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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

THE Festival for the current year of the Benevolent Institution is now among the events that are past, and after our remarks of last week in anticipation of the probable result, our readers will exhibit no sense of surprise when we tell them that with so large and influential a Province as West Yorkshire to lead the way, and so splendid a following on the part of the Metropolis and the other Provinces, the success of this particular Anniversary is unprecedented in the annals of Freemasonry, even the grand achievement of Bro. Binckes, in the summer of last year, having been surpassed. The number of Stewards fell very little short of 400, the Metropolis being represented by 124, West Yorkshire by 176, and twenty-eight other Provinces by 95. The total amount, as announced on Thursday morning as £14,160, was increased by supplementary contributions received in the course of that day to £14,262; and it is quite in accordance with the experience of past years that the actual sum realised will be even greater still. Thus the year 1881 has opened most auspiciously for our Institutions, and if the two Schools do no more than repeat their achievements of last year, we shall be in a position to give an account of Masonic Benevolence in excess of any it has been thus far our privilege to record.

Time does not permit of our giving the customary analytical sketch of the great event. We must, therefore, content ourselves with a few remarks pertinent to the occasion, and to the Institution in whose honour the Festival was held. After our article of last week, but little need be said in respect of the Charity itself. We pointed out then that the Benevolent is the youngest of our three Institutions, one of its Funds having been established by Grand Lodge in 1842, and the other in 1849. There was nothing in the nature of what was done at the outset that could possibly have induced the idea that, within the space of forty years, from such small beginnings there should have grown up so magnificent an Asylum as is our Benevolent, which places beyond the reach of want considerably over 300 old brethren, or widows of deceased brethren, bestowing upon the former a life annuity of £40, and upon the majority of the latter one of £32, the small additional number of female beneficiaries receiving each the half of her husband's grant. That it would be possible to do so much without making a special call upon the Craft must be obvious when we point out that the permanent income of the Institution from all sources is slightly in excess of £2600, while the permanent expenditure is about five times that amount. There was, too, on the present occasion, an additional incentive to the brethren to give increased help. In May next, twenty vacancies, on the two Funds together, will have to be filled, and there are, as nearly as possible, one hundred approved candidates, who will compete for those vacancies, and of whom, unless the authorities in the meantime make arrangements for an increase in the number of annuitants, some eighty decayed old men and women will necessarily be left out in the cold, to endure, as best they can, their present straitened circumstances for at least another year, if not, indeed, for an indefinite period of time. Thus, for the result we have announced above we are under a deep debt of gratitude to, in the first place, the Province of West Yorkshire and its popular chief, Sir Henry Edwards, who

presided at the Festival, and, in the next, to the two hundred and more Stewards who represented the Metropolis and twenty-eight other Provinces. They together have done, as a Board of Stewards, what no other Board has ever done before. Brilliant as have the previous successes of Bro. Terry on behalf of this Institution, and of Bro. Binckes in aid of "Our Boys," as well as of Bro. Hedges at the two Festivals that have been held during his Secretaryship for "Our Girls," the Anniversary which is now past has proved to be more brilliant still. It may appear to be iteration, worthy even of the epithet which is usually associated with the word, on our part to mention again this fact within so short a space, but it is hardly possible to speak in terms too laudatory of such a result as that of Wednesday. Especially gratifying must it be to Sir Henry Edwards, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Yorkshire, to find that his acceptance of the chairmanship was so splendidly backed up, firstly, by his native Province, and then by the rest of English Masonry. It is, as we have remarked in connection with almost every Festival that has taken place since the beginning of the year 1875, no slight responsibility which is undertaken by the Brother who consents to preside at such a gathering. This responsibility, of course, is greatly lessened when he has at his back so large a Province, and one so consistent in its support of our Institutions as West Yorkshire. It is still further lessened when the Provinces evinced so resolute a determination to render their share of help on so large a scale. But none the less is it an arduous task to preside over a large assembly for a special purpose; and Sir Henry Edwards is to be congratulated that on the occasion of his appearance for the first time as Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, he should have secured a larger total than has ever been secured before, and over 70 per cent. as much as was contributed on the occasion of his Chairmanship, in 1876, at the Girls' Festival, when the late Bro. Little announced a total of £8214. West Yorkshire must also be congratulated on the magnificence of its achievement. When, on the occasion just referred to, its Chief presided at the Girls' Festival, the Province was represented by six-and-thirty Stewards, including the Chairman, and the total of its contributions was close on £708. None will deny this was a most satisfactory result even for so large a Province, but on the present occasion it mustered no less than 176 Stewards, and the total of its contributions reached the grand sum of £3500. It is true that East Lancashire on two occasions has exceeded this figure, once in 1869, when it seconded the efforts of its then P.G.M., the late Bro. Stephen Blair, on behalf of the Boys' School, and contributed £3885; and again in 1879, when Bro. Nicholas Le Gendre Starkie was its Chairman at the Benevolent, and it supported him to the extent, as announced, of £3542. But the trifling difference is immaterial. Both Provinces have distinguished themselves, just as West Lancashire, Warwickshire, and other Provinces have done, whenever the duty of supporting their several rulers has devolved upon them. The other Provinces, too, must not have their deeds passed over without notice, the twenty-eight which were represented contributing among them very little short of as much as was given by West Yorkshire, while London, with its strong array of representatives, gave over £6300. Especially do we single out little Herts, which contributes, though at a long interval, the second largest amount among the Provinces, and Bro. Buss, the worthy Assistant Grand Secretary, who, as regards the total of his list, heads the roll of the Metropolitan Stewards.

Indeed, to each and every, who contributed in any way to the result of Wednesday's gathering, are due the thanks of the whole body of Freemasonry.

We have reserved all reference to Bro. Terry till the last. We all know how hard he works; how he throws himself heart and soul into the business of his office; how he interests himself in the welfare of the annuitants; how he lays himself open to provide them on occasions with some special entertainment; and how, moreover, he is ever ready to satisfy the inquiries of Craftsmen who may visit him at the offices of the Institution in Freemasons' Hall. We are also but too well aware, and our readers are also well informed on all these points, how, night after night in well nigh every week of the year, he, like his colleague of the Boys' School, Bro. Binckes, goes about visiting Lodges, not only in London, but in the Provinces likewise, his great object being to plead the cause of the Institution with which he is associated. There are those who say this self-imposed duty is quite unnecessary, and that brethren are not likely to be less liberal if they are left to themselves. This is not the view we take. We think the course which has been pursued by Bros. Terry and Binckes so successfully for many years past is right. We think it very likely that a considerable number of guineas would have to be subtracted from the contributions to our Institutions, if the personal exertions of the two most experienced of our Secretaries were not made, as they are constantly being made, in open Lodge and Chapter. We do not envy either of these energetic brethren the task they conscientiously feel it their duty to undertake and so honourably fulfil. It is no light matter to be, say, one day in Birmingham, then in Manchester, then in Sheffield, and, after a short interval, it may be, in Portsmouth, or Exeter. To carry this on for any length of time a man must have an iron constitution. It will probably be said that the Girls' School, under the present management, has been very successful without any peripatetic advocacy whatever. But the Girls' School reaps all the benefit of the labours of Bros. Binckes and Terry without incurring any of their trouble. Moreover, our late respected Brother Little was of the same opinion as his surviving colleagues. Perhaps, as this is somewhat of a controversial matter, we had better say nothing further, and leave the Executive of each of our three Charities to adopt the policy which suits them best. Let us bring these remarks, therefore, to a conclusion. The Festival just over will be a memorable one even among the great successes which have been achieved these latter years. The period is not the most favourable for heavy subscription lists. There are strikes and slackness of trade in one part of the United Kingdom, and there is civil disturbance in another. These do not justify our looking for unusual results, and yet, in spite of such depressing circumstances as admittedly exist in some parts of the country and must exercise a certain influence over the whole, the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, under the presidency of Sir Henry Edwards, backed by a Board of Stewards of close on 400 brethren, has proved a grand success. Let us trust this may prove an augury of what will happen at the Anniversaries of our two Schools.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on Wednesday at the Freemasons Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire. The noble Chairman was supported by the largest number of Stewards ever known in connection with any of the Festivals of the Charities of the Order, no less than 395 brethren being enrolled on the list. The result of their efforts was an addition of upwards of £14,000 to the funds, which amount is far in advance of anything ever subscribed at one of the Masonic Festivals. The large banquetting hall was filled to its utmost capability, and generally the Festival was a grand success. The chairman was well supported by members of Grand Lodge, as well as by a very considerable number of brethren from his own Province. Grace having been said by Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy G.M. Suffolk, the banquet was served. We cannot omit a word of praise to Bro. Best and his staff for the way in which the exceptionally large party was catered for; everything appeared to have been thoroughly well arranged, and the whole party was properly provided for. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Charles E. Tinney, Organist of Asaph Lodge, No. 1319. Grace having been sung, the toasts of the evening were proceeded with. The Chairman, in proposing the first toast—"Her Most Gracious

Majesty the Queen"—referred to her many intimate associations with the Craft; she was the Patroness of the Order, the daughter of a Mason, the niece of a Grand Master, and the mother of our much respected and esteemed Ruler, who was, without doubt, the most popular man in the kingdom. It would be, he thought, unbecoming to do more than express their admiration of her noble character and her many virtues. Long might she continue to reign over a loving and loyal people, of whom not the least loyal were the Freemasons of England. In giving "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, our Patron and President, the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family," Sir Henry said,—The Prince of Wales, our noble Chief, was installed in 1875, in the presence of at least ten thousand Masons—the largest gathering and most distinguished assemblage of Freemasons ever held in this or any other country. He hoped His Royal Highness might be long spared to fill this honourable position and shed his influence over the Craft. The Masons of England were not only indebted to the Prince of Wales, but likewise to his two brothers, who had each filled high positions in the Craft, and were at all times anxious to advance its interests. To the other members of the Royal Family they were equally indebted for very many acts of kindness and consideration. The next toast was, "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers." Sir Henry Edwards said,—The Earl of Carnarvon was not only well known to all as occupying a high position in Masonry, but as a statesman and a highly gifted nobleman. All regretted his absence abroad, on account of delicate health, and earnestly hoped that he might be speedily restored to health and enabled again to preside over their deliberations in Grand Lodge. The Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, without exception, was perhaps the most industrious Freemason in England, and Lord Beaconsfield has honoured him in giving him a step in nobility. The name of Skelmersdale was a household word amongst Masons. Let those who did not know him, if any exist, go to West Lancashire for his character, there he was at home. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary replied on behalf of the Grand Officers. In proposing "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons," Sir Henry Edwards said,—Ladies and Brethren,—This chair has been occupied by many worthy Masons, but never did one take it with a higher sense of the honour or a higher sense of the responsibility attached to the position than myself. I am satisfied that it is no part of my duty this evening to plead for this Benevolent Institution. I am rather in the position of one to return thanks for most indefatigable labours with noble results. I am, like yourselves, most anxious to hear from Bro. Terry the outcome of the Stewards' labours. I may not anticipate his secret, but I know sufficient to warrant me in saying that some modern Homer must have found brethren in generous mood when he sang—

Since kind Heaven with wealth our realm hath blest,
Give it to Heaven by aiding the distrest.

