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THE QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

SERIOUS dispute appears to have arisen between the Grand Lodges of New York and Connecticut over a question of which, with every desire in the world to regard it seriously, we cannot bring ourselves to speak with aught but a feeling of contempt. It may possibly occur to some of our readers that the word "contempt' is un-Masonic in its character, but after making every allowance for sectional and fraternal differences, we can arrive at no other conclusion than that, in the squabble which has occurred between the two jurisdictions of New York and Connecticut, the conduct of the former has been supremely absurd. We are, of course, indebted for such information as we possess to American sources, and our arguments, therefore, depend, in chief measure, for their value on the accuracy of that information. However, we may take it for granted that those of our exchanges which treat of the subject, and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut itself, which has passed a very sensible resolution on the matter, are in possession of the circumstances. We do not hesitate, therefore, to make what they have said the

basis of our argument.

We must premise that the cause of the squabble between New York and Connecticut is absolutely ridiculous, especially when it is borne in mind that these Grand Lodges are presumed to consist of men of common sense, if not of men who have more than the average share of enlightenment. They are, moreover, presumably actuated by the most kindly and fraternal feelings for each other. Thus, the wonder is that, even under the most afflicting circumstances, anything like a sense of discussion between two fraternal bodies should have sprung into being. However, there exists this unfraternal discord, and, albeit there are not far short of 100,000 Masons in the two States of New York and Connecticut, four-fifths of whom belong to the former, and the remaining fifth to the latter, it has now been decided by the Grand Lodge of New York, that the Masons within its jurisdiction must under no circumstances hold any intercourse whatever with those in the neighbouring State. True it may be they are brothers in name, and the creed that is enjoined on them may be summed up in the clear and concise injunction to "love one another." But somehow it frequently happens that the theory and practice of Freemasonry are at loggerheads with each other. Theory says, Do everything that is reasonable and kind, while Practice retorts-bluntly enough-Stand not upon the order of your doing, but do whatever may seem best to you without vouchsafing a single thought to what is sincerely Masonic. To have made this admission has necessarily given us some pain, but in the interests of truth we are under the necessity of pointing out that this divergence in practice from an accepted theory is quite as commonly to be met with in Masonry as in other societies.

But, after all, the question of jurisdiction is that which claims our present attention, and not whether Masonic individuals or communities are actuated towards each other by a fraternal spirit. This question it is which is at the bottom of the differences between New York and Connecticut. The disagreement arose in manner following:-Certain Masons residing in Connecticut, but being members of a New York Lodge, petitioned the Grand Lodge of the former State for a charter for a new Lodge, and, we believe, the petition was granted. On the strength of this

most monstrous violation of a law, which has no real existence, the Grand Lodge of New York has passed a resolution which strictly prohibits all intercourse between the members which owe it allegiance and those who are under the sway of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Anathema Maranatha is the very mildest of the pains and penalties to which any one who should violate this resolution will be subjected. Thus, Masonic communication is absolutely forbidden between the brethren of Connecticut and New York, and the reason is that certain members of a New York Lodge, who reside however in Connecticut, petitioned the Grand Lodge of the latter. Let us endeavour to imagine how it would be if the Grand Master of England passed sentence of excommunication on the brethren of the Province of Sussex because some members of a London Lodge residing in Brighton petitioned in the first instance the P.G.M. of Sussex for a warrant for a new Lodge to be held in Brighton. Our readers, of course, will understand that in presenting this imaginary case, we are not seriously contemplating the idea that any P.G.M. has power to issue warrants on his own authority. We have merely suggested such a case in order to show how flimsy is the matter which has succeeded in establishing a dissension between the brethren of two contiguous States such as are New York and Connecticut.

