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## ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST, R.M.B.I.

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We will take the two Lancashires next. The Eastern Division, has 91 Lodges, and is numerically our largest Province. There is one list yet to be received, but the other five amount to £136 10s. West Lancashire, with eighty-one Lodges, figures for £257 5s. These are small amounts, but the latter supported their Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, at the Boys' Festival last year to the extent of £2664 18s 6d, and, in 1876, when his Lordship presided at the Benevolent, it gave over £1500. As to East Lancashire, when its chief, Bro. N. Le Gendre Starkie, presided at the Benevolent Festival in 1879, its eighty-six Stewards took up the sum of £3542. With such splendid efforts as these we cannot feel any surprise at the smallness of their contributions at some Festivals. Returning, however, Metropoliswards, we come upon Middlesex with a total of £346 3s 6d, the result of the seven out of nine lists returnable, the Elliott, No. 1567, Feltham, and the Royal Hanover, No. 1777, of Twickenham, heading the roll each with £105. This is another Province which always shows to advantage at these festive gatherings. Thus, in 1880, it gave the Benevolent £356 6s, there being one other list returnable. The Girls' were still more fortunate, and secured £408 6s, while the Boys' were almost on a level with them, the subscriptions to the latter reaching £403 2s 6d. In 1879 it gave in the order of their occurrence £440 7s at the Benevolent Festival, £347 0s 6d at that of the Girls' School, and £122 7s at that of the Boys' School. An excellent record, forsooth, which stands out the more prominently when without any of the uncalled-for accessory of praise. We must not pretermit our details, however. Lodge No. 1777 was represented on Wednesday week by Bro. Horace Marshall, whose first labour as an E.A. was to make himself a Vice-Patron of one of our Charities. He has done this again and again since in respect of the others, and the amount of his present list is a fourth hundred guineas, but whether his own, or an aggregate of smaller amounts, we cannot say. Middlesex, be it added, has thirty-one Lodges on its roll.

Monmouthshire, eight Lodges, sends £52 10s by the hands of Bro. W. Watkins, the same who acted as Steward at the Benevolent Festival last year, when his list was £46 15s, and who, in conjunction with Bro. Pickford for the Province, made up a total of £105 at the Girls' Festival. At that of the Boys', Monmouthshire figured for £26 5s. In 1879, Bro. Watkins, with a Bro. Williams for the Province, took up £136 10s for the Benevolent. At the Girls' Festival, the indefatigable Watkins was again to the front, or, rather, represented the front, rear, and main body of Monmouthshire, his list being £63; and so he did for the Boys', when he gathered together for that Institution a most useful £37 16s. While paying due honour to compact Monmouthshire, we cannot refrain from uttering the short, but expressive, note of admiration, "Bravo, Watkins!" Norths and Hunts, whose worthy chief, the Duke of Manchester, is still, we rejoice to say, at his post of Prov. G. Master, gives £191 7s; and a very good return it is, too, for the nine Lodges borne on its roll, especially as it gave £115 10s to this same Institution in 1880, £50 in 1879, while, in 1878, when the Duke of Manchester was chairman at the Benevolent, it made up, with his personal

contribution, a round £300. In 1877 it gave the Boys' a turn to the extent of a hundred guineas. In 1876 the Benevolent was also fortunate in winning its attentions, the amount at that Festival being £121. North Wales and Salop, twenty-six Lodges, has a single representative in the person of Bro. W. H. Foulkes, whose contribution being ten guineas makes us imagine it is his own gift. But at the Boys' Festival of last year it figured for £265 17s, the aggregate result of the labours of five Stewards. It sent a single representative at the 1880 R.M.B.I. Festival—Bro. Corbett, whose amount would also seem to have been a personal contribution, while for the Girls' School it raised £164 7s 6d. To this last Institution it gave £66 3s in 1879, and there was still a list to be accounted for, while the other School benefited to the extent of £150 19s; and in 1878 to that of £169 1s. Thus, North Wales and Salop, if not showing to great advantage in this instance, has some lists to which it can point with very natural pride. Oxfordshire, nine Lodges, likewise shows well, one of the Steward's lists being returned as £108 14s, Bro. Cooper-Smith being the Steward, and the Lodge represented the Apollo University, No. 357. Last year its total contributions to the Benevolent were £231 18s 6d, three of its Stewards acting for Apollo University, and one of the three being Bro. Cooper-Smith, with £106 9s 6d. When its Grand Master, Prince Leopold, presided at the Girls' School Festival, as he did in 1880, there were ten Stewards, and the aggregate of their contributions, including the Prince's own donation of fifty guineas, was £309 12s. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising the Boys' School should have to content itself with £19 19s. In 1879 it gave the Benevolent £41 18s, with one list to be added; to the Girls' School £96 12s; and to the Boys' £78 15s, while in 1878 its contributions were—Benevolent, £47 10s 6d; Girls' School, £144 6s 6d; and Boys' School, £75 12s; and at the Festivals in 1877, in the order of their occurrence, £279 13s, £62 9s, and £40 7s 6d respectively. It will doubtless be in the recollection of our readers that Prince Leopold promised to take the chair at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but was unfortunately prevented by indisposition at the last moment from fulfilling his intention, and his place was taken by the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot. This will explain the largeness of the first of the three amounts for this year. It is perhaps worth while adding that Apollo University takes the lead on these occasions, though the other Lodges, notably the premier on the roll of the Province—Alfred, No. 340—are also considerate of the necessities of our Charities.

Somersetshire, as represented by Capt. Perkins, acting for its twenty-two Lodges, sends £58 17s—no large amount, it will be said, but then in the year 1880 it gave the Girls' £241 10s, and the Boys' £106 1s, while the year before that it gave the Benevolent, per the same Capt. Perkins, £38 17s, the Girls' per General Doherty, £247 16s, and the Boys' £133 8s. In 1878 it figures in the Benevolent list for £85 18s, Captain Perkins sending in the largest list; in that of the Girls' Festival, when the Earl of Carnarvon, its respected P.G.M. presided, for £318 3s; and it was represented at the Boys', but to what extent was not stated officially at the time. Its greatest achievement of late was in 1875, when his lordship presided at the Boys' Festival, and a total of £540 12s 6d was sent in. It would, indeed, be surprising if the Province, which is ruled by the Pro Grand Master, should be

negligent of the interests of our grand Charities. Staffordshire, twenty-three Lodges, sent up two representatives whose lists together amounted to £178 10s, a result we may look upon as a favourable augury for the P.G. Mastership of Bro. Major G. Singleton Tudor. Last year it proved its strength by supporting the Girls' School to the extent of £536 11s, Major Tudor being the representative of the Province and Bro. Bayliss of the Province and Lodge No. 539—the St. Matthew, of Walsall. Bro. Pepper's list was not stated. After this praiseworthy effort, the support it could give the Boys' School would naturally be limited, still it sent in £36 15s. In 1879, the Girls' School was again the most highly favoured, receiving, as it did £376 3s, while the Boys' School had £216 6s. These are proofs, however, of the spirit in which the country of the Potteries does its work, while there is little doubt the late Earl of Shaftesbury and Talbot must have exercised a strong influence for good, an influence which, to judge from appearances, would seem to have survived him. Suffolk, twenty Lodges, has three representatives, the total of its contributions being the very respectable sum of £136 19s. Last year it gave the Benevolent £100 8s, one list being outstanding, the Girls' School £91 7s, and the Boys' School £99 15s. In 1879, its lists at the Benevolent totalled up £94 2s, at the Girls', by one Steward, it gave £63, and at the Boys', with Lord Henniker acting for it, its contribution was £112 7s. These together make up £697 18s, or as nearly as possible an average of £100 each for those seven Festivals. Well done, Suffolk, say we. We shall hope to see you repeat your kindly performance at the remaining Festivals of the year. Surrey, with two of its twenty-two Lodges represented has £56 18s standing to its credit, which is somewhat less than it gave this time last year, when two of the three Stewards between them made up a total of £69 5s. The Girls', in April last, were favoured only to the extent of £24 3s, but the Boys' School experienced a better fate, the five Surrey Stewards raising among them £123 18s. In February 1879, the Benevolent received £164 11s, the Girls' £48 6s, and the Boys' £97 2s 6d, while the year antecedent the Benevolent received £164 11s, the Girls' £48 6s, and the Boys' £97 2s 6d, while the year preceding, the Benevolent, Girls'; and Boys' received £66 18s, £42 10s, and £205 16s respectively. We take the figures as evidence of the favour with which our Institutions are looked upon in the Province which has General Brownrigg, C.B., for its chief. Sussex, with its twenty-four Lodges, has two represented; the Derwent, No. 40, of Hastings; and the Royal Clarence, No. 271, Brighton. The former list is £31, and the latter £141 1s, making together £175 1s, a most useful contribution, and the more creditable that last year at the Benevolent it contributed £600 by the hands of Bro. J. H. Scott, its D.P.G.M., and also found support for our little damsels to the extent of £130 4s, the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, only founded in 1879, having the credit of this achievement, and our Boys' to that of £84. We will just add as further exemplifying the regularity of its contributions, that in 1879 it raised £126 for the Benevolent, £231 1s for the Girls', and £128 1s for the Boys', while in 1878 it found for the Benevolent £84 10s, £29 8s for the Girls', and £118 13s for the sister School. Sir W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., must be proud of the Province he rules so well. Warwickshire, with thirty Lodges, has only £31 12s at present to its credit, the total of two lists, and there is a third yet to be handed in. Last year it gave the Benevolent £21, with a list to follow, the Girls' £129 3s, and the Boys' £162 10s. In 1879 one brother did duty for it, and took up a list of £38 17s at the Benevolent Festival; £380 2s was the sum total of the subscriptions sent in from the eight Lodges represented by eleven Stewards at that of the Girls' School, while one representative gave in a list of £147 10s at the Boys' Festival. At the Girls' Festival in 1878, one of its Lodges, the Athol, No. 74, of Birmingham, contributed by the hands of sixteen Stewards, the sum of £207 18s, while five Stewards, acting for four Lodges, gave £215 15s 6d to the Boys' School. Its great success, however, was at the Boys' Festival in 1876, when its head, Lord Leigh, presided; there were eighty-two Stewards, and among them they made up the grand total of £2000. Only two other Provinces remain, save the one which we reserve for separate consideration as being that with which the Chairman of the day is connected. These are North and East Yorkshire and Jersey. The former sends £52 10s, three-

fifths of the sum being on the list of the Very Rev. Purey-Cust, Dean of York and Grand Chaplain of England. But at the Benevolent Festival last year, when its honoured Prov. Grand Master took the chair, it came forward and loyally supported him to the extent of £855 4s, which must be taken as an eminently satisfactory contribution from a Province with twenty-seven Lodges. The Earl of Zetland headed the array with £105, and his Deputy Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., took up a list of £325 13s. It found also a useful £70 7s for the Girls' School, and a Fifty Guinea contribution to the Boys'. We take all the greater pleasure in noting this because two or three years ago we considered we should be doing the Province a service if we pointed out that its support of its Institutions should be somewhat commensurate with its reputation. It is gratifying to learn that such advice has since been acted upon. As regards Jersey, its contribution of £214 10s, all of which, with the exception of £21 standing to the credit of Major du Jardin of Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, Jersey, has been raised in the Province by Bro. John Le Cronier, is most useful, and all the more gratifying because we do not look, as a rule, for support from a Province which is so remote from the centre of English Freemasonry.

