duties. This being election night the following Officers were appointed for the next fortnight:—Lardner Z., Edmonds H., H. J. Payne J., M'Donnell S.N., Pocock P.S. Comp. F. Brown S.E. proposed that Comps. F. E. Pocock of the Ezra Chapter 1489 and S. H. Parkhouse of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter 1642 become members of this Chapter of Improvement, and they were unanimously elected. Afterwards they severally returned thanks for the unanimity with which they had been received as members, and expressed the gratification they experienced at the very admirable manner in which the ceremony of exaltation had been performed that evening, and their anxious desire to be present as often as possible, and receive the instruction the Chapter was so well able to afford. It was announced that Comp. Stephens would rehearse the ceremony of installation of Principals on the third Tuesday in March, and as these ceremonies are seldom rehearsed in a Chapter of Instruction, a great attendance of advanced Arch Masons is anticipated.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervous Debility.—No part of the human machine requires more watching than the nervous system—upon it hangs health and life itself. These Pills are the best regulators and strengtheners of the nerves, and the safest general purifiers. Nausea, headache, giddiness, numbness, and mental apathy yield to them. They despatch in a summary manner those distressing dyspeptic symptoms, stomachic pains, fulness at the pit of the stomach, abdominal distension, and overcome both capricious appetites and confined bowels—the commonly accompanying signs of defective or deranged nervous power. Holloway's Pills are particularly recommended to persons of studious and sedentary habits, who gradually sink into a nervous and debilitated state, unless some such restorative be occasionally taken.

We are not prepared to say that Bro. Gladwell has resolved himself into a Committee of Safety for the purpose of protecting the members of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys from the assaults of the world at large, and the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in particular. He did, however, assume some such rôle at the Committee Meeting of Saturday last. No sooner had a chairman been elected, than Bro. Gladwell—who would seem to have been almost on the point of boiling over with ill-restrained impetuosity—rose and drew attention to certain remarks of ours as to certain statements made at the last Quarterly Court of the Institution. The Chairman, Bro. Roebuck, very kindly allowed our worthy brother to rid himself in greater part of the burden under which he has been labouring for the past two or three weeks, and then suggested, with a propriety which none will question, that Bro. Gladwell's grievance formed no part of the business proceedings of the day. Most of those present concurred in this opinion, and Bro. Gladwell was so considerate as to permit himself to subside into absolute silence as to the course he was anxious should be adopted against this journal. It is clear to us that Bro. Gladwell is ill at ease in the novel character he has assumed, or else he must have been unfortunate enough to enact it for the first time in the presence of a sadly inappreciative audience. We had indulged in the hope that, after visiting and personally consulting us on the matter, and after we had shown him every consideration in our power, he would have seen the advisability of saying nothing. However, the only sufferer appears to have been the agenda paper, and possibly there may have been a slight delay in the discussion of that refreshment which customarily follows the transaction of important business. We shall always be pleased to meet Bro. Gladwell and offer him advice in any matter on which he may desire to consult us. Meanwhile, we commend to his notice a certain proverb, in which the relative merits of speech and silence are very clearly defined, the former as being "silvern," while the latter is "golden."

ABOUT THE PHILADELPHIA QUESTION.—Bro. J. Norton writes:—"Had the Philadelphia Masons been legitimatised in 1732 or 1734, Philadelphia would not have played second fiddle to Boston as late as 1749."