He did not plead in vain. I may now mention that this Institution was first suggested by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1842, when thirteen male annuitants received £290; now 150 male annuitants receive £6000, or £40 each. In 1849 the Widows' Fund was founded, under the late Earl of Zetland Most Worshipful Grand Master, when five widows received £75; now 155 widows receive £4960, in incomes of £32 each. Since the establishment of the Institution 531 brethren have received these annuities, and 304 widows have had their closing days cheered from this source. Roundly stated, the permanent income is £2610, and the expenditure £13,000, leaving a deficiency each year of £10,400. There are now 99 applicants, and only 20 vacancies. There is an Asylum at Croydon, affording a home for 33 annuitants, who have each two rooms, and are provided with medical attendance free, and coals during the winter. It needs no words from me to commend the toast entrusted to me, and I give you, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons." I call upon Bro. Terry to read the Stewards' lists. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Institution, then announced, amid the heartiest enthusiasm, the result of the Stewards' efforts, the list we give below, with alterations and additions made up to the time of going to press. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.L., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for East Lancashire, having proposed "The Health of the Chairman," Sir Henry, in responding, said: He could not adequately acknowledge the very kind and too flattering manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He assured his gallant, eloquent, and generous friend and neighbour, Colonel Starkie, he highly appreciated the kind expressions he had given utterance to. Would that he deserved all that he had said. When invited to take the chair at this Festival, he felt great diffidence, fearing perhaps the noble Institution might suffer in his hands; on the contrary, he had, indeed, reasons to be proud of the response to Bro. Terry's appeal. He would not attempt to say more than how deeply grateful he felt to the London brethren for their share in the munificent contribution. They would, he was sure, forgive him if he added one word of thanks to his dear brethren of West Yorkshire, who had not only subscribed largely, but had done him the honour of coming to London to be present and support him that evening. His best, his warmest thanks were due to the noble band of Stewards—no fewer than 395—the very largest number enrolled at any Festival. He must not forget his excellent and untiring friend the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, to whom he was especially and deeply indebted for his courteous assistance, and to whom all were indebted for the admirable manner in which he had discharged his onerous duties. With reference to the contribution of West Yorkshire, he might perhaps be permitted to state that the amount announced was not the largest ever sent up by a Province, but he might say that they gave every year something, and the aggregate for the past seven previous years amounted to £13,000 for the three Masonic Institutions. Bro.

F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Girls' School, replied on behalf of "The other Masonic Institutions," and the health of the Ladies having been proposed and acknowledged, the brethren repaired to the Temple, where the usual Concert was given, and the remainder of the evening was spent in company with the Ladies.

The following is a corrected list of the Stewards and amounts collected by them up to the time of our going to press.

LONDON.		
Lodge		
Br. Edgar Bowyer	-	115 0 0
Samuel Rawson	-	10 10 0
E C Woodward	-	10 10 0
Wm Stephens	-	-
Abner Torkington	-	26 6 0
1 A Brookman	-	15 15 0
3 James Allan	-	26 3 0
4 Horace J Browne	-	-
5 Jno Wm Jones	-	29 7 0
8 Thos Skewes Cox	-	15 12 0
10 Rev J N Palmer	-	55 6 0
Chapter (Rose Croix)		
10 Comp. George Powell	-	22 1 0
Lodge		
11 Br. L B Garrett	-	24 4 0
14 Geo H Hopkinson	-	26 5 0
18 Jno E Anderson	-	38 17 0
21 Chas Mansfield	-	41 17 0
Chapter		
21 Comp. George Lambert	-	-
Lodge		
25 Br. T J Robins	-	46 5 6
28 Ellis Jones	-	44 12 0
29 Chas T Trendall	-	22 0 0
33 Ellis B Saunders	-	41 12 0
55 Wm Hy Marston	-	46 3 6
58 Oswald H Colven	-	70 7 0
60 Fredk Binokes	-	31 10 0
63 Wilmer Hollingworth	-	68 5 0
65 Chas Edwin Ferry	-	106 1 0
79 Henry Roberts	-	85 8 0
Chapter		
79 Comp. W G Batchelor	-	37 16 0
Lodge		
87 Br. Alfred W Woodliffe	-	45 17 6
92 H F Auldjo	-	10 10 0
101 Br. H J Reynolds	-	32 11 0
140 J G Loughborough	-	63 15 6
141 Wm Carter	-	50 15 0
Chapter		
142 Comp. J W Lambert	-	22 11 6
Lodge		
143 Br. Jas Hy Matthews	-	97 13 0
144 Robt Jno Taylor	-	75 8 6
Chapter		
157 Comp. Samuel Pownceby	-	37 15 0
Lodge		
157 Br. Lear J Drew	-	10 10 0
162 F B Williams	-	15 15 0
165 Chas Belton	-	39 13 6
171 Wm H Bateman	-	63 0 0
174 George Jones	-	124 3 0
Chapter		
174 Comp. James Terry (Sec.)	-	150 1 6
Lodge		
177 Br. Wm Harris	-	55 4 0
179 Arthur Millward	-	28 17 6
180 Chas J Wade	-	31 10 0
181 J F Hoddinott	-	42 0 0
185 M Bamberger	-	38 10 6
192 George Abbott	-	73 4 0
198 Robert Rowell	-	106 1 0
201 Thos Hyland	-	25 18 6
205 Chas F Hogard	-	77 7 0
206 Thos Jas Steel	-	52 10 0
211 Wm Radcliffe	-	55 18 0
217 J M Hodder	-	40 2 0
228 Robt Snare	-	30 15 6
228 Harley Paine	-	24 2 0
256 Robt P Notley	-	34 2 6
259 Thos W Carmalt Jones	-	78 15 0
435 Richard Jeffs	-	20 14 6
511 Robert Ward	-	31 15 6
548 W P Catterson	-	27 6 0
554 Jno G Stevens	-	126 0 0
Chapter		
554 Comp. Geo Gravely	-	21 0 0
Lodge		
569 Br J C Sanderson	-	117 2 6
657 Henry G Buss	-	315 0 0
704 Edward W Young	-	10 10 0
733 John Welford	-	116 3 6
749 Peter Parsons	-	36 1 0
754 J Garrod	-	115 10 0
766 Alfred Le Grand	-	33 12 0
781 B C Rawe	-	55 11 0
822 Hy Partridge Fry	-	37 16 0
861 S T Finch	-	47 17 6
871 Wm Hy Luckraft	-	58 16 0
879 W Topp	-	105 0 0
907 Thos Butt	-	38 9 0
917 Fredk Lovell Keays	-	21 0 0
933 Geo Hollington	-	100 0 0

969 Hy G Neville	-	40 5 0
975 James Garnar	-	47 5 0
1159 John Smith	-	16 16 0
1257 J T Pilditch	-	35 11 6
1278 W J Cratch	-	10 10 0
1278 Jno G Defriez	-	30 0 0
1287 Samuel Webb	-	90 4 0
1288 Frank Rothschild	-	31 10 0
1305 Chas A Smith	-	82 3 0
1348 Thos Foinet	-	47 14 6
1364 Augustus F Lay	-	62 7 0
1366 A Fish	-	104 14 0
1383 J W Waldron	-	133 7 0
1421 Hy Neville Taylor	-	80 0 0
1425 J T Mickleburgh	-	31 10 0
1441 Wm Ashwell	-	45 13 6
1446 T Cull (first instalment)	-	37 16 0
1471 Underdowne Kae'll	-	131 6 6
1489 Thos Hastings Miller	-	70 5 0
1507 Wm Side	-	84 13 0
1524 Fred Brasted	-	29 2 6
1540 Chas W Hudson	-	40 0 0
1593 Geo Wm Armstrong	-	63 0 0
1589 Arthur N Clemow	-	15 10 0
Chapter		
1589 Chas G Brown	-	10 10 0
1589 F H Gruggen	-	10 10 0
Lodge		
1607 E G Legge	-	63 0 0
1613 Bernard Groner	-	105 0 0
1622 Wm Clauson Thue	-	115 10 0
1629 Rev C J Martyn	-	52 10 0
1670 G McA Low	-	26 5 0
1677 Thos Goode	-	18 7 6
1681 Wm Honeyball	-	63 0 0
1693 Jas H Hawkins	-	24 0 0
1695 Wm Earle	-	32 11 0
1716 Leonard Potts	-	57 13 6
Chapter		
1716 John Dennis	-	17 17 0
1732 H Stiles	-	59 13 0
1745 Jas Strugnell	-	24 11 0
1772 Dr J Hunt	-	24 3 0
1804 F J Hunt	-	63 0 0
1816 Geo Edwards	-	52 10 0
1827 Wm H Cannon	-	10 0 0
1828 Louis Bryett	-	60 15 0
1839 Joseph W Brooke	-	17 12 0
BERKS AND BUCKS.		
Lodge		
209 Br. E J Petts	-	28 17 0
574 Edward P Plenty	-	27 15 0
771 Joseph Ashby	-	49 17 6
945 John Tomkins	-	37 16 0
1501 James Batting	-	37 18 6
1566 Robert Nicholson	-	25 15 6
		207 19 6
BRISTOL.		
Province H O B O'Donaghue	-	54 2 0
CHESHIRE.		
Province Henry Bulley	-	201 12 0
104 Herbert Finch	-	21 0 0
537 Thos Marwood	-	10 10 0
537 J B Deakin	-	10 10 0
		243 12 0
CORNWALL.		
1151 S G Bake (Controller)	-	10 10 0
DERBYSHIRE.		
John Smith, J.P.	-	36 15 0
1235 John Stanley	-	74 1 0
		110 16 0
DEVONSHIRE.		
1402 John Chapman	-	10 10 0
Chas Godtschalk	-	52 10 0
		63 0 0
DORSETSHIRE.		
1037 R N Howard	-	45 4 0
DURHAM.		
Province Babington Boulton	-	158 5 6
764 & 1862 Chas S. Lane	-	15 15 0
		174 0 6

ESSEX.		
Lodge		
214 Br Ernest B Florence	-	31 10 0
276 James S Brown	-	15 19 0
1799 Robt Jno Patten	-	10 10 0
		57 19 0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.		
82 Br Ernest W Godfrey	-	10 10 0
82 Rev T M Middlemore	-	-
Whithard	-	42 1 0
Chapter		
82 Comp. J Brook-Smith	-	64 1 0
Lodge		
493 Br Samuel Moss	-	10 10 0
592 John Mullings, V.P.	-	78 15 0
839 Rd Vassar Smith	-	57 15 0
		263 11 0
HANTS & ISLE OF WIGHT.		
Lodge		
35 Asher Barfield	-	38 17 0
309 John Mason	-	84 0 0
342 Geo P Arnold	-	57 15 0
694 Rev J W Thoytes	-	36 15 0
723 Richard Glasspool	-	42 0 0
1373 Thos Best	-	38 6 0
		297 13 0
HERTFORDSHIRE.		
403 T S Carter	-	71 15 0
404 Jno E Dawson	-	212 11 6
449 Jas Shilcock	-	7 17 6
869 J Copestick	-	52 10 0
1385 J G Yolland	-	105 0 0
1479 Isaac N Edwards	-	6 6 0
		456 0 0
KENT.		
77 Thos R S Champion	-	35 16 6
829 Thos Smith	-	75 0 0
1096 Edward Kirby	-	67 4 0
1206 R Joynes Emmerson	-	47 5 0
1223 Edward Jas Dodd	-	-
1531 James Griffin	-	99 18 0
1678 J Jollie Pattison	-	33 11 0
		358 14 6
EAST LANCASHIRE.		
64 Bro J L Hine	-	10 10 0
163 J W Maclure	-	-
221 Wm Rome	-	84 0 0
317 Thos Eatwisle	-	21 0 0
317 James Dawson	-	10 10 0
317 John Smethurst	-	10 10 0
		136 10 0
WEST LANCASHIRE.		
86 W Newsome	-	10 10 0
86 Reginald Young	-	10 10 0
786 Fras Jas Bailey	-	10 10 0
241 and } George Broadbridge	-	52 10 0
1380		
1021 Chas P Richards	-	52 10 0
1182 Robert Martin jun.	-	52 10 0
1384 Wm J Thomson	-	15 15 0
1502 Maurice Hart	-	52 10 0
		257 5 0
MIDDLESEX.		
1238 R Lonsdale	-	42 0 0
1309 F G Luke, L.L.B.	-	-
1326 Wm Prattent	-	-
1512 J C Jesset	-	26 10 6
1549 George Tidcombe jun.	-	24 12 0
1567 R T Fennell	-	105 0 0
1637 Stephen A Cooper	-	32 11 0
1637 Thos W Cooper	-	10 10 0
1777 Horace B Marshall, C.C.	-	105 0 0
		346 3 6
MONMOUTHSHIRE.		
1429 Wm Watkins	-	52 10 0
NORTHS AND HUNTS.		
360 J U Stanton	-	150 0 0
737 John Henry Hale	-	41 7 0
		191 7 0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

1674 W H Foulkes - - 10 10 0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340 T E Withington - -

357 H R Cooper Smith, M.A. 108 14 0

108 14 0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Province Capt A T Perkins, J.P. 58 17 0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

482 John Deeley - - 21 0 0

539 Wm Bayliss, J.P. - 157 10 0

178 10 0

SUFFOLK.