It only remains for us to offer a few words of congratulation to West Yorkshire on the loyalty with which it supported Sir Henry Edwards. The last Grand Lodge Calendar assigns to this Province sixty-six Lodges, so that in respect of mere numerical strength it stands third on the list of Provinces, East Lancashire, with ninety-one Lodges, and West Lancashire, with eighty-one Lodges, being first and second respectively. Its Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, has once already occupied the chair at a similar Festival—namely, at that of the Girls' School—when thirty-six brethren supported him, and the total of their joint labours was £707 16s. On the present occasion its contingent of representatives has been variously stated as 165 and 176, but whichever it may have been, it is by far the largest body of Stewards that has ever represented either the Metropolis or a Province. The total of the contributions is £3560, the personal donation of the Chairman being fifty guineas. There is no need for us to say aught by way of praise of West Yorkshire. It has done its duty nobly. We may, however, give the following table of its contributions to our several Charities since the 1st January 1875—that is, since the date when the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE was established. This table is as follows:—

Year	R.M.B.I.				R.M.I.G.				R.M.I.B.			
	No. of Stewards	Amount.			No. of Stewards	Amount.			No. of Stewards	Amount.		
		£	s	d		£	s	d		£	s	d
1875	16	242	10	0	*	580	17	0	29	815	1	0
1876	26	550	0	0	37	707	16	0	12	339	3	0
1877	30	550	0	0	46	840	0	0	11	766	10	0
1878	39	603	5	0	24	900	0	0	22	525	0	0
1879	18	550	0	0	22	420	0	0	22	400	0	0
1880	18	371	0	0	45	800	0	0	28	450	0	0
1881	657	3560	0	0								
		£6426	15	0		£4248	13	0		£3295	14	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		...		...	<b>£13,971</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>				

This gives the magnificent average per Festival of, in round figures, £735.

We have now completed our task, and we shall content ourselves with repeating the expression of our hope that the Festivals of the two Schools will be as successful as has been that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

\* Not stated.

We have to thank Bro. H. T. Lamb, the well-known Masonic Jeweller, of 5 St. John's-square, Clerkenwell, E.C., for kindly forwarding to us a copy of his price list for the current year. We have more than once had occasion to speak in terms of well-merited eulogy of the excellence, both as regards quality of material and artistic design, of the jewellery which finds its way into our Lodges from the establishment of Bro. Lamb. This price list, besides being quite a work of art in itself, is a complete summary of the class of work, &c., &c., which he is prepared to supply, and is illustrated to the extent of considerably over a hundred different engravings of the jewels he has, in the course of upwards of thirty years, supplied to meet the ordinary and special requirements of Lodges and brethren. As to the well-vouched for testimonials to the merit of Bro. Lamb's jewellery, which are scattered broadcast throughout the pages of the list, their number is legion. We strongly advise those of our friends who may be on the point of purchasing Masonic regalia or Lodge furniture to visit this well-known establishment in St. John's-square.

STATEMENT OF PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE R.M.B.I. 1875-81.

WE have been at the pains of compiling a table of the contributions to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of our several Provinces, and districts which cannot boast of a Provincial organisation, during the septennial period from 1875 to 1881, both inclusive. We have done so, because we have, in spite of whatever is now and again said to the contrary, an abiding faith in the impressive eloquence of plain figures. A statement such as we this day present to our readers shows clearly and unmistakably what this or that Province or district has or has not done towards fostering the Institution for Aged and Decayed Masons and their Widows. No amount of modesty on the part of any brother belonging to a largely contributing, and therefore distinguished, Province will, in the face of the information this statement furnishes, be able to interpose between the Craft generally, and its just appreciation of the active sympathy exhibited by such Province. Not even the most enthusiastic expression of "good intentions" will be capable of explaining away the indifference with which the active support of the R.M.B.I., during these seven years has been regarded by a few Provinces or districts. There is, however, one important qualification which it would be the height of injustice on our part to pass unnoticed. There are a very few Provinces—and the words "a very few" are pleasant to the ear of the genuine Mason—which habitually ignore altogether the claims of our Institutions to their support. There are those which habitually distribute their golden

guineas with an impartial hand among all of them; while there are others which, whether by accident or intention, view one or other of the three with greater favour. Hence, in this statement, some Provinces will be found to shine to greater, and some to less, advantage, as compared with the remainder, than is their due. Warwickshire and Worcestershire are cases in point; and when, in the order of things, similar tables are published for our Schools, it will be found that their sympathies with those Charities is most cordial in fact as well as in intention.

The figures are taken from the official lists furnished by the Secretary of the R.M.B.I. the morrow of each Festival, and are the same, therefore, as we have dealt with in our analyses. It may be further interesting to give the names of the distinguished brethren who have presided at the Festivals thus grouped together. These are as follow, viz.:—1875, the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot P.G.M. Staffordshire; 1876, the Earl of Lathom (then Lord Skelmersdale) D.G.M. and P.G.M. W. Lancashire; 1877, the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot P.G.M. Staffordshire—who, when at the last moment it was announced that H.R.H. Prince Leopold P.G.M. Oxfordshire, was prevented, by the state of his health, from taking the chair, loyally placed his services at the disposal of the Institution; 1878, the Duke of Manchester P.G.M. Northamptonshire and Hunts; 1879, Lieut. Col. N. Le Gendre Starkie P.G.M. East Lancashire; 1880, the Earl of Zetland P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire; 1881, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. P.G.M. W. Yorkshire.

We will just state that the total of over £39,000 gives the splendid average per Festival of rather more than £5570.

	1875			1876			1877			1878			1879			1880			1881			Total		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Beds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Berks and Bucks	122	13	0	...	...	...	173	19	6	157	9	0	326	7	6	215	3	6	207	19	6	1203	12	0
Bristol	53	0	0	...	...	...	161	8	0	134	15	0	15	15	0	...	...	...	54	2	0	419	0	0
Cambridgeshire	25	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
Cheshire	120	0	0	47	7	0	139	3	0	172	2	0	...	...	...	69	1	0	243	12	0	791	5	0
Cornwall	15	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	570	0	0	...	...	...	63	0	0	10	10	0	658	10	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	0	0	...	...	...	63	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	126	2	0
Derbyshire	10	0	0	...	...	...	10	0	0	170	0	0	23	8	6	132	3	0	110	16	0	456	7	6
Devonshire	38	18	0	122	10	0	596	0	6	110	0	0	...	...	...	191	13	0	63	0	0	1122	1	6
Dorsetshire	...	...	...	222	0	0	305	0	0	150	0	0	101	1	0	230	15	0	45	4	0	1054	0	0
Durham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	174	0	6	...	174	0	6
Essex	...	...	...	42	10	0	113	13	0	88	16	0	11	0	0	89	13	6	57	19	0	403	11	6
Gloucestershire	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	7	0	118	0	0	148	12	0	88	8	0	263	11	0	646	18	0
Hants and I. of Wight	162	18	0	285	11	6	171	5	0	70	7	6	187	8	6	100	12	0	297	13	0	1275	15	6
Herefordshire	...	...	...	65	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	5	0
Herts	217	12	0	102	11	0	176	8	6	645	11	6	144	1	0	218	8	6	456	0	0	1960	12	6
Kent	305	2	0	465	19	0	478	3	0	270	15	0	432	4	0	236	9	0	358	14	6	2547	6	6
Lancaster, E.	59	1	0	15	0	0	340	5	0	30	0	0	3542	0	0	56	5	0	136	10	0	4179	1	0
" W.	9	13	6	1508	10	0	131	17	6	330	3	0	36	18	0	157	10	0	257	5	0	2431	17	0
Leicestershire and Rutland	...	...	...	109	16	0	15	8	0	...	...	...	125	14	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	250	13	0
Lincolnshire	573	0	0	6	10	0	35	0	0	...	...	...	68	14	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	683	4	6
Middlesex	166	7	0	223	2	0	329	5	0	201	14	6	440	7	0	356	6	0	346	3	6	2063	5	0
Monmouthshire	...	...	...	...	...	...	210	0	0	...	...	...	136	10	0	46	15	0	52	10	0	445	15	0
Norfolk	32	5	0	26	16	0	82	17	0	...	...	...	306	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	448	10	0
North Wales and Salop	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0	10	10	0	21	0	0
Northamptonshire and Hunts	15	5	0	121	0	0	...	...	...	300	0	0	50	0	0	115	10	0	191	7	0	793	2	0
Northumberland	37	8	6	112	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	149	18	6
Nottinghamshire	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0	21	15	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	15	0
Oxfordshire	70	6	0	87	10	0	279	13	0	47	10	0	41	18	0	231	18	6	108	14	0	867	9	6
Somersetshire	21	11	0	66	6	0	253	14	0	85	18	0	38	17	0	...	...	...	58	17	0	525	3	0
South Wales, East Div.	...	...	...	250	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250	0	0
" West Div.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	225	0	0	10	10	0	...	...	...	235	10	0
Staffordshire	271	5	0	...	...	...	145	0	0	156	7	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	178	10	0	751	2	0
Suffolk	60	0	0	77	0	0	111	14	0	94	2	0	171	2	0	100	8	0	136	19	0	751	5	0
Surrey	27	0	6	37	15	0	111	0	6	66	18	0	164	11	0	69	5	0	56	18	0	533	8	0
Sussex	...	...	...	106	0	0	158	13	0	84	10	0	126	0	0	600	0	0	175	1	0	1250	4	0
Warwickshire	70	0	0	...	...	...	467	5	6	...	...	...	38	17	0	21	0	0	31	12	0	628	14	6
Wilts	79	14	0	201	6	6	273	1	0	164	11	0	237	10	0	15	15	0	...	...	...	971	17	6
Worcestershire	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	0	0
Yorkshire (N. and E.)	...	...	...	46	0	0	39	5	0	31	10	0	72	6	0	855	4	0	31	12	0	1075	17	0
" (W.)	242	10	0	550	0	0	550	0	0	603	5	0	550	0	0	371	0	0	3560	0	0	6426	15	0
Channel Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jersey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	15	0	241	10	0	299	5	0
Isle of Man	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2805	9	6	4898	15	0	5950	6	0	4874	4	6	7889	11	0	4710	18	0	7917	0	0			