GOETHE AS A FREEMASON.—Herr Pietsch, of Leipzig, has just published a full and annotated edition of his interesting essay on Goethe as a Freemason ("Johann Wolfgang von Goethe als Freimaurer"), which he delivered as a festival oration at the Goethe Centenary, on 23rd June 1880. Very few persons, even amongst Goethe's biographers, knew that the great poet belonged to the Order; and even the few who were aware of the fact will learn many details that are new to them from Herr Pietsch's diligent researches into Goethe's relations with the Brotherhood and his Masonic activity. It was on the 13th January 1780, at the close of his tour in Switzerland with the Duke Karl August, of Weimar, that the poet first applied for reception, and his application was made to the Master of the Amalia Lodge, Baron von Fritsch, Goethe's special adversary at the Court of Weimar. Herr Pietsch prints the letter of application. In it the poet says he has been moved to apply for admission into the Fraternity in order that by acquiring the title and privileges of a Freemason he may come into closer contact with a number of eminent persons whom he has learned to esteem. "This social feeling alone," he adds, "has moved me to ask for reception." As an Apprentice, the great poet was most zealous and painstaking in the fulfilment of his duties, and co-operated actively in assisting the needy and distressed, as, for instance, at the conflagration at Gross-Brembach. "Masonic echoes," says Herr Pietsch, "are to be detected in all the works written by Goethe after the year 1780, and particularly in his letters to Charlotte von Stein. On the 5th of February 1782 Goethe and his Sovereign, the Duke Karl August, were admitted at the same time to the degree of Master Mason. Strife afterwards arose, and the Amalia Lodge was suspended from 1783 to 1808. In 1810 Goethe was nominated Master of the Lodge, but he declined the honour with so much decision that the offer was not repeated. He frequently officiated, however, as Orator (Redner). On the 23rd of June 1830 he celebrated his fifty years' jubilee as a Mason. The address delivered to him by the Amalia Lodge on this occasion is printed in its entirety by Herr Pietsch.—*Globe.*

G. T. T.—The law is absolute on the subject. A brother must have served the office of Warden in a regular Lodge for one entire year in order to become eligible for the chair of W. Master. It does not, however, matter whether he was Senior or Junior Warden, or he may have been J.W. for one part of the year and S.W. for the rest of it.

W. B.—We will act up to your suggestion, which has our unqualified approval.

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, 12th FEBRUARY.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', 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
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pombury 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, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 409—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 M.M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 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 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 M.M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

- 1006—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Frestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (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)
 791—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bothnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1602—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 939—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 189—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 263—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford

805—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
 883—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1132—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Heblton Bridge
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 R.A. 1385—Gladsuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
 K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 786—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 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)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.C. Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C. Present:—Bros. Ferry W.M., Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., Brown P.M. Secretary, Schadler S.D., Rich J.D., Leins P.M. D.C., Caton acting I.G., and about thirty members. The minutes of November meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was brought into requisition for Messrs. Fencott, Patience, Mattin, and Pocock, and was unanimous in their favour. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Hills answered questions leading to third. Lodge opened in third, and Bro. Hills was raised to the sublime degree. Lodge resumed to first degree, and Messrs. Fencott, Patience, Mattin, and Pocock were initiated. The sum of two guineas was voted to a late brother's representatives, and two guineas to be presented to the National Lifeboat Institution. The resignation of two members was received. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. F. W. Jones W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., H. Hall J.W., Brasted acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, J. Lorkin S.D., Catlin J.D., R. Defriez I.G.; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Snare, Houghton, A. Mullord, T. H. Mullord, E. Woodman, Richardson, W. Williams, Mendelsohn, Wolf, Fysh, Gilham, A. Tuck, A. Ferrar, Gibbs and Giller. Lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed in a very excellent manner by the W.M., Bro. Richardson being the candidate. Bro. T. H. Mullord showed proficiency in his Masonic knowledge to enable him to be passed at the next meeting of his mother Lodge. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Snare, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. F. W. Jones being the W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed to the entire satisfaction of the numerous brethren present. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. G. Ferrar was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned. We are desired to announce that the annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place at Bro. Fysh's, as above, [Our correspondent does not state when.—ED. F.C.] the W.M. of the mother Lodge has kindly consented to preside on the occasion. Tickets, 3s each, can be had of Bro. A. W. Fenner, Hon. Sec., 12 Ennis-road, Finsbury Park, N.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, on the 8th inst. Bro. Stewart occupied the chair, and was