114 Wm Clarke - - 21 0 0

225 T J Wentworth - - 107 6 0

1224 H C Canham - - 8 13 0

136 19 0

SURREY.

416 J D Thompson - - 10 10 0

1861 H E Frances - - 46 8 0

56 18 0

SUSSEX.

40 Chas M Norris - - 34 0 0

271 Gerard Ford - - 141 1 0

175 1 0

WARWICKSHIRE.

395 J E Stanley - - 10 10 0

502 Capt. C R Lovett - -

502 Henry Bennett - - 21 2 0

31 12 0

YORKSHIRE (N. & E. Ridings.)

236 Very Rev A P Purey-Cust 31 10 0

1611 Jno Thos Seller - 10 10 0

1611 Thos Humphries - 10 10 0

52 10 0

CHANNEL ISLANDS (JERSEY).

Province Jno le Cronier, M.D. - 220 10 0

244 Major J T du Jardin - 21 0 0

241 10 0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

176 Stewards - 3,500 0 0

REVIEWS.

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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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Royal Arch Masonry appears to be fairly well represented in the District by the Chapters attached to the Lodges Nos. 349, 407, and 1717, and known respectively as Melita No. 349, William Kingston No. 407, and Ancient Carthage No. 1717. The Charter for the Warrant of the first R.A. Chapter, to be attached to the SS. John and Paul, bears date 1st August 1819, and was signed by the Duke of Sussex Grand Z., Lord Dundas H., and Comp. John Aldridge J., as well as by Comps. W. H. White S.E., and Edward Harper S.N. The earliest minutes of the Chapter are dated 15th May 1820, and indicate that Comps. W. Rodwell Wright, D. Noble, and A. C. Harris were Z., H. and J. respectively. Comp. Wright appears to have been P.G. Superintendent likewise. At the first election of Officers Comps. A. C. Harris, E. Noble, and H. Harper were severally chosen Principals. The next meeting was on 15th April 1822, and on 4th April 1823, Comp. Allen became Z., Comp. Ferro H., and Comp. Cotes J. Three days later seven brethren, among whom was the Right Hon. J. Hookham Frere, were exalted. On 6th April Lord H. Churchill received the degree. In 1825 Comps. W. R. Wright, Whitmore, and David were elected Z., H. and J., while in 1828 Comp. Whitmore was Z., with Comp. Witton as H., and David as J. A few days after this election, the following resolution was adopted, to the effect "that whenever a member of the Lodge Des Amateurs de la Sagesse of Marseilles (with which the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul is affiliated) may present himself as a visitor when this Royal Arch Chapter is open, should he be found to have arrived at a degree of Masonry that can be considered equal to our Sublime Degree of Jerusalem, although not exactly conforming to it in all respects, that he shall be admitted upon undergoing the customary ceremonies and obligations as usual for candidates on exaltation, but exempt from fees, and that this Chapter communicate this decision to the Lodge Des Amateurs De la Sagesse at Marseilles, and requests to be informed by them what degree in their system of Masonry they consider to be equal to the Royal Arch of Jerusalem as worked in England, and requests a similar indulgence from our affiliated brethren."

About six years elapse ere we have further records, and it is not till 6th May 1836 that we again have mention of any Officers, Comp. Douglas being recorded as acting Z., Comp. Pennington H., and Comp. Farr J. Comp. Galland was chosen Z. this year. There is again a lapse till May 1839, when Comp. Galland presided as Z., with Comp. Douglas as H., and Comp. Leonard as J. At the next meeting, on 19th February 1845, Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis was present. Meetings continued to be held at rare intervals till 1852, when there were several; while in 1854 there was a degree of activity corresponding with that of Craft Masonry, this being the result of the influx of troops into the island at that critical period. At a convocation on 14th March of that year, the chairs were occupied by Comps. Douglas, Winthrop, and Macbeath, as Z., H., and J. respectively. On this occasion Lord Loughborough, now Earl Rosslyn, the Hon. Percy, now General, Fielding, C.B., and Sir R. L. Newman, Bart., who was slain at Inkerman, and whose unclaimed certificate is still preserved among the archives of the Chapter, were exalted. After an installation in March 1857, a candidate was exalted, "who was subsequently put through the veils," while on the 3rd April Bro. R. F. Gould, of the Royal Naval Lodge, then No. 627, "having first passed the chair of Worshipful Master," was exalted. The minutes till 1862, we are told, are missing, but among items of

intelligence gleaned from other sources we gather that in 1860 Companion Kingston's name first appears among the Visitors. In March 1863 Companion Armstrong became Z., Edwards H., and Liddell J. Comp. Edwards was M.E.Z. in 1864, and Comp. Andrews was elected to the same office, in 1865, though throughout the latter year the Chapter was worked, with Comp. Kingston as First Principal. In December 1875 Comp. Kingston was presented with a set of regalia, while in March 1868 he was elected Z., Comp. Douglas being H., and Bosworth J., with Comp. Rosenbusch N. On the 9th October, a sash, apron and jewel were voted to Comp. Douglas, who had been the mainstay of the Chapter for five-and-twenty years. In 1870, objection was taken to Comp. Doherty becoming J., on the ground that he was not a P.M. under the English Constitution. The question was referred to Grand Scribe E., whose decision was to the effect that, "to render a Companion eligible to be elected a Principal under the English Constitution, he must be the actual Master or Past Master of a Craft Lodge under that Constitution." Meanwhile, however, Comp. Doherty had been elected W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 407, and the difficulty was overcome. Since then the Lodge has been increasingly prosperous from year to year, and it only remains for us to mention that, on March 1878, five M.M.'s of the Ancient Carthage Lodge were exalted, thus enabling that Lodge to found the Ancient Carthage Chapter, while in October 1879, it recommended the revival of the Chapter attached to the Union Lodge. When it received the title of Melita does not appear.

The Warrant for a Chapter in connection with the Union Lodge was granted 5th November 1834, and continued working till 13th October 1873, when the Warrant was returned. No minute books have been published, but in the register of attendance 1862-6, there appear the names of Comps. Kingston, Armstrong, and McArthur, as the Principals, "and," adds Bro. Broadley, "we know Colonel McLeod Moore filled the third chair in 1849-50." Towards the end of 1879, it was revived as the William Kingston Chapter, and was consecrated by Comp. Kingston, an exalte of the old Union Chapter, Comps. Rosenbusch, Lieut. C. E. Coffey, R.A., and Captain H. Gardner being installed Z., H., and J. respectively.

To the constitution of the third existing Chapter, namely, the Ancient Carthage, No. 1717, Tunis, objection was at first raised, on the ground that the Lodge had not been in existence the customary three years; but the objection was overcome in G. Chapter, and the charter granted, the first Principals being Comp. Broadley Z., Comp. Kingston H., and Comp. Reichelman J. After the consecration, &c., fourteen M.M.'s had the degree conferred upon them.

There was formerly a Chapter attached to the Zetland Lodge, a Charter having been granted on 4th August 1847, which was returned 13th October 1873. In 1857, however, the Principals' Chairs were filled by Comps. Jerome Z., Gingell H., and Captain N. G. Philips J. The veils seem to have been worked. It would appear to have been "prosperous during their rule, as it received, on the 7th May, £30 from the Mark Lodge it appears to have chartered." Only the most modest amount of record has been preserved.

The Leinster Chapter, I.C., was warranted 2nd July 1857, and during the twenty-three years of its existence it seems to have been highly popular, especially with the military. Among those exalted in it must be included Captain Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., who received the degree in 1858, and Viscount Glentworth, now Earl of Limerick, on whom it was conferred in 1861.

Mark Masonry is enjoying, at present, a high degree of popularity under the beneficent sway as P.G.M. of Bro. Broadley. Beside the Leinster Mark Lodge, in which 470 brethren have been advanced, and which works under the Irish Constitution, there are five English Mark Lodges, namely, the Keystone No. 107, warranted in 1870, the Kingston No. 222, the Broadley No. 248, Tunis, warranted in 1878, the Lodge of St. Louis No. 254, warranted in January 1880, and the Union No. 263, Malta. The first W.M. of the Keystone was Captain Gorham, R.A., and, after his installation, Bro. Kingston was advanced. Bro. Conolly, W.M. in 1871, was succeeded by Bro. Kingston, who was installed by special dispensation, having never filled the chair of Warden in a Mark Lodge. In 1878, during the Mastership of Bro. Westrup, several members of the Ancient Carthage Lodge were advanced, and the Lodge then supported the petition for a Mark Lodge at Tunis, to be called the Kingston. The Warrant, the first granted outside British territory, is dated 11th April 1878, and the consecration and subsequent installation of Bro. Broadley as first W.M. took place on 25th June following, Bro. Kingston fulfilling

the duties of Consecrating and Installing Officer. On 12th May 1880, the Lodge was visited by Bro. Guest, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. Dorsetshire, and Bro. Chas. Hambro was advanced. In the two years of its existence no less than seventy-two M.M.'s have received the degree, of whom twenty-five were English, fifteen French, and twenty-four Italian. The other Lodges are also in a flourishing condition, the total numerical strength of the five Mark Lodges being 162. Thus the P.G. Master has a numerous and very enthusiastic body to support him, and we have every reason to believe that with such chiefs, and such a following, Mark Masonry will go on prospering.

Chapter IX, which is occupied with the consideration of "Christian Masonry" is full of interest. Here again, the late Bro. W. Rodwell Wright, first P.G. Master of Malta, plays the leading part. He, as may have already been gathered from our earlier articles on Brother Broadley's book, was a most enthusiastic brother, and as able as he was enthusiastic. We have already seen that when, in 1807, the late Duke of Kent executed a charter for the revival of "The Knights of the Exalted, Religious, and Military Orders of the Temple and Holy Sepulchre of St. John of Jerusalem," &c., Bro. Wright was elected the first Grand Master, and retained that office till 1812, when he resigned in favour of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. On Bro. Wright's appointment to a high judicial post in Malta, as we have noted previously, he eagerly set himself to the task of placing Freemasonry there on a sure and solid basis. What he did for Craft Masonry has been recorded, and Bro. Broadley, who is the most competent of living Craftsmen to form an opinion as to the extent of Bro. Wright's Masonic labours, has little doubt "that it was he" (Bro. Wright) "alone who introduced the working of Christian Masonry amongst the zealous and indefatigable founders of the Lodge St. John and St. Paul, and the Melita Chapter attached thereto." He considers he is justified in concluding, from facts which he is at the pains of describing subsequently:—

"Firstly, that Bro. Wright, as ex-Grand Master of the Red Cross and the Temple, sanctioned the working of these degrees in Malta between the years 1815 and 1825.

"Secondly, that he made some considerable progress with his design of making Malta the head-quarters of a Grand Priory or Provincial High Council of the Order of the Red Cross.

"Thirdly, that he contemplated in theory (and probably carried out in practice) the working of the degrees of the Temple and the Hospital as an integral portion of the Red Cross System.

"Fourthly, that it was from his authority the old Melita Grand Encampment took its rise, which, twenty years after his death was restored to something more than its pristine vigour by the labours of the present Grand Prior of Canada, Colonel McLeod Moore."