GRAND TOTAL — £39,046 4s Od.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—At the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday, 8th instant. Present—Comps. Bloomfield Z., J. Payne H., Dottridge J., Brasted S.N., Fraser P.S. and a very large number of Companions. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Sayer as candidate. The work was admirably performed, and elicited warm commendations from those present. Comps. A. Pocock, Chap. 1194, and L. Steingraber, Chap. 22, were elected members. The election of Officers for the ensuing fortnight then took place, and resulted as follows:—S. Pounceby Z., Lardner H., Dottridge J., Maidwell S.N., Sayer P.S. Comp. Wm. Stephens P.Z. 862, 874, 1365, 1489, &c., will rehearse the ceremony

of installation of Principals on Tuesday next, business to commence at six o'clock. It is anticipated a very large number of Installed Principals will be present to support our esteemed Companion. The ceremony of exaltation will afterwards be rehearsed, at seven o'clock. The Chapter of Improvement was closed, and the convocation adjourned until Tuesday, 15th inst. Companions who are working for the respective chairs in the Royal Arch should avail themselves of this opportunity; Comp. Stephens's ability has been fully recognised, and the Companions at this Chapter of Improvement always give a cordial greeting to any Visitors. Comp. F. Brown ably fulfils the duties of Scribe E. and Preceptor.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. S. Rosenthal (in the chair), Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, S. Rawson, Richard Morris Head Master, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. H. Perryman, A. J. Duff-Filer, C. F. Matier, Alfred Williams, Donald M. Dewar, E. S. Phillips, H. Massey, W. Roebuck, George J. Palmer, W. H. Saunders, F. Adlard, H. Young, W. Paas, John Mason, and F. Biuckes Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, two petitions were examined and the candidates placed on the list for the election in October. An outfit of £5 was granted to a former pupil of the Institution, now in a situation. Bro. C. F. Matier gave notice of motion for altering Law 55 of the Institution by making it necessary that a candidate's father should have been a subscribing member to a Lodge for three years. Bro. Duff-Filer also gave notice of motion for increasing the maximum sum to be given to exceptionally deserving pupils for their advancement in life on leaving the Institution, from £20 to £40. The Committee then adjourned.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, when there were present Bros. Col. J. Creton V.P. (in the chair), A. H. Tattershall, Raynham W. Stewart, J. H. Matthews, W. Stephens, W. Clarke, George Bolton, John Bulmer, John G. Stevens, Charles John Perceval, Charles H. Webb, Charles G. Hill, C. A. Cottebrune J. M. Case, Edgar Bowyer, C. G. Dilley, Louis Stean, Charles Atkins, Thomas Cnbit, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of the 9th of February were read and verified. The death of one annuitant, Mrs. Mary A. Thistleton, who had received £385, and Mrs. Isherwood, an approved candidate, were reported by the Secretary, who also reported that the Annual Festival was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., Sir H. Edwards, Bart., presiding; that the amount announced was £14,160 13s, with several lists to come in, but that the sum had now reached £14,380, with two lists outstanding. The Warden's Report for the past month was read. The Secretary also reported that the result of the appeal against the increased assessment of the building at Croydon was successful. The Chairman was authorised to sign several cheques. A letter was read from Bro. Carteis, of Stonehouse, Devon, which, after some consideration, was deferred till next meeting. The visit of the Stewards of the late Festival was left in the hands of the House Committee to make the necessary arrangements. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave notice of motion to increase the accommodation at the Institution in the centre building, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the Committee adjourned.

Since writing our analysis, we have heard from Bro. Terry, and experience great pleasure in announcing, that although there are still two lists outstanding, the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 23rd ult. has yielded a total of £14,380.

We have been favoured with a communication from Bro. Henry Smith, who is Prov. G. Secretary W. Yorkshire and Chairman of its Charity Organisation Committee, in which, after stating that his Province had sent up 165 Stewards, who raised among them £3560, he draws attention to the great additional outlay incurred by those brethren in respect of the Festival itself. We must point out, however, in the first place, that such outlay is incurred by the Stewards in defraying the cost of the banquet, concert, &c., and in the second place we have never taken the Stewards' Fees into account. We should as soon think of including the travelling and hotel expenses of Provincial brethren who visit London in order to be present at the Festival in their capacity of Stewards. We congratulate Bro. Smith on the success of an Anniversary in which his Province has played so prominent a part, but it is hardly necessary we should go out of the way to gild the refined gold of W. Yorkshire.

We advise those of our readers who may be desirous of seeing a scholarly interpretation of Hamlet, to take the opportunity which is now afforded them, and will be open till the 18th instant, of visiting Sadlers Wells Theatre, to witness Mr. Hermann Vezin's assumption of this character. We feel sure they will be highly gratified, as we can personally testify to its being one of the ablest of the able performances we have been privileged to witness. Moreover, Mr. Vezin is fairly well supported by the company, and in particular by Miss Carlisle, who gave an admirable rendering of Ophelia. We must repeat that Hamlet will not be played after the 18th instant, arrangements having been made for the production, on the 19th, of "Mary Warner."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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## A MASONIC PANTOMIME.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since I sent you Carwen's account of a Masonic Pantomime, I learned from Bro. John Barker, Publisher, at New York, that Bro. Nickerson, at Boston, had recently purchased some pamphlets, among which was a Masonic Pantomime. On my return to Boston, after reminding friend Nickerson as to where, when, and of whom he obtained the pamphlets; search was made, and, in short, here is a copy thereof—title-page, songs, recitations, choruses, and the order of the Procession. I have, however, omitted the explanations which follow each paragraph in the order of procession. These explanations are taken from Anderson and Preston, to show the connection of the great personages in the procession with Masonry; for instance, how Queen Elizabeth ordered the Lodge or G.L. at York to be broken up; how, where, and when Charles II., William III., &c., &c., were made Masons, and, for obvious reasons, these explanations are omitted.

I shall only add that G. Kearsly, the publisher of the Pantomime, had published a Freemasons' Constitution in 1769 (then in Ludgate-street).

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Songs, Duettos, Glee, Catches, etc.  
With an explanation of the procession in the Pantomime of HARLEQUIN FREE-MASON.—As performed at the Theatre Royal, in Covent Garden.—A new edition, with additions.

London:

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## AIR I.—MASONS' GLEE.

Behold the model of our art.  
Work on whatever plan,  
Masons must borrow still some part  
From that great structure Man.  
Here, well to captivate the sight,  
The Orders all agree;  
Proportion, strength, and force unite,  
With ease and symmetry.  
But, see, the sun rides down the west,  
A hark, our sign from work to rest.

## RECI.—Hiram Abiff.

Lo, from amidst those sacred glades,  
Where rest grand heroes, statesmen, kings,  
And other Ancient Masons' shades,  
The ghost of Hiram Abiff springs.  
Chief of Masons' noble art,  
While of a Master they make choice,  
Shall I not take an active part,  
And loudly join my brethren's voice?  
Fall, mystic figure—to our eyes  
Present a motley child of mirth:  
Whose feebly pranks shall all surpriso,  
And give to vacant laughter birth.  
Move, kneel, stoop, stand, spring, dance, leap, run;  
Now, mark me, for the charm is done.

## AIR.

In all your dealings take good care,  
Instructed by the friendly square,  
To be true, upright, just, and fair,  
And thou a fellow-craft shall be.  
The level so must poise thy mind,  
That satisfaction thou shalt find,  
When to another Fortune's kind,  
And that's the drift of Masonry.

## II.

The compass t'other two compounds,  
And says, though angered on just grounds,  
Keep all your passions within bounds,  
And thou a fellow-craft shall be.  
Thus, symbols of our Order are  
The compass, level, and the square,  
Which teach us to be just and fair,  
And that's the drift of Masonry.

## RECI.

Use this and this, in evil hour,  
And thou shalt wonder at their power,  
Thou'lt see me yet ere it be night,  
Be gone, and revel in delight.

## AIR III.—Master Mason.

The Sun's a Free-mason, he works all day,  
Village, city and town to adorn,  
Then from labour at rest  
At his lodge in the West,  
Takes with good Brother Neptune a glass on his way.

Thence, ripe for the fair,  
He flies all care,  
To Dame Thetis' charms,  
Till roused from her arms,  
By the morn.

## CHORUS.

So do we, our labour done,  
First the glass,  
And then the lass;  
And then,  
Sweet slumbers give fresh force,  
To run our course;  
Thus with the rising sun.

## II.

The course of the sun all our mysteries defines;  
First Masonry rose in the East,  
Then to no point confin'd,  
His rays cheer mankind;  
Besides, who'll deny that he well knows the signs.  
The Grand Master he,  
Then of Masons shall be,  
Nor shall aught the Craft harm  
Till to shine and warm  
He has ceas'd.

## CHORUS.

Then, like him, our labour be done, &c.

AIR IV.—*In the Temple of Bacchus.*

At a jovial meeting of the Gods once, on high,  
Ere Bacchus was hatched from Jupiter's thigh,  
This one told his story, and that one sung his song,  
And did what he could, lest the time should seem long,  
Apollo read verses, the Graces wreath'd flowers,  
The Muses of Harmony sung for the powers;  
Bully Mars cracked his joke, and Momus his jest,  
Yet their mirth wanted something to give it a zest.

## II.

Says Jove, our assembly to-day's pretty full,  
Yet I don't know how 'tis, we're horridly dull.  
We have all the ingredients that mirth should inspire,  
But some clay-born alloy damps our heav'nly fire.  
I have it—in this I'll a mixture enclose,  
Of all the delights whence good fellowship flows,  
And we'll taste of its produce, for mirth's bad at best,  
When there's anything wanting to give it a zest.

## III.

So saying, so doing, he buried his shrine,  
Which quickly sprang up in the form of a vine,  
The leaves broad and verdant, the fruit deepest blue,  
Whence a juice flow'd, that health, love of youth, might renew;  
It's influence to feel, they came round it in swarms,  
Mars took a draft of courage and Venus drank charms,  
Momus swallow'd bon mots, Cupid love—so the rest,  
While Jove spurning nectar, cry'd—This is the zest.

SONG.—*Coachman.*

Here I was, my good masters; my name's Teddy Clinch,  
My cattle are sound, and I drive to an inch.  
From Hyde-park to White-chapel I well know the town,  
And many's the time I've took up and set down;  
In short, in the bills, I'll be bound for't, there's not  
A young youth who like Teddy can trip the long trot.

## II.

Oh, the notions of life that I see from my box,  
While fares of all kinds come about me in flocks;  
The sot, who I drive home to sleep out the day,  
The kind one, who plies for a fare at the play:  
Or your gents of the law, there, who, four in a lot,  
To Westminster-hall I oft trip the long trot.

## III.

My coach receives all, like the gallows and sea,  
So I touch but my fare, you know, all's one to me,  
The men of the gown and the men of the sword,  
A mariner or gambler, a rogue or a lord,  
To wherever you're going, I well know the spot.  
And do you tip a tizzy, I'll trip the long trot.

DUETTO.—*Skaters.*

This bleak and frosty morning,  
All thought of danger scorning,  
Our spirits briskly flow,  
We're all in a glow,  
Thro' the sparkling snow,  
While skating we go,  
With a fa, la, la, la,  
To the sound of the merry horn.  
From right to left we are plying,  
Swifter than the winds we're flying,  
Spheres and spheres surrounding,  
Health and strength abounding.  
In circles we sleep,  
Our poise still we keep,  
Behold how we sweep  
The face of the deep.  
With a fa, la, la, la,  
To the sound of the merry horn.

## II.

Great Jove looks on us, smiling,  
Who thus the time beguiling,  
Where the waters he seal,  
Still rove on our keel,  
Our weapons are steel,  
And no danger we feel.  
With a fa, la, la, la.  
See our train advances,  
See how each skater lances,  
Health and strength abounding,  
While horns and oboes sounding,  
The Tritons shall blow,  
Their conch-shells below,  
And their beards fear to show,  
While a-skating we go,  
With a fa, la, la, la,  
To the sound of the merry horn.

CATCH.—*Lawyers.*

Lawyer Brief, why all this stir?  
Upon my word you wrong me, Sir;  
I am not (as you say) a thief,  
In truth, you wrong me, lawyer Brief.  
Who was it took a double fee?  
Who rapp'd? Who put in a sham plea?  
Who should be pilloried? Who's a thief?  
Who should be hanged? Cheat, Lawyer Brief!  
Come, be friends, nor make this rout,  
Brothers as we are, to fall out,  
Besides, thief should not cry out thief;  
You understand me, Lawyer Brief.