assisted by Bros. Forss S.W., Harvey J.W., Taylor S.D., Shingfield I.G.; also Bros. J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Tyer, Wood, Poulter, Gamble, Andrews, Swanson, Walter, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were confirmed. The necessary questions were answered by Bro. Swanson, and Lodge was advanced, when the ceremony of passing was capitally rendered. The sections of the lecture were worked as follows:—1st and 2nd by Bro. Forss, 3rd and 4th by Bro. Andrews P.M. 1227, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Harvey assisted Bro. Andrews to work the 4th, and Bro. Forss the 6th, sections of the 1st lecture. The election of a Worshipful Master for the 15th inst. was waived, that being the date fixed for working the Fifteen Sections by Bro. J. Andrews P.M. 1227, who will be assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 993 S.W., E. W. Walter W.M. 554 J.W., Berry P.M. 554 I.P.M. The following brethren will work the Sections:—First Lecture—Bros. Anderson, Waterer, Loane, Harvey, Wooding, Forss, Stephens; Second Lecture—Bros. Ellingford, Berry, Walter, Barnes, Cundick; Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, Veal, Taylor. Bro. Wm. Cross J.W. 554 is the Hon. Sec. of the Lodge of Instruction. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. B. Stewart for his highly efficient discharge of the duties appertaining to the chair. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 15th inst. Brethren who can attend upon this occasion may rely upon a capital rendition of the sections, the above names being in themselves a guarantee for good working.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 8th February. Bros. Watkins W.M., Pavitt S.W., Prosser J.W., Smith S.D., Rawe J.D., Ives I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Sadler, Wild, Keable, Wood, Dixon, Roddam, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Wild answered the necessary questions, and Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Pavitt was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A sum of one guinea was ordered to be placed on Bro. Rawe's list for the old men and women. The Lodge then closed in due form. We should like to see a good muster for next week, to hear Bro. Pavitt's rendering of the third ceremony. Bro. Pavitt is a most painstaking worker.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 6th instant, at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, Bro. Briggs W.M. 1732 in the chair of W.M., H. Stiles S.W., L. Solomon J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Jacobs Secretary, W. M. Stiles P.M. S.D., B. Kauffmann I.G., Hemming Preceptor, and over thirty members being present. The Lodge of Instruction having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the fourth section of the first lecture was worked. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed by Bro. Briggs, Bro. H. Stiles W.M. elect acting as candidate, Bro. Stiles P.M. officiating as D.C. The newly-installed W.M. showed his proficiency by the able manner in which he invested his Officers. The W.M., on investing Bro. Lewis Solomon as Secretary, said he had great pleasure in presenting him with a testimonial, as a token of regard and esteem, for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary. Bro. Briggs P.M. supplemented the remarks of the W.M., and said it testified the respect in which the brethren held Bro. Solomon. Mainly through his exertions, the Masonic Charities had received the sum of ten guineas; he hoped he might live long to continue the good work. The testimonial consisted of a very elegant and massive silver inkstand. Bro. Stiles read the inscription. Bro. Solomon said he felt much surprised at receiving such a valuable present; it was entirely unknown to him that the brethren contemplated anything of the kind; and, consequently, he could the more appreciate it. Whatever he had done was to him a labour of love; his services were always at their command, not in the Lodge of Instruction alone, but also in the parent Lodge. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Briggs giving a perfect rendering, to the satisfaction of all present. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the acting W.M. Bro. Patteson and Yates were proposed as members, and a vote of thanks carried unanimously to Bro. Briggs for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master. The Lodge of Instruction was then adjourned to the following week.

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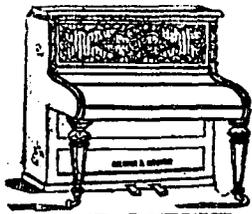
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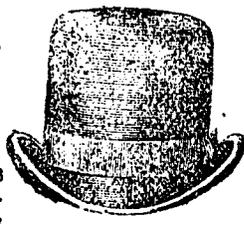
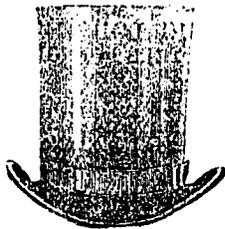
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