Bro. Broadley finds his justification for having arrived at the foregoing conclusions in what he describes as "one of the most complete documents in the MSS. of Bro. Wright," entitled "Red Cross of Palestine.—Provincial Division of St. John." For so much of this document as is given by Bro. Broadley in this Chapter we must refer our readers to the work itself. We may, however, state that two draft Certificates are reproduced as attesting the working of the Red Cross degree in Malta under Bro. Wright's auspices. The first of these, dated "this — day of November A.L. 5826, A.S.H. 1822" is granted to Sir A. C. Harris by Bro. Wright, who is described as "at present Grand Prior, and heretofore Grand Master, of the Order of the Red Cross of Palestine and Division of St. George instituted in the Kingdom of England," and who certifies, "by virtue of the authority to him belonging in his present character as Grand Prior," that he has "communicated the secrets both of the Lesser and the Greater Cross of the said Order" to the aforesaid Sir A. C. Harris. The other is dated 19th April 1824, and certifies that our "Faithful and Beloved Brother Sir — Coates, whose name is written beneath our own with his own hand, after having been duly received into the novitiate of the said Order by our Brother Sir John Daird, Knight of the Grand Cross thereof, in this Island of Malta, was regularly installed also a Knight of the Grand Cross in an occasional chapter thereof holden under our authority at Valletta in the Island aforesaid, on the — day of — A.D. 1823, and fully instructed in the secrets to the said degree of Knights Grand Cross appertaining."

From 1827 to 1849 the history of Christian Masonry in Malta appears to have been "a complete blank," but on the 10th February in the "latter year" an encampment of High Knights Templars and Knights Hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem, or Knights of Malta, was working with considerable activity and success at Freemasons' Hall (also styled Templars' Hall), No. 43, Strada Zaccaria, Valletta, the principal officers being Fra. Sir Knights William J. B. McLeod Moore G.C., Edmund Goodenough Kt. R.C. G.M., Charles Line G.P., Edmund Stephen Thomas Bart. C.G., Thomas Flack 1st Captain, James Smyth 2nd Captain, R. Thomsett Recorder, T. Flack Chancellor, Thomas Seddall Warder. In 1850, the Melita Encampment "placed itself under the banner of, and obtained a charter from, the Supreme Grand Conclave of England and Wales," which, on the election in 1846, of Colonel Kemys Tynte as Grand Master of the Templars in England, had at once shown "signs of revival," and had shortly become so powerful that the Melita Encampment took the step we have described. Sir Knight McLeod Moore was the first E. Commander under the new régime. Among those who have filled the chair of E. Commander and Prior of this Melita Grand Preceptory and Priory, we find in addition to that of Sir Knight Moore, the names of Sir Knights Captain N. G. Philips, St. J. Edwards formerly D.G.M. Malta, E. Rosenbusch D.D.G.M., W. Kingston D.G.M., Colonel Boldero, and A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. There is also a Provincial Priory of the Mediterranean, Colonel Boldero having been installed as the first Provincial Prior in 1875. When he left the island in 1877, Sir Knight W. Kingston was appointed his successor. The Calpe Preceptory, Gibraltar, is on the roll of the Provincial Priory. The same distinguished Brother is Intendant General of the Red Cross Degree, and has issued a provisional warrant for the working of a Conclave to be known as the Wignacourt. Be it added that there is a Rose of Sharon Chapter of Rose Croix, the 18th Degree A. and A.

Rite, and also a Prov. Grand Council of the Allied Degrees with Bro. Broadley as P.G.M.

There is an Appendix, which contains much interesting official and statistical information respecting the different branches of Freemasonry in the island.

We have purposely treated Bro. Broadley's history thus in full because we are always glad of an opportunity of placing before our readers anything in the shape of Lodge histories. We cannot, however, conclude our remarks without expressing an opinion that Bro. Broadley's work is most valuable, and, as we said at the outset, it has been most diligently put together. Nor can we omit to say a few words as to the style in which Bro. Kenning has done his part. The book is as well printed and as neatly and elegantly bound together as any of its kind we have seen. It is, in short, a most workmanlike production, whether we look at it from a literary or a printer's point of view.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROYAL LODGE, No. 643, FILEY.

THE Installation Meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Lodge Room, Crescent Hotel, on Monday, the 14th instant. The Lodge was opened at 3.15 p.m. The following brethren were present:—Bros. J. Winfindale W.M. (in the chair), W. B. Jackson I.P.M., R. Dobson P.M., W. Budd P.M. as I.G., Val. Fowler S.W., R. Land J.W., Walter Fisher P.M. Hon. Sec. 200 and 1760, T. M. Lee S.D., W. Cranswick J.D., W. Jefferson Tyler; Bros. John McFaden, E. Harland, W. Hawkes, H. Darley, E. H. Green, W. H. Russell, W. S. Meek, H. A. Darby, T. Pickering, J. Barwick, John Dale; Visitors —Bros. H. J. Morton, J. Knaggs, J. R. Dippe, A. W. Cass, J. Varley, T. Branton, A. Parkinson, E. Kitchen, J. W. Harrison, Gilbert Wilkinson, S. W. Fisher, R. Y. Powley, R. H. Peacock, T. H. Dunn, W. Peacock, J. Hargrave, H. A. Williamson, J. H. Hackett, W. Milner, J. W. Taylor, H. Chapman, Jos. Shaw, John Inskip, W. B. Richardson, A. Neimans, J. A. Rines, R. Mitchell, H. P. Neimans, George Woodall, John Bowes, A. Frazer, John Woodall, Ivor Murray, M.D., George Dippe, George Dixon, W. Tonks, James Townend, E. Cooper, and many others. There was one joining member balloted for and accepted, and two candidates were then prepared and initiated by the W.M. Bro. Valentine Fowler S.W. was presented by the W.M. to the Installing Officer, Bro. J. W. Woodall P.M. P.P.G.S.W., and was duly installed in the chair of K.S. He appointed as his Officers Bros. J. Winfindale I.P.M., R. Land S.W., W. Cranswick J.W., R. Dobson P.M. Treasurer, Walter Fisher P.M. Hon. Sec., T. M. Lee S.D., H. Darley J.D., E. H. Green Organist, W. S. Meek and W. Dunn Stewards, John Dale I.G., W. Jefferson Tyler. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by that well-known excellent caterer, Bro. Varley, of the Crescent Hotel, the newly-elected W.M. Bro. Valentine Fowler being in the chair, and the I.P.M. acting as vice. After the health of our Most Gracious Queen and the Craft had been given with much fervour from the chair, and most loyally received by all present, the W.M. gave H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., and the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. The next toast on the list was the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland R.W. P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, and the other P.G. Officers. Bro. Murray, M.D., responded. The next toast from the chair was the Installing Officer, Bro. J. W. Woodall, who responded in very appropriate terms. Next in succession was the W.M. of the Royal Lodge, and the newly-appointed Officers, each of whom returned thanks in warm expressions for the honours conferred upon them. Then came the retiring W.M. and his Officers, the highly-respected and worthy I.P.M. responding in a genial and humorous speech, each of the retiring Officers following in the same strain. After the "Masonic Charities," the "Visiting Brethren" was drunk, to which Brothers J. Harrison, Ivor Murray, and G. Wilkinson severally replied. Success to the Old Globe 200, the Denison 1248, and the Leopold 1760, having been proposed, the Worshipful Masters of those Lodges respectively returned thanks. Bro. Dobson's health was drunk on his appointment as Treasurer, and on his accession as the oldest P.M., to which he gave a well-worded and appropriate response. The indefatigable and intelligent Hon. Secretary, Bro. W. Fisher, was next toasted, amidst loud applause; a warm eulogium was pronounced on his unceasing efforts to promote the well-being and prosperity of the Lodge. He returned thanks in a short, but feeling and excellent address. The health of Bro. Darley, the oldest member of the Lodge, was proposed by Bro. J. W. Woodall, and drunk with all the honours, Brother Woodall at the same time presenting Bro. Darley with a purse of money, which had been contributed by the brethren present. Brother Darley, who had travelled from his distant home to pay his annual visit to his mother Lodge, is above eighty-two years of age, and returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him by drinking his health, as also for the generous donation so kindly presented him. He assured the brethren that so long as his life might be spared by the G.A.O.T.U., he should always endeavour to be present at the Installations in his mother Lodge. Everything that could tend to promote the harmony and good feeling existing amongst the brethren, was contributed by each present, and the members who possessed the gift of a melodious voice, vied with each other in giving some most excellent songs with great effect, and which were received by their less gifted brethren with unbounded applause. Upwards of sixty brethren sat down to banquet, and this most successful and enjoyable meeting will long live in the memory of the brethren of the Royal Lodge. A rather singular coincidence occurred on the occasion of Bro. Fowler being installed as W.M. His Christian name is

Valentine, and his installation took place on Valentine's Day. An appropriate song, composed by Bro. Darley, was presented to him, as follows:—

Brother Masons, arise, and join in the chorus,
When you hear what it is you will gladly obey;
A heart-stirring duty is present before us,
To welcome our Master on Valentine's Day.

Und voce elected to rule us, we render
A willing consent to be under his sway;
As a proof of that feeling we all of us tender
Our "heartly good wishes" on Valentine's Day.

The jolly old Veteran he has succeeded
Has made his path easier every way;
To follow his footsteps is all that is needed
To merit our plaudits on Valentine's Day.

In "brotherly love" we each of us greet him;
For his health and his happiness all of us pray;
And when in the Lodge, 'tis our duty to meet him,
We'll hark back with pleasure to Valentine's Day.

At the end of the year, when his term shall expire,
May each of the members be able to say,
"There is not one amongst us could ever desire
A better than ruled us on Valentine's Day."

Then raise up your voices and join in the chorus,
And let our energy loudly display
How earnest the wish, that our brother before us,
May live to see many a Valentine's Day.

Filey, 14th February 1881.

H. A. D.

SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 394.

ON Thursday, the 17th inst., Bro. T. P. Payne was installed W.M. of this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton. Bro. Payne, who has rendered most valuable service to Masonry during his lengthened connection with the Order, has previously presided over two other Lodges in Southampton, viz., the Royal Gloucester and the Peace and Harmony; and at the unanimous request of the brethren he has now taken the chair of the Southampton Lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (V.W. Bro. Hickman), who himself, twenty years ago, was installed for the first time as Master of the same Lodge. There was a large assembly of brethren, and some fourteen Past Masters took part in the installation ceremony, which was very impressively conducted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The new Master having assumed the chair, proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. A. Paris S.W., H. Lashmore J.W., J. D. Barford S.D., E. Gayton J.D., W. Furber P.M. Treasurer, E. Howell P.M. Secretary, H. P. Aslatt P.M. D.C., Rev. S. Scott I.G. Bro. the Rev. J. H. Mason will take the office of Chaplain to the Lodge upon the attainment of full Masonic status. The melancholy death of Bro. F. H. McCalmont, while Master of the Lodge, accounts for the non-investiture of any I.P.M. The usual banquet followed.—*Portsmouth Times.*

City of London Lodge, No. 901.—The first meeting of the members of this Lodge, under the presidency of the newly elected W. Master, Bro. Charles Beaumont, took place on Monday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, when the attendance included Bros. Alfred Ginger I.P.M., G. C. Cundy S.W., J. Hughes J.W., Henry Darcy P.M. Treasurer, George Darcy P.M. Secretary, D. Hughes S.D., T. McClelland J.D., E. T. P. Harris I.G., Ernest C. T. Hand Organist, J. T. Woodstock Tyler; also Bros. W. R. Haylock, R. P. Stevens, A. J. Pritchard, Robert Gillard, George M. Gross, F. Chinnell, G. Smith, Robert Torry, W. Venner, Henry Barnett, G. Ruhardt, R. K. Stubbs, J. Eade, Edward Venner, H. W. Taylor, F. J. Ford, G. Chivers, Geo. Brittan, Frederick J. Lawrence, William Dance, William Walker, W. G. Smith, P. J. Walker, A. H. Bisley, and W. Easey. Visitors—Bros. J. H. Boyt 137, G. W. Knight 1507, G. Bentley 20, and W. C. Plater 720. Lodge having been opened in accordance with the usual formalities, the ballot was prepared for Bro. William Charles Plater, of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, as a joining member, proposed by Bro. Ernest C. T. Hand, seconded by Bro. F. Lawrence. The voting was unanimously in his favour. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Peter John Walker, of 104 Seven Sisters'-road, Holloway, nominated by Bro. E. C. T. Hand, seconded by Bro. R. Gillard; and for Mr. Alfred Henry Bisley, of 40 South Island-place, Clapham-road; and for Mr. William Henry Easey, of Brunswick-street, Poplar, proposed by Bro. E. Harris, and seconded by the late Bro. J. Turner. All three were unanimously accepted, and having been found worthy, were duly initiated by the W. Master, who, on this the first occasion since his installation, performed the ceremony in such a manner as not only to give the utmost satisfaction to the brethren, but to show promise of more than ordinary skill and aptitude in the future. Bros. A. J. Pritchard, George M. Gross, W. H. Taylor, Robert Torry, and Geo. Brittan, having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, were entrusted, and subsequently were passed to the second degree by the W. Master, who here also acquitted himself in a most creditable manner. To add to a rather heavy agenda paper, already sufficient to test the capabilities of a young Master on his *début*, two aspirants for the sublime degree put in an appearance, in the persons of Bros. F. J. Ford and F. Churchill, the impressive ceremony being rendered with considerable effect and precision by the W. Master, with but little assistance being needed from the I.P.M. At the conclusion of a more than usually arduous sitting, followed by the transaction of some formal business, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren partook of a light supper, under the presidency of the W. Master, when the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with some excellent singing, and a very agreeable *réunion* was enjoyed.