RECIT.—*Hiram Abiff.*

Thy perils are all past, thy toils are o'er,  
Nor ever shall hard fortune vex thee more.  
Leave me thy jarring foes to reconcile,  
And follow where, in wonder lost the while,  
The Masons' noble science you shall see  
In all the pomp and pride of pageantry,  
Where brothers, gracing Hiram's memory,  
Upon the ancient stock a scion graft,  
Choosing a master to the Royal Craft.

## AIR.

Hail Masonry, thou Craft divine;  
Glory on earth from heaven reveal'd,  
Which does with jewels precious shine,  
To all but Masons' eyes conceal'd.  
As men from brutes distinguished are,  
A Mason other men excels;  
For what's in knowledge choice or rare,  
But in his breast securely dwells?  
His silent breast, and faithful heart,  
Preserve the secrets of our art.

## II.

From scorching heat and piercing cold,  
From beasts whose roar the forest rends,  
From assault of warriors bold,  
The Mason's art mankind defends.  
Ensigns of State that feed our pride,  
Distinctions troublesome and vain,  
By Masons true are laid aside;  
Art's free-born sons such toys disdain;  
Ennobled by the name they bear,  
Distinguished by the badge they wear!

## III.

Sweet fellowship! from envy free.  
Friendly converse of brotherhood,  
The Lodge's lasting cement be,  
Which has for ages firmly stood.  
Be justice done in every lay;  
Those who have enriched the art,  
Down to the Master of this day,  
Let each Brother bear a part;  
Let noble Masons' health go round;  
Their praise in lofty Lodge resound!

CHORUS.—*In the Procession.*

Your cymbals tune, your voices raise,  
Sing the name,  
And mighty fame,  
Of Solomon in ever-living song!  
He our Grand Master shall remain,  
While lofty pile, and holy fane,  
Vestige, or monument of taste,  
Of glorious Masonry shall last.

RECIT.—*Hiram.*

I am come to crave admittance for  
A Brother and a Visitor;  
One from his duty never swerving,  
Who will prove faithful and deserving;  
And who would fain, the brethren greeting,  
Be present at the general meeting.

CHORUS.—*The last.*

Fill a capacious bowl,  
While we proclaim,  
The Mason's fame,

Which ever shall extend  
From East to West, from Pole to Pole,  
In spite of every poison'd shaft.  
Let cowans what they will pretend,  
Let three times three  
The signal of our plaudits be,  
While we toast to the King and the Craft.

## ORDER OF PROCESSION.

- 1st Banner, Enoch, Two men bearing Pillars.
- 2nd Banner, Nimrod, Four Hunters, Two men bearing the Tower of Babel.
- 3rd Banner, Mizraim, Two attendants, Two carrying the Pyramid.
- 4th Banner, Six soldiers, Four trumpeters, Six singers, Ditto 4 boys, High Priest's Throne, with Solomon: on one side Hiram Abiff, the other, Hiram of Tyre.
- 5th Banner, Queen of Sheba, Four Egyptian virgins bearing vases, Four men bearing the Temple.
- 6th Banner, Darius Hystaspes, Zoroaster, Two bearing the Temple of the Sun.
- 7th Banner, Augustus Cæsar, Agrippa, Two Soldiers, Two bearing the Pantheon.
- 8th Banner, A Soldier bound who fired the Temple, Two Guards, Two bearing the Temple on fire.
- 9th Banner, Constantine, Two Roman Senators, Four carrying the Triumphal Arch.
- 10th Banner, William the Conqueror, Britannia, Gundulph, De Montgomery, Two bearing the Tower of London.
- 11th Banner, Edward III., Black Prince, King John of France, and his son Philip, in Chains, Lord Andley, bearing Windsor Castle.
- 12th Banner, Elizabeth, Essex, Sir Walter Raleigh, Four Master Masons with aprons.
- 13th Banner, Pope Julius II., Michael Angelo, Pramante, Raphael, Joconde, San Gallo, Two bearing St. Peter's.
- 14th Banner, James 1st, Inigo Jones, Two bearing Whitehall, Guy Faux, Sir Thomas Pervit, A Nobleman.
- 15th Banner, Charles 2nd, Sir William Davenant, Killiegrew, General Monk, Dutch Captain, Four Dutch Sailors, Lord Mayor, Two bearing the Monument.
- 16th Banner, William 3rd, Queen Mary, Two to carry the Obelisk.
- 17th Banner, Sir Christopher Wren, Two Noblemen, Two bearing St. Paul's.
- 18th Banner, Two bearing Insignia, Six Knights Templars.
- 19th Banner, Royal Arch, Six Gentlemen Masons, Two bearing the Pageant.
- 20th Banner, Modern Masons, A Pillar, Four Stewards with Wands, Grand Marshal with Truncheon, Secretary with cross Pens, Grand Treasurer with Keys, Six Fellow-crafts drawing the Throne.

FINIS.

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

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with some interest the remarks of your correspondents on this subject, and I quite agree with OLD SCHOOL in the explanation he suggests, namely, that in offering opinions on what they do not understand, young Masons do but observe the practice of the average young men of the day. I was intensely amused on one occasion when, through no fault of my own, I was made the ear-witness of the following absurdity enunciated at an ordinary Lodge meeting at which I happened to be present as a visitor. A brother who, though not young in point of age, had evidently not arrived at years of Masonic discretion, was giving his reasons for not continuing his subscription to one or other of the two recognised organs of the Craft in England, and he did so in the following terms: "In the first place," said he, "I take no interest in Masonic journalism; in the second, I have never opened a single copy of the Masonic paper you refer to; and, in the third, I do not like the character of its articles." This, thought I to myself, is passing judgment with a vengeance. A brother proclaims that he dislikes the tone of the articles in a certain Masonic journal, when, according to his own showing, he has never taken the trouble to read them.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ANOTHER VETERAN M.M.

## THE LATE DR. MARGOLIOUTH.

THE news of the sudden death of Dr. Margoliouth, M.A., LL.D., Ph.D., vicar of Little Linford, which took place in London at five o'clock on Friday evening, 25th February, where he had gone on the Monday previous to prosecute his literary labours, and his missionary work among the higher classes of the Jews, was received by the inhabitants of the town of Little Linford and neighbourhood with mingled feelings of sorrow and regret, for although the Rev. Dr. had been but a few years a resident at Little Linford, his pleasant and affable manner had won him many friends. Not only, however, will his loss be felt here, but he will be missed universally, for the country must regret to lose a man of such large talents. On Monday, 21st February, he left Little Linford for London, and on arrival there took up his residence at Nelson's Hotel, Great Portland-street. On the following evening, after an arduous day's study, he was taken ill. At first his illness was not thought to be of a serious nature, but the symptoms gradually increased in intensity, and on Friday evening a clever, noble, and generous man sank to his rest, at the age of 60.

Dr. Margoliouth was born in 1820, of Jewish parents, embraced Christianity in 1838, studied at Trinity College, Dublin, and was ad-

mitted to Holy Orders in 1844. He was afterwards appointed successively curate of St. Augustine's, Liverpool, vicar of Glasnevin, and examining chaplain to the Bishop of Kildare (all in one year by especial episcopal favour), and later, he was appointed assistant minister of St. Paul's, Haggerstone, and afterwards at St. Paul's, Ouslow-square; here he remained till 1877, when he was instituted to the vicarage of Little Linford, where, as everywhere, he gained the love and esteem of all who knew him. He spent all the energies of his life in promoting the spiritual welfare of his own people. He had especial access to the highly educated Jewish families, and the blessing of God rested on his work. On his extensive travels, especially in the East, the leading idea of his life never left him. He was constantly endeavouring to spread the Gospel of Christ and to shed light on difficult passages. It may truly be said of him that "His heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel was that they might be saved." He was a voluminous writer. Among his principal works may be mentioned "The Fundamental Principles of Modern Judaism investigated" (the work of his undergraduate days), "The Pilgrimage to the Land of my Fathers," "Exposition of Isaiah liii.," "History of the Jews in Great Britain," "Essays on the Poetry of the Hebrew Pentateuch," and "A series of six essays on the Lord's Prayer." A work entitled "Some Triumph and Trophies of the Light of the Lord and the World," was passing through the press when he died. The deceased was also editor of *The Hebrew Christian Witness*, a work of incalculable helpfulness in bringing the great truths of Christianity before the unconverted of his own race, which we hope one day will be revived. He was an accomplished scholar, a learned orientalist, and an indefatigable worker and searcher of truth. His memory will long live in the hearts of many, and his works will be a source of information and guide in religious truth to earnest students of the Holy Scriptures.—*Croydon's Weekly Standard*.

## EXHIBITION OF DOMESTIC LABOUR-SAVING MACHINERY.

ON Monday, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, was opened what must certainly be described as a novelty in the way of exhibitions, and, as it will remain open till this day week, we think our readers will be interested if they visit the Hall. They will there see collected together every variety of implement in every-day domestic use. There will be found the latest and most approved inventions in sewing machines, washing machines, knife-cleaners, heating and cooking stoves, and in every imaginable kind of domestic appliance. There are likewise included many displays of articles in constant use among all classes of householders, such, for instance, as the mats, baskets, &c., which are the handiwork of blind operatives—this particular collection being placed in the centre of the building. There are, too, others which find favour with residents in suburban districts, such as lawn-mowers and tents, together with bicycles for the athlete, and carriages, and, above all, billiard tables for the wealthy. One stall, in particular, attracted our attention, that of Bro. Edwards, of the Kingsland-road, who, by the way, is on the eve of moving into larger and more commodious premises in the same neighbourhood, so rapid has been the increase in his business during the last few years. Bro. Edwards exhibits three well-made billiard tables, besides bagatelle and other tables and apparatus of a cognate character. All these, with the balls, cues, &c., &c., are a credit to the establishment by which they are manufactured. Our attention was especially attracted by an oak cabinet, so constructed as to support a Roller Marking Board for Billiards, and a Pool Marking Board for twelve players, having slate in centre, and a pool money till with glass front; while at the same time in the drawers, &c., &c., is provided ample accommodation for wines, cigars, &c., &c. This cabinet combines most admirably the useful with the ornamental, and no better specimen of Bro. Edwards' manufacture could, we think, have been shown. We were also much pleased with the group of pianos sent by Mr. Justin Browne, of 237 and 239 Euston Road. They were handsome in appearance, and the tone left nothing to be desired. Moreover, they have the further advantage of being comparatively modest in price.

MASONIC GRIPS.—A brother who does a good deal of travelling, and likes to "get acquainted as he goes," says there are six kinds of Masonic Grips, and he has felt them all. He classifies them in this way: 1. The pendulum shake, where the parties move their locked hands right and left, illustrating the jewel of the Senior Warden. 2. The pump-handle shake, where the motion assimilates to the emblem of the Junior Warden. Now if a Mason who is accustomed to number one grapples with the Mason who has been used to number 2, there will be trouble, sure. 3. The tourniquet shake, where you squeeze the hand until a pleasant sound of cracking follows, that denotes a weakness in the ossification of your opponent. 4. The melancholy shake, which is a pensive, tranquil motion, suggesting liver complaint and dyspepsia. 5. The effeminate shake, which only reaches to the fingers, sometimes only to the forefinger, and makes you think of your maiden aunt. There are also the avil shake, the grip royal, the malicious shake, &c., but the best of all is, 6. The cordial shake, which is a hearty agitation of hands, accompanied by kindly greetings, and a certain thrill, affecting most pleasantly all the nerves, even the heart.—*Masonic Review*.

MOHAWK MINSTRELS.—Thursday next, the 17th instant, being St. Patrick's Day, the Mohawk Minstrels announce a special programme for the occasion, Irish songs and ballads, both comic and sentimental, of necessity receiving the greatest share of attention.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—The Photophone, explained and illustrated by experiments. The Great Lightning Inductarium; an Astronomical Lecture, illustrated by Dissolving views and Effects, &c., by Mr. J. L. King. Musical Sketches, by Mr. Eric Lewis. Magical Art, by Prof. R. Hellis. Costume Recitals, by Madame Katherine Hickson. Electric Railway. Leotard and Blondin, the Wonderful Automata. Diving Bell, &c. Admission to the whole, 1s. Open from 12 till 5, and from 7 till 10.

## LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE regular meeting of the above excellent working Lodge was held on Monday, the 7th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, and was numerously attended by the brethren and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. C. E. Willing P.G.O., Macaulay, G. Garton P.M. 172, Argent, G. Fletcher S.W. 180, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, J. J. Deacon 1382, H. Sanders W.M. 1471, W. Lyon 185, D. Baker 1246, Frank Elmore No. 12, C. A. White 1777. Lodge was opened by Bros. R. Baker W.M., L. M. Myers S.W., J. Benjamin J.D., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Blanks S.D., N. Baum J.D., J. Davis I.G., G. Bean D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Organist, A. Dodson P.M. W.S.; P.M.'s L. Lazarus, L. Alexander, S. Hickman, H. M. Levy, A. Dodson, H. Hymans, O. Roberts, and J. Abrahams. After the minutes had been confirmed, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Henry Lion and Samson Lyon, who were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Elias Simmons was raised to the third degree, and Bros. Gundlach, Isaacson, Harrison, Hicks, Kinley, Hobman, and Ridgley were passed. All the ceremonies were ably and perfectly rendered by the W.M., reflecting great credit on him. As usual in this Lodge, every Officer was equally perfect. A letter was received from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, regretting his inability to be present. The petition of a distressed brother was recommended to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence. Bro. P.M. Levy proposed, and P.M. L. Lazarus seconded, a proposition that Bro. W. W. Morgan, Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, be allowed access to the minute books for the purpose of preparing a history of the Lodge of Joppa. This motion was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, seventy-two in number, sat down to a *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the R.W. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. of the G.L. of England, he said he was pleased to say they had the pleasure of having two Grand Officers present; one a member of their Lodge. Those who had seen the working of the Grand Officers in the past could realise what they would do in the future. Bro. Willing P.G.O., in eloquent terms, returned thanks; he was proud in having to respond to the toast. Those who were present at the last meeting of Grand Lodge saw how ably the R.W. Brother the Earl of Lathom sustained the dignity of the chair, a chair which he is so well qualified to fill. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. likewise responded. The W. Master then proposed the toast of the Benevolent Fund, and coupled with it the name of the President, Bro. L. Alexander Past Master, who responded, and announced that the newly initiated brethren had each given a guinea to the Fund. Bro. H. Hymans I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Baker was one whom they all respected. If other W.M.'s had performed the duties of the chair well, the present Master had excelled them that night. All had seen how ably he had performed the ceremonies. However, as it was getting late he would not further detain them, but would ask them at once to honour the toast. The W. Master, who was enthusiastically received, said he felt he did not deserve the kind remarks of Bro. Hymans; the support of the Lodge he hoped to secure. The advantage of the members he would look to in the future, for to them was due his present position in the chair. The W. Master then proposed the toast of the newly initiated brethren. He was pleased the recommendations they brought to the Lodge were so satisfactory. In the short time they had already been among them the seeds of charity had been sown in their breasts, and they had each contributed to the Benevolent Fund. From the attention they had paid to the ceremony he felt proud to rank them as members. The toast having been responded to by Bro. Lion, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, mentioning the name of each; he would couple the toast with the names of Bros. W. Murlis P.M. 1642, Dr. Macaulay, No. 1, Star of the East, India, and D. Baker 1246 for the country brethren. Bro. Murlis said many years since he had been invited to this Lodge, but he had been prevented attending. He was pleased to see how the W. Master had performed the duties of the chair, and to witness the brotherly love and friendship that predominated among them. Whatever the Grand Lodge of Benevolence could do for the Craft, this Lodge, if he looked at the boards around him, was able to relieve its own members. The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge intended to follow this bright example. It lately had had a Ball, where a goodly sum for the Charities had been realised. But the Lodge intended to follow in every respect what the Joppa had done. Bro. Dr. Macaulay said he felt pleased to endorse the expressions of the former speaker. He had been much gratified at the work of the W.M., who had initiated two candidates, passed seven brethren, and raised one to the third degree—an amount of work rarely done by a W.M. in one evening—in a perfect manner. Bro. D. Baker said he was proud to acknowledge his relationship to their Worshipful Master. Nothing could more strengthen that feeling than the fact that his brother occupied the chair of that great Lodge. He, however, was a resident of another country; still he could but feel proud to see his brother so bound up in the bonds of charity, and he hoped he might be present on future occasions. After other of the Visitors had acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters, coupled with the name of Bro. H. Hymans, who briefly responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. Their good qualities had been so often brought before the Lodge, that he scarcely knew what to say; all were proud of them. After this toast had been acknowledged, the W.M. said no Lodge could prosper without good Officers; as Wardens, no better could be found than Bros. L. M. Myers and Benjamin. The members had seen how they had performed their duties. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the Junior Officers were not overlooked, special mention being made of the exertions of the D.C. Bro. Dodson for the comfort of the brethren. In due course the Tyler's toast was given. The W.M. provided an excellent concert, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, at which Miss

Flora Williams, Madame Strindberg, Messrs. H. Prenton, White, and Frank Elmore gave valuable assistance.

**Albion Lodge of Instruction, No. 9.**—At the recent celebration of the anniversary banquet of this Lodge, which meets in John-street, Berkeley-square, W., there were present Bros. Festa as W.M., Dean P.M. P.P.G.S.B. as S.W., Dairy P.M. as J.W., who were supported by the following distinguished brethren:—Cottebruno P.M. P.G.P., E. Read P.M., Barfield P.M., Cobham P.M., Ponter Past Master, Docker Worshipful Master, Burrow as Organist, Beazley, Green, Honeyball, Collens, Wetherall, Brand, Ball, Dickinson, Sacker, Miller, Levi, Corthew, Hill, Ducher, Daitraz, Cohen, Cox, Maxsted, Davidson, &c. The business was of a purely formal character, and after its conclusion, the brethren sat down to a very excellent repast, under the presiding auspices of Bro. Festa. When ample justice had been done to the viands, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. Cottebruno P.G.P. replying in suitable terms for that of the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M., proposed by Brother Read, experienced a most enthusiastic reception, and Bro. Festa expressed his warmest thanks for the compliment paid him. "Prosperity to the Albion Lodge" was also well received, and among other toasts was that of the hostess, Mrs. Fellows and her family, well-merited praise being bestowed upon her, for her successful catering. Bro. Burrows presided at the piano, and the interval between the speeches was enlivened by songs and recitations, given by Bros. Miller, Green, and others. Indeed, in every respect the meeting was a great success.

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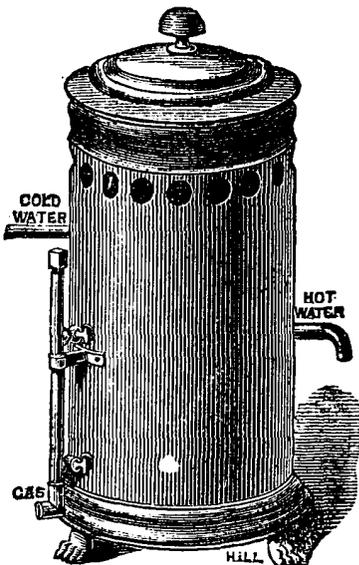
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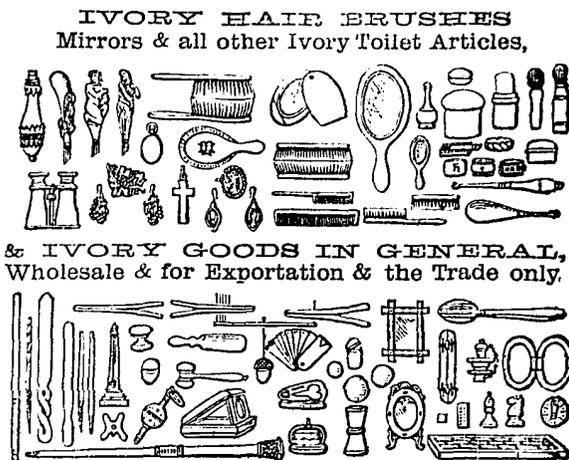
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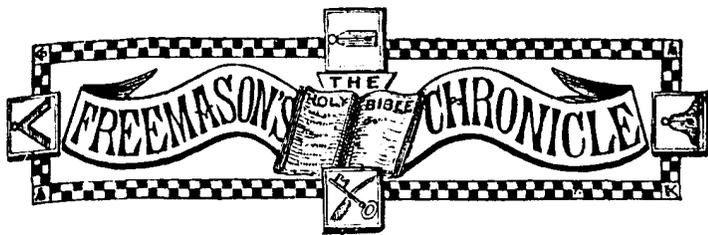
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■ A Paper read before the York College, at a Regular Meeting held at York, on the 20th November 1880, by W. Frater Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A. F.S.A., VI<sup>o</sup>.

FRATRES,—Under other circumstances than those under which I now appear before you I should feel constrained to apologize for giving you this Paper. It is only a few months since I read a Paper to the Frates, and in doing so I thought I should not be asked for a second until my turn came round again, which I imagined would be in the distant future. In obedience to the request of the Chief Adept, who himself never shirks any duty or labour in the promotion of Masonic science, I felt that I could not refuse to tread, in my own humble way, in the footsteps of a leader so enthusiastic, energetic and learned as he is. For this reason I do not consider myself called upon to offer one word of apology. I may add that even for the subject upon which I have been requested to address you, our Chief Adept is in some measure responsible, and I think that if he had been aware how very little there is to say upon it, he would have called upon another Frater to entertain and instruct you upon the present occasion. For my poor starveling I must therefore crave your indulgence, and for myself your commiseration.

The subject indeed is wholly unconnected with Rosierucian Philosophy; yet in its general bearing it is one in which Masonic students cannot fail to take some interest. The bare allusion to ancient Templars will always touch the hearts of Englishmen and English Masons. The spirit of the Rules and Regulations of the military order so closely resembles that which pervades the system of Masonry that our sympathy is aroused, and our feelings are moved, by recalling the circumstances which occasioned the rise, and conducted to the fall, of the illustrious Order.