KINGS CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

THE Installation Meeting of this young, but prosperous Lodge, was held on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. J. T. Briggs W.M. presided, and was well supported by his Officers, the members, and a goodly array of visitors. Lodge having been opened with the accustomed formalities, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. C. Austin was entrusted and retired, and Lodge having been advanced to third degree, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. Briggs and his Officers. Bro. Henry Stiles S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented in form for the purpose of receiving the benefits of installation at the hands of Bro. Briggs. The preliminary formalities having been observed, all below the rank of I.M. withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Briggs occupying the chair of W.M., with Bros. J. J. Michael S.W., and James Terry Sec. R.M.B.I. as D.C. Bro. Briggs performed his part most ably, and subsequently, on the re-admission of the brethren, delivered the several addresses in a manner which reflected on him the greatest credit. Bro. H. Stiles appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. H. Higgins S.W., Lewis Solomon J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer, Frederick Saintsbury Secretary, Leon Jacobs S.D., G. H. Gorringe J.D., C. B. Patland I.G., B. Kanffman D.C., W. R. Yates A.D.C., Frank Fletcher W.S., A. Hubbard A.W.S., Daly Tyler. Bro. Michael proposed, and Bro. Higgins seconded, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Briggs for his services as Installing Officer; and Bro. Stiles, in submitting the motion, took the opportunity of presenting to Bro. Briggs the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge, in recognition of his services in the chair. Bro. Briggs very gracefully acknowledged the vote of thanks for what he had done that day, and expressed himself as being very strongly impressed with the kindness of the brethren for the jewel they had voted him with complete unanimity. He trusted he should be long amongst them, if only to evince his sense of gratitude by wearing the jewel. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, in every way worthy of the reputation of the Bros. Clemow. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily acknowledged. With that of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, was associated the name of Bro. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, the W.M. rendering due honour to Bros. T. Cubitt P.G.P., W. Clarke A.G.P., and G. Beale Grand Steward. Bro. Buss, with his wonted heartiness, expressed his thanks for the compliment paid to the Grand Officers, whose services to Freemasonry were universally recognised, and to himself, who had derived great pleasure from attending the Lodge. Bro. Briggs I.P.M. was charged with the duty of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, and, in fulfilling it, he expressed his belief that Bro. Stiles would be found a worthy occupant of the chair of K.S. He had diligently and ably fulfilled the duties of the inferior offices, and there was no doubt he would follow in the footsteps of another of the same family, who had already presided over the fortunes of the Lodge. Bro. Stiles acknowledged the compliment so kindly paid him, both in respect of the eulogistic terms in which it was proposed, and as to the kindly manner in which it had been received. He should do his utmost to carry out the duties of his office to their satisfaction, and expressed a hope that, when the term of his Mastership came to an end, the Lodge would be found to be in as prosperous a condition as it was at present. He concluded by proposing the toast of I.P.M. (Installing Master) and Past Masters, to which Bro. Briggs responded most heartily. For the Masonic Charities, Bro. Jas. Terry was called upon to reply, and he did so, it is needless to say, in his most effective manner, laying especial stress on a point which we have again and again noted, that if the members of our Fraternity would only contribute the small sum of five shillings per annum all round to each of our Institutions, there would be no need whatever for especial appeals, and the Institutions themselves would be, in all probability, enabled to extend the sphere of their usefulness. He also, as a matter which goes without saying, referred in hopeful terms to the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution. In reply to the Visitors' toast, Bros. Blasby, Side, Hudson, Murlis, Buss, Beale, Irvine, Hemmings, and Hickman responded. The other toasts, customary on these occasions, having been given, the brethren dispersed. We append a list of the Visitors, which is as follows:—Bros. B. E. Blasby W.M. 780, W. Devine 832, J. Shipley J.W. 30, G. G. Stanham 173, Thos. Cubitt P.G.P., H. G. Bass A.G.S., S. L. Hickman P.M. Joppa 188, W. Side W.M. 1507, L. Bamberger P.M. 1366, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, C. E. Barratt Kidder S.W. 12, Jas. Irvine 862, C. W. Hudson W.M. 1540, F. Silvester 193, E. Storr I.G. 167, G. Beale Grand Steward, W.M. elect 8, Geo. Oddy 754, J. Garrod J.W. 754, Jas. Hemmings 1287, R. L. Creber 70, S. Dicketts 193, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.

At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 17th inst. Present—Bros. J. Green W.M., A. Jones S.W., Hamilton J.W., Wilkinson S.D., C. Andrews P.M. J.D., Porter I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Henry Stephens, and J. Wells Secretary. With all formalities duly observed, the Lodge was opened to the third degree, and then resumed to the first. Bro. J. Wells answered the questions leading to second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Captain Wilton, a member of this Lodge, having received an appointment on the staff of Sir Samuel Rowe, for service against the King of Ashantee, sailed a few days ago, and it was unanimously agreed to telegraph to Bro. Captain Wilton at Madeira, to convey the hearty wishes of the brethren that he may have health and success in the Cape Coast Colony. The Secretary was requested to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Clarke, wife of Bro. J. Clarke, who lies seriously ill. Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th March, at Freemasons' Hall, Brecon. Bros. J. A. Whittle W.M., John Morgan S.W., T. C. Barge Watkins J.W., T. H. Price Treasurer, Ernest H. Teale Sec., Rhys Davies S.D., H. C. Rich jun., J.D., Adam Orlopp D.C., E. T. Edwards Steward, T. H. Price I.G., W. Hamelin Tyler pro tem; P.M.'s Bros. Frank Grundy, Thomas Butcher, Richard Webb, and H. C. Rich sen. After preliminaries, the ballot was brought into requisition for the election as joining member of Bro. J. Watkins, Lodge 1212 Devonport; for Mr. Francis Henry Shepherd, as a candidate for initiation; to ballot for Bro. Henry Martin, as Tyler, in place of Bro. James Jones, deceased. The result in each case was favourable. Bro. J. Morgan proposed, and Bro. Butcher P.M. seconded, that the financial report for 1880 be adopted. The W.M. brought forward the desirability of forming a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge, and after some discussion it was agreed that it be further considered next month.

Metham Lodge, No. 1205.—A meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Monday, 21st inst., at the Lodge-room, Stonehouse, for the purpose of electing a Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, when Bros. T. A. Peck, D. Cross, and J. Gidley were unanimously elected to fill the above posts respectively.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 22nd inst. Bros. Smith W.M., Rawe S.W., Innes J.W., Prosser I.G., Worsley Sec., Pavitt acting Preceptor. Lodge opened in due form with prayer, when the following Sections were worked:—1st, Bros. Worsley; 2nd, Watkins; 3rd, Rawe; 4th, Worsley; 5th, Pavitt; 6th, Smith. Bro. Rawe W.M. 711 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. In addition to the brethren named above, Bros. Smith and Pavitt deserve great praise for the way in which they worked the Sections allotted to them. The brethren present were highly pleased.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. F. H. Clemow), due to a severe cold, the I.P.M. Bro. John Douglass took the chair, supported by Bros. James Willing P.M. as I.P.M. Treasurer, J. L. Jones S.W., Hyland J.W., W. M. Stiles Sec., Deller J.D., Holt I.G., J. W. Smith D.C., Sillis W.S., Johnson A.W.S., Smith Org., Koester Tyler. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, Case P.M., J. Cherry 19, Holt 874, E. Storr I.G. 167, &c.; also Bros. Dovey, Captain Cole, Joyce, Wilkes (2), Hare, Ellis, Wall, Wauthier, Perugia, Greenfield, Jagels, Hoare, and many others were present. The Lodge having been regularly opened, the Worshipful Master impressively raised Bros. La Hag and Pitkin. Three brethren, W. Slater, J. Cohen, and J. Michell were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which a ballot was taken for five gentlemen, which being in their favour, Messrs. J. M. Fulton, J. Bryan, and C. Veit were properly introduced and regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. After some routine business, Bro. P.M. Willing announced to the brethren that either the W.M. or he would represent the Lodge at the Boys' Festival. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren (67) adjourned to the banquet. Owing to domestic bereavement, Bro. J. Douglass was compelled to leave, and the Worshipful Master's chair was occupied by Bro. J. Willing P.M., founder, who, in proposing the health of the Visitors, expressed the regret of the brethren at the absence of their W.M., and more particularly at the cause of it. Bro. Willing wished to impress upon the brethren the desirability of all earnest brethren, especially the Officers, joining the Royal Arch. The brethren had in Bro. Ferguson, their distinguished Visitor, one who now occupied the chair of two Chapters in London; he would be only too happy to receive any brethren amongst the ranks. In Bro. Storr they had an invaluable and indefatigable Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction used by the officers and many of their friends. These brethren were associated with Bro. Stiles, their Secretary, and the W.M. assured them they would always find a cordial welcome, combined with excellent teaching. The Visitors having eloquently responded, the health of the Initiates was given. The W.M. said they had paid every attention to the ceremony, and had raised the number of brethren in the Lodge to over 100. The Lodge had just commenced the third year of its existence, and it was highly gratifying to the founders to witness its success. He trusted it would continue as numerous and happy for many years. They certainly experienced an immense improvement where they now met over what they had to put up with before, and a deep debt of gratitude was due to Bro. Best, the proprietor, for the splendid suite of rooms placed at the disposal of the Lodge, as well as his liberal catering for their creature comforts. The initiates suitably replied, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close about eleven p.m. Bro. Stiles and several other brethren sang some capital songs.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 13th instant, at Bro. Devine's, the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bro. Burgess W.M., Birrell S.W., L. Solomon J.W., Cleghorn S.D., Guyer J.D., J. Edwards I.G., Devine Treasurer, L. Jacobs as Secretary, J. Hemming Preceptor, and twenty-nine other brethren. After preliminaries, the first section of the first lecture was worked, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. H. Phillips acting as candidate. The fourth and fifth sections were worked. Bro. B. Phillips, No. 93 Scotland, J. Douglass 571, Kahlane 1613, G. Lundbury, and H. C. Francis were unanimously elected members. Bro. Birrell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons Hall. There were present Bros. Colonel Creton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), E. Letchworth, Thomas Massa, James Peters, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Griffiths Smith, Arthur H. Gladwell, Henry Massey, John A. Rucker, and W. Bailey. The Committee increased the salary of Brother Hedges, the Secretary, by £100 a year from the 1st January last, in consideration of the zeal and assiduity he has shown in the discharge of the duties of his office during the time he has held that position. Bro. E. Letchworth, who moved in place of Bro. Joshua Nunn, Bro. W. Bailey, who seconded the motion, and Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell, who supported it, spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Hedges' efficiency as Secretary, and of the quiet, unassuming way in which he had so much conducted to the success of the Institution. Three petitioners were placed on the list for the election in October. Bro. Thomas Massa gave notice of three motions he intended to make at the Quarterly Court in April, and the Chairman having been authorised to sign cheques in discharge of accounts, the Committee adjourned.