It is not my intention, however, to conduct you over the very wide, and most interesting, field of Templar history, because it would be, to you, fruitless as regards any new facts, and you are all probably better acquainted with it than I am myself. It constitutes one of the most astonishing outbursts of religious enthusiasm combined with military ardour that the world has ever witnessed, not excepting Mahometanism, which has long outlived it. Whether within the walls of their preceptories, or on their journeys, or engaged in war, the Rules for the observance of the fraternity were excellent. The Templars were to be examples of wisdom, and to be fruitful in every good word and work. Truth, honour, godly fear, charity, sobriety, modesty, chastity—these were to be the guiding principles of their lives and actions;—and, when not engaged in active military service, they were to be not slothful in prayer, serving the Lord. Further, voluntary poverty was absolutely required as a qualification for admission into the order. Hence you perceive the resemblance between this Guild and Freemasonry; for as, individually and collectively, the members of the former were to be just, and upright, and of strict morals, and to act with gentleness and kindness towards an erring brother knight, so the distinguishing characteristics of the latter are Honour, Obedience, Truth and Fidelity.

A short while before the institution of the Templar Guild another Order had been established in the Holy City, called the Hospitallers of St. John, who duties were professedly the care of sick pilgrims arriving there, and piety. At a later period they assumed a military character, the younger and more ardent brethren preferring "the enterprise and activity of the camp to the monotonous life of the cloister."

I have no need to tell you, what you already know, whence the Templars derived their appellation, and for what purpose the Order was instituted. I merely allude to this matter in order to observe that it is a remarkable circumstance that two such bodies of men as the Templars and the followers of Mahomet, which were partly religious and partly military in their organisation, should have contended for two centuries for the possession of the sacred Places, and Holy Temple of Jerusalem.

Had poverty continued to distinguish the Christian Order, it would probably have survived to this day in some modified form. The great evils attending upon wealth and other causes, partly contributed to its downfall in the first half of the 14th century. The pure spirit which had characterised the early Knight-monks had gradually died out of the hearts of their descendants. With their growing wealth, luxury and sloth, jealousy and intrigues, laxity of discipline, vice and degeneracy crept in, infected, and weakened the entire body. Divisions also arose among themselves, and the saying was fulfilled, "A house divided against itself falleth." Nevertheless it is a vulgar error to suppose that arrogance, cruelty, and divisions within alone occasioned their ruin. Their suppression is to be attributed rather to the covetous eye of needy sovereigns and rulers outside the fraternity. Pope and King abolished the Templars, and Henry VIII., of England, "that monster of iniquity" as he has been styled, and not unjustly, "on the plea that the Order of Hospitallers of St. John had ceased to

exist after the loss of Rhodes, took possession of the Commanderies in his kingdom," and seized their property.

One chief source of their abundant wealth, which proved so tempting to greedy and straightened monarchs, was the voluntary impouring of the Knights' possessions into their common treasury, from out of which revenues used to be transmitted to Jerusalem. A great benefactor is said to have been William, Archbishop of York—who I imagine was the same who is called St. William.

At the time when the Temple Church of London was consecrated, the Superior of the Order had an inquisition made of their lands, and the amount of all kinds of property is simply astounding. Upon their great estates prioral houses were erected for the use of stewards who managed their manors and farms, and collected the rents. These prioral houses became regular monastic establishments, inhabited chiefly by sick and aged Templars who had fought in Palestine, and retired hither to spend their few remaining days in peace and devotional exercises. They were cells to the principal house in London. Then there were smaller administrations, consisting of a Knight Templar, who had under him certain brothers, and a priest to celebrate for them and act as almoner. The Knight was styled Preceptor of the Temple, and the district which he administered was called a Preceptory. I presume that much the same arrangement was adopted by the Hospitallers of St. John. In Yorkshire the Preceptories were at Temple Hurst, Temple Newsam, and other places; and the Preceptories of the Knights of St. John were at Beverley, Newland, Mt. St. John, and Ribston.

I have, I fear, taken up too much of your time in introducing you to an ancient Preceptory in the County of Hereford, about which I have very little to say. If I have thrown the responsibility of this uninteresting paper upon the shoulders of our Chief Adept, I must be honest, and take part of it upon my own. I happened, during the course of last summer, to receive an invitation from a clergyman who was well known and deservedly esteemed in Leeds, who resides upon his estate at Dinmore, between Hereford and Leominster. On approaching the house, which stands upon a commanding elevation, the first object I saw was the small tower of a church rising above the trees. On the following morning I attended the family prayers, which are said daily in the sacred building, and was then informed that this was the chapel formerly attached to a Preceptory of the Knights of St. John, whose domestic buildings occupied the site of the present dwelling-house. The existing chapel appears to have been built about the year 1420 upon the foundations of a more ancient building, though no traces of that building have as yet been discovered. It is rectangular in form, 48ft. 6in. long, and 16ft. 6in. wide; and has a tower with short spire at the west end. The tower arch is of very good proportion, and deeply moulded with a plain shaft on each side. The sanctuary was formerly separated from the rest of the building by an oak screen, which was removed many years ago, and formed into the present altar-table. There are no windows on the north side, but the wall appears to have paintings under the plaster. There are a large east window of three lights, and on the south side one of three lights, and two of two lights each, and a quatrefoil in the west wall of the tower. All the windows have the same plain decorated quatrefoil tracery. The roof is of low pitch, and comparatively modern. There is a piscina of curious form, and a holy water stoup at the north door, of Early English design, which evidently belonged to the more ancient chapel. The real floor is 13in. below the present one. The burying ground appears to have been on the south side, where human bones are constantly dug up. The only monumental stone, which seems to be ancient, is in the floor of the chapel, and is incised with a curious triple cross, upon which a modern inscription has been placed. There is a patriarchal cross upon the east gable of the chancel, and in the cellars of the house I was shown ancient doorways and openings, now closed, constructed in the massive foundations. I immediately acquainted our Chief Adept with what I had seen, and his first thought was that a paper upon it would be appreciated by the Frates. When I assented to his suggestion, I hoped to find in Dugdale's Monasticon and other books some assistance, but have been disappointed, for not a single allusion is made to it. From other sources of information, however, kindly supplied by the owner of Dinmore, I have ascertained that King "Henry II., son of the Empress Mand, gave to one Friar Thomas (one of the Brethren of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, called Hospitallers,) and his brethren a small quantity of land, part of the wood of Marden, called Dinmore, where he created a small Preceptory." His illustrious son "Richard I., after his return from the Holy Land, granted to the said Hospitallers his manor of St. John, at Hereford, and then the said Knights built a priory at Hereford,\* to which the said King gave the Preceptory of Dinmore, as follows:—Richard, by the grace of God King of England, Duke of Normandy, &c., to the Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, and all his Ministers and faithful Subjects of all England, greeting: Know ye that the Brothers Hospitallers of Jerusalem, and all their goods and possessions, are in our custody and protection. We receive also into our custody and protection Friar Thomas, of Dinmore, and his Brethren, and all their goods and lands and possessions, and their place of Dinmore, which, by their consent, we have granted to the aforesaid Brothers Hospitallers of Jerusalem, together with one corve of land as the same was admeasured to them by lawful Knights of the Country, in the time of our Father out of the Wood of Marden, to wit, in length from the assert of the Presbytery of Marden, so as the way is asserted between our wood and the said our free alms, unto the lands of the Monks of Leominster of the Hope, and in breadth from the aforesaid way unto Colweye. And, therefore, we will, and strictly command that the aforesaid Brothers and Hospitallers of Jerusalem, and their place of Dinmore, with the aforesaid corve of land, with all

\* The Chapel of this priory, or Hospital of St. John, which was in the suburbs of Hereford, after the dissolution of monasteries, was applied to secular uses, and profaned by being made a cattle stall, &c.

their appurtenances in woods and plains, and of the aforesaid Friar Thomas, Founder of that Place, and his Brethren, and all their goods and lands and possessions, you do keep, protect, and maintain and defend as our own demesnes, doing to them no wrong or contumely, or grievance, nor suffering any to be done by any other; but if any one to them in any thing hurt shall do that you shall to them, without delay, fully cause amends to be made.

By a grant in the first year of King John, which recites that the said Friar Thomas and his Brethren had given to the Priory of St. Jehn at Hereford, his said Preceptory of Dinmore, in the Wood of Marden, the said King confirms the same.

I can tell you nothing respecting the fortunes of this Preceptory until the time of Henry VIII., except that, according to Leland's Survey, one Lancelot Dowera, Knt., was Master of Dinmore in the 20th of Henry VII.

In the 32nd year of Hen. VIII. it was particularly provided by Statute, concerning the possessions of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem—"All the Commanderies, Manors, &c., of the Order are vested in the Crown with all their former privileges."

From this time the usual story connected with the unjust confiscation of religious property is recorded; royal grants, their sale and re-sale.

In the 1st year of Edw. VI., the Bailiff of the Court of Augmentations accounts for the Manor and Preceptory of Dinmore, under Lease to Richard Durmin from the said Court. Lease dated March 3rd, 33rd Hen. VIII., for 21 years, at £12 10s 2d.

The said possessions remained in the Crown, till Queen Mary on 2nd Dec., in the 1st year of her reign, granted to Jane Russell the site of the Preceptory for her life, with remainder to Edw. Russell, her son, for his life, and the reversion to the Queen, her heirs and successors.

Queen Elizabeth by grant, 3rd year of her reign, reciting the grant of Queen Mary, in consideration of £225 3s 0d, grants the same after the death of Russell to John Woolrych, and Elizabeth his mother, to hold to the said John Woolrych of the Queen in capite. In virtue of which grant the descendants of the said John enjoy the said premises.

The Preceptory, Manor, &c., of Dinmore was sold about the year 1739 by their descendant John Woolrych, Esq., to Richard Fleming, of Sibdon Castle, Esq., Co. Salop, who left it to his second son Richard, from whom it passed to his only son Richard Stukeley Fleming, from him to his only sister Frances, the wife of the Rev. John Francis Seymour St. John, and from them to their eldest son John Fleming St. John, whose son the Rev. Harris Fleming St. John, the present possessor, was my most kind host and provider of the materials for this hastily drawn up Paper.

That which renders this last information of peculiar interest to me, and will I trust before long prove interesting to others, and to York-shiremen in particular, is this:—That the above-named Richard Fleming, of Sibdon Castle, and of the Chancery Office, from whom the present owner of Dinmore is descended, was married Dec. 7, 1752, to Frances, eldest daughter of the Rev. Dr. Stukeley, Rector of St. George's, Queen Square, London, and Frances Williamson, his wife. This Dr. Stukeley was an antiquary of considerable note, whose correspondence, with the eminent men of his day, I am engaged in editing for the Surtees Society. His second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Gale, a learned Dean of York, and sister to Roger Gale, of Scruton Hall, near Bedale. He was also initiated Jan. 6, 1721, into Freemasonry at the Salutation Tavern, Tavistock-street, London, on which occasion, as he writes in his commonplace book, "I was the first person made a Freemason in London for many years. We had great difficulty to find members enough to perform the ceremony. Immediately upon that it took a run, and ran itself out of breath, through the folly of the members." Whether the Brethren ever recovered breath, or died a violent death, I cannot say, but on 27th Dec., in the same year, Dr. Stukeley is found assisting in the formation of a Lodge at the Fountain Tavern, Strand; and when in 1726 he retired to Grantham he founded a Lodge there.

#### FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 100, GT. YARMOUTH.

ON 1st inst. a ball was held at the Assembly Rooms, Great Yarmouth, under the auspices of Lodge Friendship, and passed off with great success. This being the first ball ever given by the Lodge, preparations on an extensive scale were made, and the event was looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation. The rooms were appropriately and prettily decorated for the occasion. The dancing room was tastefully draped with curtains and other light material, and some handsome mirrors added to the effectiveness of the scene. A splendid portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, presented to the Lodge by Bro. J. W. B. Johnson, was also shown, and in front of the balcony were the banner of the Lodge and some plumes. Handsome vases, lent by various brethren, occupied the mantel shelves, and the corridors and other parts of the building were draped. The apartments adjoining the large hall were elegantly furnished as withdrawing and coffee rooms. The ball was under the management of the following brethren as Stewards:—John Etheridge W.M. president, D. R. Fowler I.P.M., L. Spence P.M., R. W. Hubbard P.M., R. Martins P.M., E. J. Bonfellow P.M., J. Bond P.M., J. Franklin P.M., H. Stemberidge S.W., J. W. B. Johnson, J. W. H. Owles S.D., A. D. Bennett J.D., C. J. Bullen I.G., J. E. Balls, and T. Elliot. Bro. A. D. Bennett carried out the arduous duties of Hon. Secretary with much credit and satisfaction, and thanks are due to him for his indefatigable exertions. The preparation of the refreshments was left to Bro. J. Franklin, and the tables, which were laid in the two billiard rooms, were exquisitely arranged. The decorations were carried out with great taste and skill, a couple of obelisks of ice and handsome cpergnes embellishing each table. A variety of choice flowers were also utilised with very pretty effect, and the viands were crowned by

a peacock, tastefully set off. The company present numbered about 110, including many of the gentry and tradesmen of the town, in addition to friends of the brethren and visitors from Norwich, Lowestoft, and places at a distance. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up till about 4 a.m. in a spirited manner to the strains of a capital band, under the direction of Mr. E. Winton, who also rendered much assistance in carrying out the programme. The brethren wore full Craft clothing, which added much liveliness to the scene. The ball was opened by Bro. J. Etheridge W.M. and Miss Fowler, and Bro. D. R. Fowler I.P.M. and Mrs. Etheridge. The Stewards did everything in their power to secure the comfort and pleasure of their friends.—[We are indebted to the *Yarmouth Gazette* for the above particulars.]

#### LODGE OF THE MARCHES, No. 611, LUDLOW.

BRO. William Powell is well known among the brethren for his zeal and energy in promoting all matters which have for their object the welfare and prosperity of the Craft; and it was a pleasing and interesting part of the business of the Lodge of the Marches at its meeting on Wednesday, 2nd inst., to present him with a P.M.'s jewel as a mark of the high estimation in which he is held by the brethren, and in testimony of their appreciation of the long-continued and valued services which he has given to the Lodge for a period approaching twenty years. Brother Powell has twice occupied the chair of the Lodge, and has also attained distinction as an Officer in the G. Lodge of the Province. Much of the work in the Lodge of the Marches has fallen to him; and he has also shown great assiduity in instructing in Masonic matters newly initiated members. Bro. Roberts, the Mayor of the Borough, and lately also for two years Master of the Lodge, made the presentation in the name of the Officers and brethren, and in doing so spoke in eulogistic terms of the services which Bro. Powell had rendered them. He said he had taken a great interest in the getting up of the testimonial, and could assure Bro. Powell that no brother in the Province was held in higher esteem by the brethren. Brother Powell, in returning thanks, said he was entirely unequal to the occasion, and unable to find words which would adequately express the feelings with which he received this mark of the goodwill and appreciation of the brethren. The Lodge could always command his efforts, and when from infirmity he could no longer make a response, he hoped some more able brother would be at hand to take up the work. The jewel, of eighteen-carat gold, is very handsomely designed; it has raised Masonic emblems, encircled by a relief base, with the words "Lodge of the Marches, No. 611," and is suspended from a monogram of the Ludlow Arms, of equally handsome and elaborate design. On the back the following inscription is neatly engraved:—"Presented to Bro. William Powell P.M. 611 P.D.C. of North Wales and Shropshire, by the Officers and brethren of the Lodge of the Marches, 611, as a mark of fraternal regard, and as a slight acknowledgment of many valuable services continuously rendered to the Lodge for a period of more than eighteen years.

Ludlow, 2nd March 1881."

We may add that at the same meeting there were three raisings. The attendance was unusually large.

**Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Present—Bros. Hall W.M., Medwin S.W., Orme J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Hon. Sec., Kern S.D., Couchman I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Batty candidate. Bro. Hall vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Blenkhorn, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Button candidate. Bro. Medwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**The Crichton Lodge, 1641.**—The second annual ball of this Lodge took place on Friday, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and passed off with very great success. The Stewards were Bros. R. J. Voisey W.M., T. Gardner I.P.M., A. Middlemass P.M., T. Griffiths P.M., P. A. Nairne D.C., S. E. Goldschmidt S.W., T. E. Heller J.W., D. D. Mercer Treasurer S.D., T. Weeks Secretary, R. Greenwood I.G., R. Stokoe W.S., J. Maunder Organist, R. J. Vincent, J. Dallison, H. R. Baker, T. Nettleship, W. H. Briant, J. Cross, C. Köhler W.M. 1381, Fredk. Hilton J.W. 1473, and G. P. Coltar J.W. 1622. Bros. W. H. Baker J.D. 1641, H. A. Stunt W.S. 1641, and T. Cull W.M. 1446, acted as Honorary M.C.'s. The attendance was very numerous, nearly 200 guests being present. Amongst the visitors were Bros. David Rose (P.M. Rose Lodge), W. M. Goss (W.M. Caveac Lodge), Vickery (W.M. Rose Lodge), W. Claussen Thue (P.M. Rose Lodge), W. Pilditch (P.M. Earl Spencer Lodge), and many other brethren. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, to the music of Bro. Dan Godfrey's band, and, as may be expected, was carried on with great spirit till far into the "small hours," the M.C.'s acting with untiring energy throughout for the comfort of the visitors. During the interval the company adjourned to an excellent repast, at which Bro. Voisey presided. The usual toasts were received with much applause, particularly in the case of "The Ladies," for whom Bro. Goldschmidt in appropriate terms responded. It is evident from the successful manner this ball was carried out the Charity Fund will be largely augmented.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 12th MARCH.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester  
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon

## MONDAY, 14th MARCH.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1499—Marques of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)  
 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.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 R.C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth  
 90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport  
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 298—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge  
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham  
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby  
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton  
 665—Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham  
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea  
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.  
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 1449—Royal Military, Canterbury  
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds  
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York  
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea  
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick  
 R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington  
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kellsall-street, Leeds  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 M.M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.  
 M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 15th MARCH.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 75—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 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. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.  
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading

- 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.  
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 779—Ferreers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Barry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheddar  
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.  
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

## WEDNESDAY, 16th MARCH.

- Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 720—Pannure, 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 Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1298—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.  
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester  
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport  
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
 423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks  
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster  
 1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slithwaite  
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex  
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.  
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
 R.A. 1060—Marrion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

## THURSDAY, 17th MARCH.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction)  
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park  
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
 1614—Covent Garden, King's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1729—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 313—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 315—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton  
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire  
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.  
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
 1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge  
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill  
 K.T.—Pearley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

### FRIDAY, 18th MARCH.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 768—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammernsmith (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
 127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.  
 R.A. 527—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
 R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
 K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

### SATURDAY, 19th MARCH.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**Albion Lodge, No. 9.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 1st instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. Bros. Frederick Cheffereil W.M., Edwd. D. Willey S.W., S. Coste P.M. J.W., James Abbott P.M. Secretary, Thomas Moring P.M. Treasurer, S. N. Thompson S.D., R. Elliott J.D., William Willey P.M. D.C., Edmund Coste P.M. Steward, Robert Watson I.G., James Rawles Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. T. Scott, S. Vallentine, L. W. Harvey, H. S. Friend; Bros. S. Holroyd, Gregory, Wallace, Price, Beadley, Plaister. Visitors—J. Corbett Neptune 22, George Bradley St. Oswald's 910, W. H. Macray P.P.G.S. Legiolium 1542, Thos. F. Fillery Gladsmuir 1385, A. M. Broadley P.D. District Grand Master of Malta P.M. 1718 and W.M. 1835 William Kingston Goletta, Tunis, J. B. Barnard Beaconsfield 1666, C. E. Tinney Asaph 1319, and Frederick Binckes P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, &c. Lodge opened and minutes were read. Several sums were voted from the Benevolent Fund, and arrangements were made for a summer banquet.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., every Tuesday evening. It has been arranged to rehearse the ceremony of installation at the above Lodge on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Bro. Brown P.M. of the mother Lodge, will be the Installing Master. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

**St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.**—The regular meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present:—Bros. C. Wade W.M., Fletcher S.W., J. Wood P.M. J.W., Miles Treasurer, Parsons P.M. Secretary, Maxted J.D., Chester I.G., L. Herf P.M. W.S., Donne assistant W.S., Hart Organist; P.M.'s Bros. Stonor, L. Herf, Robinson, and Farwig. Visitors—Bros. D. Baker, W. Donne 192, A. Baume 63, E. Farley 58, Grogan 256, A. Forsyth 140, Spooner 1470, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and closed to the first. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. The petition of a widow from a member of a Lodge at Cambridge was recommended to the Lodge of Benevolence. Lodge was then closed until October. The brethren sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Best and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Stonor P.M. had pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M.; all knew his capabilities, and whenever his services were required he was ready to give them. He trusted that on a future occasion the members would have an opportunity of witnessing Bro. Wade's working; as president at their festive board, he had ably acquitted himself; he would conclude by calling on all present to cordially drink the toast. The W.M. thanked Bro. Stonor for his kind expressions; he hoped he had done his duty in every respect in the junior offices, and, as W.M., he trusted to have the opportunity of showing that, after the next meeting, initiations would follow. He assured them his heart and soul was with the Lodge. It was gratifying to know that the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and while the Lodge was under his rule he trusted it might also flourish. The next toast given was the health of the Visitors; Brother H. M. Levy Past Master 188 acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. then gave the toast of the P.M.'s. They were all good working Masons; in fact, he might say they were the pillars of the Lodge. If he might say so, they were like old books, and could always be seen in reference to anything that might crop up. He had especially to thank Bro. Farwig for his assistance. Bro. Stonor also was a very old and respected P.M. Bro. Stonor, in reply, said he felt proud to assist the W.M., either as I.P.M. or in any way; he would do all he could to sustain the Lodge. Bro. Robinson P.M. followed. The W.M. had pleasantly alluded to them as old books; he hoped they would ever be bound together in one bond of brotherly feeling. In proposing the toast of the Wardens, the W.M. said he hoped their S.W. would be the next Master of the Lodge. The J.W. is W.M. of another Lodge, and his working is well known. The united assistance given by these brethren could but be for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. Fletcher S.W. felt deeply grateful for the kind remarks of the W.M. He should, indeed, feel proud if he were elected to fill the chair of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, incidentally mentioning it was the intention of the latter Brother shortly to enter the holy bonds of matrimony. All knew the good and excellent qualities of their esteemed Brother, and he hoped the members would give the toast a hearty reception, wishing health and prosperity to the bride and bridegroom. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Farwig P.M. said that Bro. Miles, one of the oldest members of the Lodge, had been elected Treasurer; he was a good and worthy Brother. With respect to Bro. Parsons, he (Bro. Farwig) had to thank him for introducing him to a Lodge of Instruction, which resulted in his first step on the ladder of advancement, and culminated in his being a P.M. of this Lodge. All the members would wish him every happiness in his Masonic life. The toast of the Junior Officers was ably responded to by Bros. Maxted, Chester, &c. and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