The great pressure on our space, owing to the Festival of the R.M.B.I., necessitates our holding over report of the installation meeting on Monday, 21st instant, of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1238, Twickenham, Middlesex. We must fain content ourselves with mentioning, therefore, that the retiring W.M., Bro. Mesrouze, was highly complimented for the signal services he had rendered to the Lodge, and that such services were handsomely recognised by the presentation to him of a Past Master's jewel. During his year of office the Gooch Lodge has made considerable progress, thanks to his ability, diligence, and zeal; and this is all the more creditable seeing that Bro. Mesrouze is by birth and education a Frenchman. He is, indeed, a sojourner amongst us, being professionally engaged in the somewhat arduous and certainly unenviable task of imparting to Englishmen a knowledge of his own language. Bro. Mesrouze, however, it should be stated to his credit, is thoroughly well versed in the English tongue, and speaks it with an accent we have rarely heard in his fellow-countrymen. He is, moreover, a graduate of the University of Paris, and is essentially, therefore, a scholar, and one well qualified to play the part of a tutor. We wish him every success.

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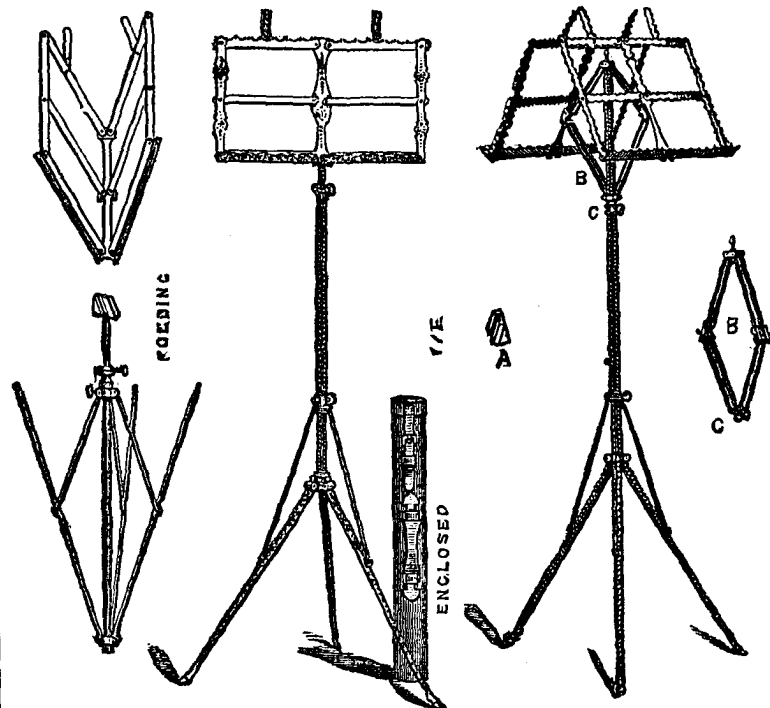
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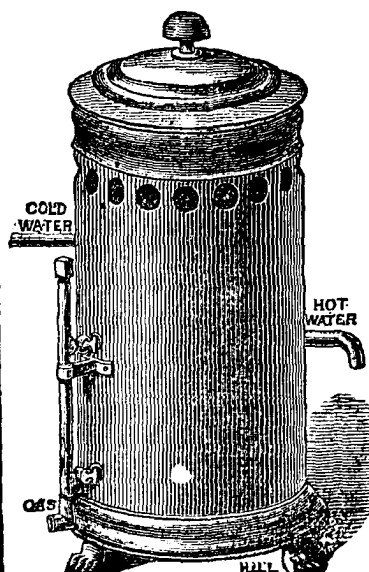
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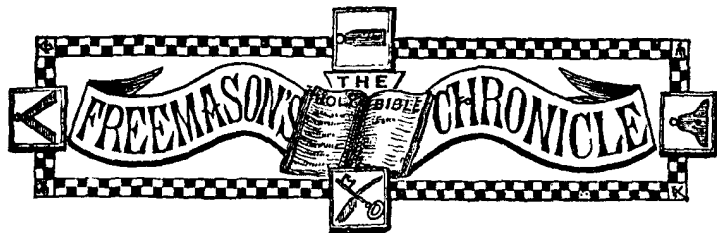
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd March 1881:—

1. The Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of Public Business will be read.
2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st December 1880 will be read and put for confirmation.
3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, London	£50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. James' Lodge, No. 765, Southwark	50 0 0
A Brother of the Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham	75 0 0
A Brother of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, London	75 0 0
A Brother of the Silent Temple Lodge, No. 126, Burnley, Lancashire	100 0 0
A Brother of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde, Isle of Wight	75 0 0
A Brother of the British Lodge, No. 736, Mauritius	50 0 0
A Brother of the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, Monmouthshire	150 0 0
A Brother of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, Camberwell	50 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of Merit, No. 934, Whitefield, Lancashire	50 0 0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The board of General purposes beg to report that:—

1st.—The Lodge No. — having laid before the Board a formal complaint against a Brother, Immediate Past Master, for retaining in his possession the Minute and other Books belonging to the Lodge, and refusing to hand them over to the Worshipful Master, the Board proceeded to deal with the complaint, and caused the said Brother and also the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge in question, to appear before them.

2nd.—The matter having been fully gone into, and the parties heard, the Board unanimously resolved, and ordered as follows:—

1st.—That the Lodge Books, improperly retained by the Brother in question after his vacation of the Chair of the Lodge, be handed to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge forthwith.

2nd.—That the conduct of the said Brother, in thus improperly retaining the Books of the Lodge, is, in the opinion of the Board, a Masonic offence proved to their satisfaction, and that he be, therefore, suspended from all his Masonic functions until the further order of the Board.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th February 1881.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on

Friday, the 11th February instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5,977 6s 8d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

7.—Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1880.

8. PROPOSED MOTIONS:—

1. By Bro. John M. Clabon P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

That inasmuch as the recommendation by the Lodge of Benevolence to Grand Lodge, that a grant of £100 should be made to Brother Hugh R. Edwards, came to an end by his death, the Lodge of Benevolence be empowered, to the extent of that sum, to repay any expenses incurred for his benefit during his life or in relation to his death.

2. By Brother Tudor Trevor P.M. No. 944, Bombay, now of No. 41, Bath, and late of No. 1511, Horsea.

That in consideration of the very exceptional circumstances of his application for pecuniary assistance, and that he has been much embarrassed by the unmasonic litigation which ensued in defiance of the Principles of the Craft, and especially of No. 6 of Antient Charges and Regulations, consequent on the part he took in the exclusion from his Lodge, No. 1511, of an offending Brother (which exclusion was approved by the Provincial Grand Master), this Grand Lodge is pleased as a *Special Case* to direct the grant of £150 from the Fund of General Purposes, to Brother Tudor Trevor, P.M. &c., in aid of his costs in defending the action "Brother Voigt versus Brothers Carr, Laking, and Trevor," tried at Leeds in August last, and in respect of which costs Brother Trevor affirms that he has already paid £169 4s 11d, and that he has been greatly impoverished thereby.

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

- No. 1887.—St. Hilda Lodge, Wallingford, Berks.
1888.—St. John's Lodge, Featherstone, Wellington, N.Z.
1889.—St. Andrew's Lodge, Bedford, South Africa, E. Div.
1890.—Broad Arrow Lodge, St. George's, Bermuda.
1891.—St. Ambrose Lodge, Kensington.
1892.—The Wallington Lodge, Carshalton, Surrey.
1893.—The Lunley Lodge, Skegness, Lincolnshire.
1894.—The Herschel Lodge, Slough, Buckinghamshire.
1895.—The Thames Lodge, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
1896.—The Audley Lodge, Newport, Shropshire.
1897.—The Citadel Lodge, Harrow, Middlesex.

ROYAL ARCH.

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IN consequence of the long illness and subsequent death of the Most Excellent Companion John Hayshe P.G.J. of England, and Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Province of Devon, the Provincial Grand Chapter has been practically in abeyance. The last meeting for real business, as far as we recollect, was held at Topsham, 10th October 1877, since when no P.G. Officers have been appointed. We are glad to know officially that the M.E. the First Grand Principal His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to appoint the M.E. Companion Viscount Ebrington to be Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in and over the Province of Devon, to whom in future all communications relating to Royal Arch Masonry are to be addressed, excepting of course annual returns to Grand Chapter, applications for certificates, and other matters specially directed by the general regulations to be made to the Grand Scribe E., and which must be made as usual. We congratulate the Province on this appointment, which will be a popular one, and conduce to the prosperity of this important degree in Freemasonry.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 804, HAVANT.

THE annual Installation Meeting of the above Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 15th, but owing to various causes, some of the Officers elect were unable to be present. After the election of a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting, the ceremony of installation was performed by M.E. Comp. J. N. Hillman, the retiring First Principal. Comps. E. E. Street and T. Francis were respectively installed in the chairs of Z. and H., and Comp. H. M. Green P.Z. was placed in the chair of J. pro tem, in the absence of Comp. J. Lintott. Comps. W. Dart and J. A. Elverston were then invested with the collar of their offices as E. and P. Soj. Comp. J. J. Field N. elect was absent through illness; Comp. Hillman was then invested as Treasurer, and the First Principal, on behalf of the members of the Chapter, presented him with a P.Z.'s jewel; in doing so, he referred to the unremitting zeal and ability displayed by Comp. Hillman P.P.G.P. Soj. Hampshire and I.W. in connection with Royal Arch Masonry in general, and with this Chapter in particular, he having been elected to the chair of Z. on three occasions. The jewel bore a suitable inscription; round the emblems was the name and number of the Chapter, and on a shield on the ribbon "Portsmouth Chapter, 487," in commemoration of Comp. Hillman having filled the chair of First Principal in that Chapter. Comp. W. Blackmore was appointed Janitor. The Chapter being closed, the Companions adjourned to a banquet at the Dolphin Hotel. In addition to the above there were present—Comps. H. R. Trigg, J. Wicks, and J. Harrison P.Z.'s, J. Parnell P.H., O. N. Wyatt Z. Cyrus Chapter 38, and W. H. R. Burrell Lennox Chapter 271.

DE SUSSEX CHAPTER, No. 406.

THE regular Convocation of this Chapter took place on Friday evening, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maypole-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The respective chairs were filled as follow:—Companions T. J. Armstrong M.E.Z., J. Wilson P.Z. as H., Dr. Luke Armstrong J., H. Hotham P.Z. Treasurer, G. Cockburn S.E., John Wood as N., R. Carr P.S., R. G. Salmon A.S., and G. S. Sims Janitor. The Chapter being opened, the ballot was successfully taken for two brethren, and they were exalted to the sublime degree by Most Excellent Companion E. D. Davis P.Z. P.P.G.H. in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Companion G. J. Dean P.Z. 24 gave the third lecture, and Companion Davis gave the first. The election for Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with; it resulted in the unanimous selection of the following Companions:—R. L. Armstrong Z., Dr. Luke Armstrong H., G. Cockburn J., Ralf Carr S.E., R. G. Salmon N., S. M. Harris P.S., H. Hotham P.Z. Treasurer, G. S. Sims Janitor. The M.E.Z. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Companion E. D. Davis for his kindness in coming and working the degree so beautifully; this was carried by acclamation. Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment. The Visitors present were Companions E. D. Davis P.Z. 24 P.P.G.H., J. S. Wilson P.Z. 991, G. S. Dean P.Z. 991, J. Wood H. 48, R. Simons 481, and Davis (Bombay).

PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

THIS Chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on the 14th inst., when there was a goodly attendance of Companions. In the absence of the M.E.Z., the chair of Z. was occupied by E. Comp. Henry Smith P.Z., who was supported by Comps. R. N. Field H., Samuel Poynter J., James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E., and Comps. T. Meggy N., B. R. Bryant P.S., J. W. Watts 1st Assist. Amongst others present were Comps. Jas. Terry, Baldwin, Gilbert, &c., and visiting Comp. Henry Thompson M.E.Z. 619. After confirmation of previous minutes, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. Wilkins, of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, and being found clear, that Brother was introduced and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The ceremony was conducted throughout in an exceedingly perfect manner, and without the slightest omission or hesitation on the part of the several Officers, and later in the evening the candidate himself referred to the great impression made on him by the confidence with which he was inducted into the Order, at the same time remarking that he could hardly have expected a different result, as the three Principals and other Officers who performed the ceremony were all Past Masters of his (the Burgoyne) Lodge, of each of whom he had had previous experience in Craft Masonry. The Chapter next proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, and in each case unanimous votes were given for Ex. Comps. Field as Z., Poynter as H., Thomas Meggy as J., James Stevens P.Z. as Scribe E. (we are informed that this is the thirteenth re-election of Comp. Stevens), B. R. Bryant, J. W. Watts P.S., and John Gilbert Janitor. An Audit Committee was appointed, and the cordial thanks of the Chapter voted to Ex. Comp. Henry Smith for officiating as Z. on this and the previous occasion of meeting. It was only natural that in this Chapter recognition should be given to the work of its Scribe E., and consequently it was ordered that a copy of his Map of Masonic Lodges and Chapters should be set in a handsome frame and hung conspicuously in the Chapter room. Companion Stevens acknowledged the compliment, which evidently gave him gratification. Business being completed, refreshment followed labour, and under the presidency of Comp. Smith a very pleasant evening was passed. In replying to the toast of the exalte, Companion Wilkins, in a very able speech, expressed his pleasure with all he had heard and seen, and pledged himself to an equal devotion to the interests of the Order to that he had already taken in Craft Masonry. Companion H. Thompson, the only Visitor present, paid a high tribute to the perfection of working he had witnessed, and congratulated the Chapter on its recognised position in the Order with reference to its able interpretation of the ceremonies. After a thoroughly enjoyable evening, the proceedings closed, it having been first intimated that the Installation of Principals will take place on the 9th of May next. Ex. Companion James Stevens has been requested to perform the duties of Installing Principal on that occasion, and has promised to carry out same, with full ceremonies.

North London Chapter of Improvement.—A meeting was held at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Thursday, 17th inst. Present—Comps. Osborne (Scribe E.) J., Pearcy P.S., Hunter H., Fenner N., Edmonds (Preceptor) Z., Sheffield, Moss, Hobbs, Cogan, and Hubbard Exalte. The working was extremely well done. Before closing the Chapter a resolution was proposed by Comp. Moss, and seconded by Comp. Hunter, that 500 circulars be printed and circulated to various Chapters, informing members desirous of advancement that a Chapter of Improvement is held at the Jolly Farmers every Thursday, at 8 o'clock.

Illustrious Bro. Lorenzo Augustus Homfray has been appointed Inspector-General for the Western District, in the place of General Doherty, who has resigned, in consequence of ill health.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic doreux, and many similar maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation, and reduce the swelling. The Pills, simultaneously taken, will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic, and scrofulous attacks, which afflict all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.

MARK MASONRY.

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MACDONALD MARK MASTERS' LODGE, No. 104.

THIS Lodge held its first meeting for the present year on Saturday, the 19th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, London, E.C., when a large number of members and visitors attended. Lodge was opened at three o'clock in the afternoon by the W.M. Bro. F. H. Cozens P.G. Organist, and the following Officers:—Bros. W. P. Collins P. Prov. G.D. S.W., N. J. F. Bassett P. Prov. G.S. J.W., G. Yaxley P.G.S. M.O., W. C. Hale P.G.S.B. S.O., J. K. Pitt P. Prov. A.D.C. J.O., V.W. P.M.'s Thomas Meggy P.G.S.O. Treasurer, W. William Worrell P.G.O. Secretary, James Stevens P.G.J.O. D.C., W. Johnston R.M., Theodore De Leliva G.S. S.D., T. W. Symons J.D. Amongst other members present were the V.W. Bros. Frederick Binckes P.G.W. and Grand Mark Secretary, R. Berridge G.D.C., and Alfred Williams P.G.S.D., E. P. Spice P.G. Steward, and Bros. Mildred, Bale, Nettleship, &c. The Visitors were the V.W. Bros. Frederic Davison Deputy Grand Mark Master for Middlesex and Surrey, D. A. Dewar Asst. Grand Mark Secretary, and W. H. Gimmingham P.M. of the Tenterden Mark Lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, ballot was taken for two candidates named in summons, and Bros. Francois Ducher, of the Rothesay Craft Lodge, No. 1687, being in attendance, was introduced and advanced to the honourable degree, with full musical ceremony, the whole work connected with which was most impressively rendered. The Deputy Grand Master was pleased to express his favourable opinion in regard to the ceremony, and endorsed the minute book to that effect. A committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the Lodge, which in some particulars require emendation. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, the provision and service of which, by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, left nothing to be desired. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., that of the Queen being most unexpectedly, but most appropriately, accompanied at the exact moment by the National Anthem, played by the full band of the London Rifle Brigade, then being dismissed, after parade, in the courtyard of the Guildhall. For Grand Mark Lodge the Deputy Grand Master for the Province, the V.W. Bro. Davison responded, and again expressed his gratification with the admirable working he had witnessed in Lodge, and his earnest hope that in the future its members would aim at a continuance of that meritorious endeavour which had so fully established the prestige of the Macdonald as one of the best exponents of the ritual of the degree. The W.M., in reply to the toast in his honour, which was proposed by Bro. Meggy, renewed his former promises to maintain the dignity of his position, and to promote the prosperity of the Lodge, and harmony amongst its members. By unanimous request the W.M. at once gave a practical evidence of his great ability to promote "harmony" in a musical sense, by indulging the brethren with one of his ever tuneful and amusing songs, the reception of which compelled him still longer to leave the presidential chair in the occupation of Bro. Meggy, whilst he complied with the general requirements for another just in the usual way. For the Past Masters, Bro. Stevens made a brief response, which was followed by a "Yankee Electoral Address" from Bro. Gimmingham, whose clever recitals for some time kept the table in a roar. At a later period of the evening the worthy Brother again assisted digestion by reciting another mirth convulsing narrative, and his earnest endeavours to delight his audience were unmistakably appreciated. The reception of the Visitors having been most cordially given, Bro. Ducher, whose foreign accent somewhat increased the effect of his words, made a forcible speech, in the course of which he said his impressions with regard to Masonry might be different from those of others, but he could not but believe that Freemasonry, which good and true men had for three thousand years been helping to build up as an edifice that hereafter will be the temple of humanity, had a potent mission, which mission would be accomplished, and the time would surely come, not, almost certainly, in our period, when that edifice, which we in our turn were helping to complete, would become universal, and embrace humanity as one nation, one people, one creed. To this glorious end he believed the work of the Order he had just entered was equally devoted as that of other branches of Freemasonry, whilst he felt bound to admit that the ceremony of his advancement had impressed him beyond any other he had gone through. The remarks of the worthy Bro. were listened to with profound attention. For the Visitors, the Asst. G.M. Sec., the V.W. Bro. Dewar, replied, endorsing the flattering expressions of former speakers. The Masonic Charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund called up Worshipful Bros. Binckes, Meggy, and Spice, who severally responded, Bro. Binckes, in the course of his remarks, referring to the frequent opportunities afforded him to dilate on the cause of charity, particularly in connection with the useful Institutions of Freemasonry. He acknowledged the sympathetic aid by means of which those of the household of faith, not so fortunate as ourselves, were not forgotten, through the social organisation of the Order, and felt assured that no one of us who may have contributed towards the assistance of those in need ever yet felt the worse off for so doing. Bro. Meggy gave a brief résumé of the progress of the Mark Benevolent Fund from the time, not many years ago, when but five Stewards could be obtained to represent Lodges at the Festivals, to the present, when as many as thirty-two worthy members of the Mark Degree offered their valuable assistance. He congratulated the Macdonald Lodge on the fact that it had sent Stewards on all occasions but two since the existence of the Fund. Bro. S. Spice, in an equally able manner, testified to the good done by all the Charities of the Order, and concluded a telling speech with the remark that the Stewards, whether in the past or the present, might well be looked upon as corner-stones of that Temple of which Bro. Binckes had so eloquently spoken. The remaining toasts

—the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's—were then given, and the brethren separated, each and all delighted with the happy reunion. We must not omit to mention that, in addition to the admirable songs and recitations of the Worshipful Master and Bro. Gingham respectively, Bros. Symons, Meggy, and Ducher contributed materially to the musical entertainment of the evening.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

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HUYSHE ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, R.D.M.

THE annual meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, at the Temple, Princes-place, Plymouth, when Excellent Bro. Thomas S. Bayley M.W.S. elect was duly installed, the impressive ceremony being performed by the M.W.S.E. and P. Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lemon 30°. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Companions E. and P.P. Rev. Thomas W. Lemon, M.A., I.P.M. W.S., W. Hearder First General, James Keats Second General, Admiral Glasse Prelate, J. Edward Curteis 31° Treasurer, J. Harris Square Recorder, Francis B. Westlake G.M., John Dunn Barker Raphael, Aitken Davies H., Major Chard Captain of Guard, F. Reed Almoner, W. Molesworth St. Abyn Director of Ceremonies. The Treasurer's accounts were received and duly passed. Bro. John Pearce Sawyer P.M. Erme Lodge was duly balloted for, and incepted as a member of this Chapter, the ceremony being performed by E. and P. Bro. J. Watts, assisted by E. and P. Bros. Curteis and L. D. Westcott. The annual banquet was held at the Globe Hotel. A large number were present, and, as is usual at this famous hostelry, the viands and attendance were excellent. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

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UNITED SERVICE LODGE.

THE installation of the Officers of this Lodge took place on the 8th of January, when Bro. W. H. Addiscott, chief engine-room artificer of H.M.S. Victor Emmanuel, was impressively raised to the chair of King Solomon by the Very Worshipful Bro. C. B. Chuter Deputy District Grand Master. The collars were thus distributed:—Wor. Bros. G. May I.P.M., S. Coomber S.W., J. Windrum J.W., Wor. C. W. Duggan Treasurer, J. Beattie Secretary, N. Perry S.D., C. S. Barkley J.D., C. Wassinus Steward, A. J. Bridges Organist, C. Partington I.G., A. J. Grimble Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, the Lodge was closed, and ninety-seven brethren, including several officers of high rank from the Fleet, sat down to a sumptuous banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, it was announced from the chair that a much respected member of the Lodge—Bro. Joseph Thomas, Sergeant-Major, R.A.—had suddenly passed away. He was on duty at high noon, and ten minutes afterwards had ceased to exist. He leaves a wife and two children not over well provided for. A collection was at once made, and a sum amounting to over £30 was subscribed for their benefit. On the following morning another brother—W. H. King—who left England some time since, to take the post of sergeant in the Hong Kong police, expired, after seven months' illness, leaving a wife and son, who are well respected, and will not need to return to England to find friends. Bro. Thomas's funeral took place on the 14th January, and was an imposing and impressive ceremony, being attended by over 800 representatives of both branches of the Service, all vying to honour the Craft in the obsequies of the deceased. For the above information our thanks are due to the *Western Daily Mercury*.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE BALL.

THE annual ball given in connection with this Lodge took place on Monday, 21st inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and proved one of the most successful gatherings we remember taking part in. It has very truly been said that it is not for mortals to command success, but on this occasion everything that could possibly be thought of to deserve it was done, and, as we have stated, with a most satisfactory result to all who attended. It may hardly come within our province to refer to the dresses of the ladies, but as we look upon these gatherings as being provided especially for them, we think we are justified in doing so. We could but notice the good taste that prevailed in this respect, we may say, without exception, the varied hues in which our fair sisters were attired added greatly to the beauty of the picture presented. Dancing was well sustained until midnight, when an adjournment took place to the supper-room, where the good things provided were partaken of by the company, under the able presidency of Bro. Dr. J. G. Defriez, who was supported in the vice chair by Bro. R. L. Starkevart, the Hon. Sec. of the Lodge. The President confined his remarks to introducing the few toasts usually given within very narrow limits, as he felt assured that those present would much prefer the fare provided in the ball room than listening to long speeches from himself and colleagues. Bro. Starkevart proposed the health of the President, referring to his many good qualities, and expressing a hope that he might live long and enjoy good health. After the reply of Bro. Defriez, the toast of the Ladies was given from the chair, and to this Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. responded. A compliment having been paid to the Stewards, the party again proceeded to the ball room, where the remainder of the programme was gone through. One of the features of the second part was the fourteenth dance, which bore the

name of the Burdett Coutts Quadrille, and which is certainly a worthy representative of a worthy Lodge. The music for the evening was provided by Mr. A. Cohen, and as on the conductor and his assistants very much of the enjoyment of an evening depends, we hardly think it is necessary, after the preceding remark, to add that he performed his part satisfactorily.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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A YOUTHFUL, BUT AMBITIOUS AUTHORITY ON THE CONDUCT OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few days since I was among the Visitors at a rising Lodge in the Province of Middlesex, a Lodge which is well-known for its hospitable reception of brethren who are not members, and, it is needless to say, I thoroughly enjoyed myself. The work was well done, the dinner was a success, and the speeches were above the average. But I derived amusement as well as enjoyment. I met a well-known and highly popular representative of your esteemed journal, and in the course of the evening some well-deserved compliments were paid him on the tone and character of the paper with which he is connected. When the meeting was over, and those brethren who were under the necessity of availing themselves of the services of the "iron horse" were patiently waiting at the station for the arrival of the train that was to convey them Londonwards, a lively conversation ensued, in the course of which, complimentary reference was again made to the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*, and it was suggested to a young brother who had that evening been honoured with appointment to an office far higher than he could have anticipated, and who had expressed his determination to commence forthwith making himself acquainted with the duties of that office, that he should begin his course of study by reading your journal, as he would be likely to gain from its columns a good many wrinkles. Our young and inexperienced brother, however, was "all there." He had heard, he intimated, very much about the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*, and he expressed himself in terms of well-nigh unlimited condemnation of the course it had pursued in connection with the Collingwood case, and especially of certain remarks it had made as to the last Quarterly Court of the Boys' School. In fact, in a very offhand kind of way, he threatened that he and another brother, whom he named, had seriously intended throwing up Freemasonry altogether, as he considered the conduct—or, perhaps I should say the misconduct—of the case referred to above was unworthy of Freemasonry, and that the *CHRONICLE* had erred egregiously in advocating such treatment. In the first instance, I was inclined to think this expression on the part of a kind of half-fledged brother should be questioned. But second and better thoughts prevailed, and ultimately I came to the conclusion that it was a grand joke to have heard a brother, on the strength of his having been appointed to a responsible office, with the duties of which he was entirely unacquainted, cry out against the conduct of a case of which he evidently had no true and certain knowledge. Indeed, his comments struck me as being so ludicrous that I have been at the pains of writing to you these few lines in the hope that you will find a corner for them. If this young brother is so deeply concerned about the Collingwood case, and your remarks on it, that he feels he ought to throw Freemasonry up, let him do so. I dare say Freemasonry will survive the loss.

Yours fraternally,

A VETERAN M.M.

ELIAS ASHMOLE, WINDSOR HERALD, AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am delighted to find that you now number among your correspondents a writer so able as Bro. J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A. The above subject is a most interesting one, and I trust that it will now receive the attention it deserves. No one can better deal with the subject than "SCRIBE E. AND J.W. 148."

Yours fraternally,

P.M. WEST LANCASHIRE.

We have recently had an opportunity of seeing some of the photographic portraits taken by Bro. E. C. Porter, of 6, The Esplanade, Ealing, W., who has established an Esplanade Portrait Club, which enables him to supply a most admirably finished portrait at an exceedingly low rate. Those we have seen are most beautifully printed, the clear atmosphere of a country suburb being most favourable to photographic printing. Judging, too, from the style in which the portraits we have seen are taken, we should say Bro. Porter is an artist of considerable merit. We have, therefore, all the greater pleasure in recommending his Portrait Club to the support and patronage of our readers.

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, 26th FEBRUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', 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)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 8
 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1603—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 1st MARCH.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 800—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownd-rd., Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
 1281—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 231—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
 1483—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 229—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolérance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal 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)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W.
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
 M.M. 58—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 3rd MARCH.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 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.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
 1530—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1294—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 R.A. 753—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th MARCH.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
 834—Ranolagh, 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, Victoria 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.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)

1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Totmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—Do Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1523—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1643—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 5th MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 100.

A MEETING was held at the Assembly Rooms, Great Yarmouth, on Thursday, 17th inst., for the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Lord Suffield, and Bro. H. G. Barwell Prov. G. Sec., honoured the Lodge with their presence. There was a full gathering of members and visitors, the latter including Bros. H. Harvey-George 1631, H. W. H. Elwes 1452, T. Beeching 305, G. F. Crane 1631, J. A. Fisk 1631, D. G. Gaal 1801, H. A. Sherville 1500, R. C. Hammant 313, G. B. Mickleburgh 266, H. G. Barwell 943, D. W. Bellamy 1631, &c. The presiding W.M., Bro. D. R. Fowler, having duly opened the Lodge in the three degrees, a Board of Past Masters was formed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Etheridge, was installed with the usual ceremonies, Bro. Oswald Diver P.M. carrying out this duty in the most impressive manner. The new W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. D. R. Fowler I.P.M., Henry Stembridge S.W., W. J. B. Johnson J.W., Rev. James Wickham Chaplain, O. Diver P.M. Treasurer, James Bond P.M. Secretary, Henry Owles S.D., A. D. Bennett J.D., Thomas Tunbridge Organist, C. J. Bullen I.G., James Holt Tyler. Among the other brethren present were also Bros. L. Spence P.M., A. T. Mann, J. E. Teasdel, J. A. Wade, T. Elliot, E. Bostock, J. F. Southey, A. Lark, C. B. Hammond, W. J. Hopkins, T. Southey, R. H. Tunbridge, F. W. Rolfe, J. W. Bennett, A. Mitchell, J. E. Balls, W. Sayer, M. Weston, W. S. Wigg, H. Smith, W. Cattermole, and P.M.'s Bros. E. Howes, Bonfellow, Martins, and Hubbard. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren repaired to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. J. Franklin. The Worshipful Master occupied the chair, supported by the R.W. P.G.M., Lord Suffield, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. Barwell), the Installing Master, the Past Masters, and others. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. The musical arrangements, under the direction of the Organist, Bro. T. Tunbridge, were excellent; he was ably assisted by Bros. Rolfe, Green, Elliott, Calver, R. Tunbridge, Harvey-George, and Offord. Bro. Green's song "A Golden Dream" and Bro. Elliot's Violin Solo (selection from *Il Travatore*), being particularly admired.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The first regular meeting of this well-known Lodge was held on the 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Dr. White-way Wilkinson, C. A. Wood S.W., A. Kerrell J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treas., E. H. Thiellay Sec., J. Reed J.D., G. Banks I.G., J. B. Lambe Steward. Past Masters W. R. Lester, and Bro. Hart, &c. Visitors—J. Faulkenor S.W. 1423, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The report of the Committee was read respecting the formation of a Benevolent Fund to be attached to the Lodge. A notice of meeting was given that in future the initiate's fee be £10 10s, and the joining fee £7 7s. A letter of explanation was read from Bro. Leggott P.M., regretting his absence. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Moorgate Tavern. Present:—Bros. Sanders W.M., Shipley S.W., Hall J.W., C. G. Sparrow Secretary, J. L. Mather Preceptor, Hepburn S.D., Couchman I.G., and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. The W.M. also rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Holness candidate. Bro. Simpson, Bedford Lodge 157, was elected a member. Bro. Shipley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday evening, 18th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Bros. Maton W.M., Gunner S.W., Blasby J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Kent J.D., F. Botley I.G., Gomm P.M., Goss P.M., Metcalfe, Morgan, Thomas 1602, Lucas, Hildersley, &c. Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lucas candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley delivered the charge of the degree in a very careful manner, and was complimented for the zeal he displays in study of the noble art. Bros. Lucas and Hildersley (Entered Apprentices) answered the usual questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Gunner was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Hildersley was elected a member. Bro. Goss P.M. then rose, and proposed, and Bro. Gomm P.M. seconded, a motion, to the effect that Bro. R. G. Thomas, Organist No. 1602, and a member of our staff, should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. Goss was very eulogistic in his remarks. He spoke of the frequent attendance at their Lodge of Bro. W. W. Morgan, of this journal, whose presence was always most welcome; who had taken a great interest in the working of their Lodge, and was also on the look out to promote its well-being; and who had already been elected to honorary membership, as some slight recognition for his services. The Lodge had had the opportunity of receiving another representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and what he had done that evening, evidencing as it did the care taken in the selection of the staff of that journal, made the honour of receiving and being received reciprocal. He therefore proposed that Bro. Thomas's name be placed on their roll of honorary members. The motion was carried with acclamation, and Bro. Thomas warmly acknowledged the compliment. Lodge was then closed in due form.

[We cannot but feel gratified at this further proof of the kindly feeling entertained towards this journal by the members of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction. We knew well we were always welcome, whenever business allowed of our visiting the Lodge, and we esteem it a very high compliment indeed that Bro. Thomas should have been elected an honorary member. We are satisfied that he regards it in the same light.—Ed. F.C.]

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 22nd inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Webb W.M., Cundick S.W., Brasted J.W., J. Lorkin Sec., Wallington I.P.M., Smyth Treas., Marsh I.G.; also Bros. Wardell, Dignam, Edwards, Glass, Floyd, Boyce, Polak, Larter, Christian, Clark, Forss, Dallas, G. Larter, C. Lorkin, G. Weige. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First lecture—Bros. J. Marsh, E. Dignam, Smyth, Clark, Christian, Forss, Cundick. Second lecture—Bros. Edwards, Forss, Brasted, C. Lorkin, Cundick. Third lecture—Bros. Wardell, J. Lorkin, Wallington. Lodge was then closed to the first degree. Bro. Christian was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Boyce 1679, H. Edwards 1445, J. T. Larter 1524, were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. Webb had worked the Fifteen Sections; also that honorary membership be conferred on Bro. Cundick S.W. for his assistance. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on 14th inst. at York. Bro. J. T. Soller W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. C. G. Padel I.P.M., Past Masters T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, and G. Balmford; George Simpson S.W., M. Millington J.W., and other Officers and brethren. A ballot was taken for a candidate, after which the W.M. announced that the following week he should go up to London to attend the Benevolent Festival, and he was happy to inform the Lodge that Bro. T. Humphries Assistant Secretary would accompany him as a Steward also. Several matters of business connected with the Lodge were disposed of, and after the close of the Lodge the brethren spent a couple hours in social intercourse. Several subscriptions to the Lodge Stewards' list for the Benevolent Festival were given in.

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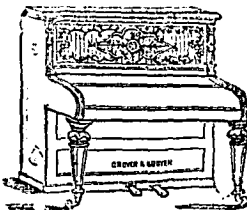
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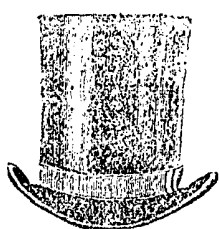
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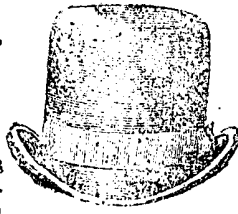
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