**La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538.**—On Thursday, 3rd inst., this Lodge, after the regular meeting, which was the last for the season, and at which Bros. Burt and Walser were raised, gave a banquet, to which ladies were admitted, while a dispensation from Grand Lodge had been obtained which permitted the brethren to wear their Craft clothing. The banquet took place at Freemasons' Hall, in the Crown-room, upwards of seventy being present, thirty-six of the number being ladies, who assembled in the drawing-room, whither the brethren adjourned at the closing of the Lodge, having first formed in procession. The toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the G.M. and Officers (to which Bro. James Kench P.M. and Treasurer, G.P., replied), the W.M. (proposed by Bro. T. W. Cooper), the I.P.M., the Lady Visitors, the Gentlemen Visitors, the P.M.'s, and finally the Officers of the Lodge were complimented. Between the toasts suitable accompaniments were performed under the direction of Bro. H. J. Dean 45, Org. 1260. Afterwards a dance took place, thus bringing the festivities to a pleasing close, the ladies evidently appreciating and much enjoying the entertainments.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—At the meeting held on Friday, 4th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., F. Botley S.W., Monson J.W., Maton S.D., Tucker Treas. J.D., Goss P.M. I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor. Gunner Hon. Sec., Gomm P.M., Lucas, Kent, Daniel, Brill, Becket, &c. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bro. Tucker was raised. Lodge closed to first degree, when the initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Lucas candidate. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for next meeting.

The Thistle Mark Lodge of Instruction will in future hold its meetings at the Freemasons' Tavern, every Wednesday evening, at seven o'clock, Bro. W. J. Collens Hon. Sec.

## UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

It is impossible to attend a meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge, and not admit the appropriateness of its appellation. For, beyond the cohesion and fraternal unity which should, and invariably does, cement the members of a Lodge together, there are elements of sound and pure Masonic intercourse and co-operation which it must be said do not exist everywhere. Added to an excellence of working which strikes the visitor with agreeable astonishment, there is a vein of sterling amity pervading the Lodge, the town and country members vieing with each other only in advancing its interests and in cultivating those courtesies and amenities which are by no means the least important or essential elements of the Craft. Thus, on Tuesday evening last, the recently-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. George Hellen Patmore (of Luton) was met on the first evening of his presidency since his installation, by a large and enthusiastic gathering, including many Past Masters and Visitors. The brethren assembled at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, about half-past four o'clock, when Lodge was opened with the customary observances, the W.M. being supported by most of his Officers, viz., Bros. Alfred Henry Hickman S.W., Henry W. Alford J.W., Joseph Crump P.M. Secretary, Edward Davies P.M. Acting Secretary, Frederick J. Hunt S.D., Alfred H. Trowinnard W.M. 1692 J.D., Frank Arnold D.C., Matthew Moseley A.D.C., and George Bellott I.G. The esteemed Treasurer, Bro. John A. Winsland P.M., and Bro. James Terry P.M. (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), who has kindly undertaken the post of Steward, were unavoidably absent. The attendance also included—Bros. Robert Snare I.P.M.; P.M.'s Richard Percy, Robert H. Halford, James Hillhouse, A. Colston; Bros. H. Langley, Alfred Cornelius Wolsey, Joseph Reynolds Green, Francis Edward Thurland, Vilett Rolleston, Henry George Plaws, Cornelius Reepe, T. R. Bull, Harley Paine, William John Randall, John Woodman, James Francis Quartley, Charles Lewis Amez Droz, William Campden, William Smith, Henry Thomas Sandy, Charles William Butler, Edward Henry Johnson, James Evetts, Max Mendelsohn, John Henry Miller, Thomas Gebhardt, George Christopher Fidge, William Bray, T. H. Bromley, William Briden Smart, Robert Carlyle Childs, &c. Visitors—Bros. A. Davies 1247, Samuel Johnson 948, William Webb I.G. 1580, James Taylor 177, W. C. Hazelgrove W.M. 475, and G. E. Frodsham 3. Thus it will be observed that the metropolitan brethren were joined by a strong contingent from Luton and other parts of Bedfordshire; and, as we have said, Bro. Patmore's inaugural presidency drew together a numerous and enthusiastic assembly. The minutes of the installation meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was prepared for Mr. William Briden Smart, of Luton, proposed by the W.M., seconded by Brother Frank Arnold; for Mr. Thomas Jones, of Luton, proposed by Bro. Miller, seconded by the W.M.; and for Mr. Robert Carlyle Child, of Hampstead, whose sponsors were Bro. Vilett Rolleston and Bro. Edward Davies P.M. All were unanimously accepted, and Messrs. Smart and Child being in attendance were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M., who acquitted himself with credit and satisfaction to the brethren. Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. William Bray, having answered the usual interrogations perfectly, was entrusted; and on his readmission was passed to Fellow Craft, the ceremony being well performed by the W. Master. Lodge was again advanced, when Bros. Alfred Cornelius Wolsey and Geo. Christopher Fidge were duly raised, the impressive manner in which the rite was carried out showing that the W. Master needs but little experience in his exalted position to attain perfection of working. At the conclusion of a somewhat heavy agenda, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the Throne-room of the hotel, where Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, as usual, presented a tempting menu, the banquet being personally superintended by Bro. Henry Mills. The whole of the arrangements were such as to afford unqualified satisfaction. After dessert the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, and the health of the Initiates having been welcomed with a hearty "fire," Bros. Smart and Child acknowledged, in suitable terms, the compliment paid them. Bro. Snare I.P.M. then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, whom he congratulated upon the numerous attendance at his first meeting, and upon the success he had achieved in conducting the duties of the Lodge. The W. Master, in responding, thanked the brethren for the very flattering manner in which they had received the toast. He was sensible of many shortcomings in the discharge of the arduous duties which they had entrusted to his hands; but it would be no fault of his if he did not acquit himself next time more to their satisfaction and his own. However, he had done the work to the best of his ability. It must be recollected that in the country they could not enjoy the facilities possessed by London brethren of attending Lodges of Instruction, where, with the Preceptor at their elbow, they were enabled to make rapid advances in their work. In such cases a man who applied himself to the task could soon make himself almost perfect in Masonry. It was not convenient for him to be in London every night, but he should endeavour to come as often as he could, and study to attain a little more polish than he had exhibited that evening. In conclusion he assured them he should always do the best he could for the Lodge of United Strength. He then proposed the Visitors, offering a few words of welcome to each whose name appeared upon the list. Suitable replies were made by Bro. W. C. Hazelgrove W.M. of St. John the Baptist Lodge, 475, who invited the brethren of the United Strength to pay him a return visit; Bro. Samuel Johnson, who expressed the pleasure it had afforded him, on this his first visit, to see the excellence of working in the Lodge, and the hearty unanimity which pervaded the brethren; Bro. William Webb, who thought from what he had seen of the working there was no need for the apologetic terms in which the W. Master had expressed himself. Bros. A. Davies, Jas. Taylor, and G. E. Frodsham also acknowledged the hospitable welcome which had been extended to the Visitors. The W. Master, in proposing the health of the Past Masters, observed that those who were in Lodge that night would be

satisfied he (the speaker) would have fared badly had not his worthy Immediate Past Master been at his elbow to render him valuable assistance. They had also amongst them the father of the Lodge, Bro. Joseph Crump P.M., whom they all delighted to honour. It did not matter who came to visit the Lodge, they always inquired who was that venerable brother amongst them, and all were delighted to hail him as the parent of the United Strength Lodge. There were several other P.M.'s present, all of whom had ably filled the chair which he now occupied, though they regretted the unavoidable absence of Bros. Winsland, their esteemed Treasurer, and James Terry. Really, without the latter the Lodge did not seem complete; but they had the satisfaction of knowing that he was somewhere about the country advocating, with his well-known fervency and zeal, the claims of that noble Institution of which he was the guiding spirit and the grand propelling power. The toast was acknowledged by the Immediate Past Master, who claimed for himself and colleagues that "modesty" which always took possession of men who had passed the chair. He promised to Bro. Patmore all the aid which he and his brother P.M.'s could render during his year of office, which, he hoped, would be a happy and prosperous one. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was next given, and suitable replies were made by those brethren respectively, the official list being concluded with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some capital songs were rendered, the very agreeable proceedings being brought to a termination in time to enable the country brethren to catch the last train for home.

## West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—

At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on 3rd March. Bros. F. W. Wilkinson W.M., C. Andrews P.M. S.W., C. E. Porter J.W., J. Green S.D., J. Wells J.D., F. Botley I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. H. E. Tucker candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. The Secretary was requested to write to Bro. G. S. Wright a letter of condolence, sympathising with him in his bereavement,—the loss of his wife. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Wilkinson on his having filled the chair in this Lodge of Instruction for the first time. Bro. C. Andrews was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

## Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—

At the meeting of this Lodge, on the 7th inst., at Bro. A. Yates's, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, Bro. Hubbert occupied the chair, and was ably supported by Bros. Sturtevant as S.W., Loane J.W., W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor, T. J. Barnes P.M. Treasurer, B. Stewart Secretary, Loftus S.D., Deeson J.D., Hammond I.G.; also present Bros. Johnson, Wheatley, J. Andrews P.M., Robinson, Stephens, &c. The usual preliminaries having been duly observed, Bro. Hubbert rehearsed the ceremony of initiation—Bro. Johnson as candidate—in a very commendable manner. Bro. Loane jun. worked the first section of the lecture, and Bro. Barnes P.M. the second and third, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Stewart Hon. Secretary then submitted the balance sheet for the past twelve months, which showed a satisfactory financial position. We are pleased to note the steady support which this Lodge has accorded to the Masonic Institutions, £5 5s having been voted twice to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, besides sundry grants to necessitous brethren. Whilst we are gratified to find the working of a Lodge to be good, this is doubtless the highest exercise of good working Freemasons can exhibit. Bro. Sturtevant was elected to fill the position of Master at the meeting on the 14th inst. A vote of thanks, which was supported in kindly terms by Bro. Barnes P.M., was unanimously accorded to Bro. Hubbert, he having occupied the position of W.M., for the first time in this Lodge, most ably. Announcements were made of the working of the Fifteen Sections by the following brethren:—On the 23rd inst., at the Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, by Bro. B. Cundick; on the 27th inst., at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, by Bro. T. Wooding; on the 28th inst., at West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., by Bro. G. H. Stephens, who, on the invitation of this Lodge, will be assisted entirely by brethren from the East End of London. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the 14th inst.

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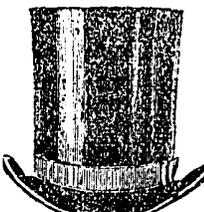
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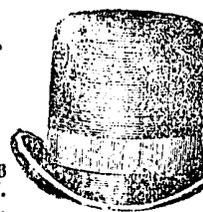
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