We are not prepared to say the Grand Lodge of New York are not, in the circumstances, justified in the course they have pursued. It may have been an act of the greatest enormity on the part of the offending brethren, who are members of a new York Lodge but reside in Connecticut, to have petitioned the Grand Lodge of the latter State instead of that of the former; but what have the 80,000 New York brethren and the 15,000 or 20,000 brethren-minus the petitioners-of the adjoining State done that they also should be debarred from enjoying the innocent pleasure of cultivating fraternal relations among themselves, whenever an opportunity of so doing presented itself. The beadle of the parish, when arrayed in all the glory of his parochial uniform, is a public personage inferior as regards importance only to the sovereign ruler of a State or his Prime Minister; but even the beadle of a parish would hardly venture on the task of excommunicating the whole of his fellow parishioners and the people of an adjoining parish, because two or three vulgar little boys were one day rude enough to jump upon his favourite corn. We leave our friends to judge if New York, by its sentence of excommunication against Connecticut Masons,

has added one iota to its true dignity.

But if the conduct of New York has been undignified, the same cannot be said of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. The Grand Master of the latter in his customary address at the annual Communication held early in the present year is reported to have said, "by this severe, and as we believe, unjust edict, 70,000 Masons in New York and 15,000 in Connecticut, among whom have ever existed the most friendly and fraternal relations are thus placed at a perpetual distance, and the great work for ancient fraternity sadly infused By it, for a mere difference of opinion on a question of Masonic Law, and without even a pretence of discourtesy towards our sister Grand Lodge, we are placed under the same ban by the Grand Lodge of New York as the Grand Orient of France, which has struck out the most vital landmark of Freemasonry, and as the Grand Lodge of Hamburgh, which has defiantly planted, and still maintains Lodges in the State of New York." This, in all conscience, is clear and

straightforward, but let us note how admirable is the tone of the remarks that follow. "In view of all this," says Grand Master Barlow, whom we venture to congratulate on the kindly and Masonic recommendations he offers. "In view of all this, let us not indulge in harsh words or severe criticisms, but rather let us cherish the kindliest fraternal regard for our brethren of New York, and faithfully perform our Masonic obligations towards them. Let us manifest to the world that the cords of affection and duty, which bind Masons of Connecticut to the ancient Fraternity are too strong to be broken by the angry unprovoked blow even of a brother, and let us labour to basten the time when the true spirit of our Fraternity shall so fill all hearts, that interdictory edicts shall no more be resorted to as a remedy for unimportant cases of grievances between sister jurisdictions. Let us continue to hope and believe that a returning sense of justice and the hallowed remembrance of our former friendship may lead our sister Grand Lodge to quickly and cheerfully rescind the said edict and accept our extended hand in friendship and brotherly love."

And the Grand Lodge Committee are as delicately firm and kind as the Grand Master. In the resolutions they suggested for adoption by Grand Lodge, the first expresses sincere regret at "the interdiction by the M.W. Grand brethren of the two jurisdictions," and goes on to add the belief that such act is "unwise, unnecessary, and unjust." They then proceed to say, "that this Grand Lodge, in the act which gave rise to the unfortunate controversy, so abruptly terminated by the Grand Lodge of New York, and during the progress of that controversy, has simply asserted and maintained the principles of exclusive sovereignty within its own territorial limits, embracing the right to constitute into Lodges, under its own laws and regulations, and the landmarks of Masonry, any and all Masons residing within its jurisdiction, and has not assumed or sought to give to these laws any extra territorial force or effect. The right which it has thus asserted, it has at all times conceded to other Grand Lodges, and particularly to the Grand Lodge of New York, of which many instances may be shown." The third and last resolution is to the effect-"That the Grand Lodge of Connecticut will await in patient expectation the restoration of friendly relations, by the withdrawal of the edict of non-intercourse by the Grand Lodge of New York; and meanwhile the Masons in this jurisdiction are strictly enjoined to promote that happy event by the faithful performance of their Masonic obligations towards their New York brethren, in the spirit of the suggestions of the Grand Master on that subject, whose recommendations this Grand Lodge most cordially endorses and approves.'

There is something manly and dignified, as well as Masonic, in the manner in which the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Connecticut have approached this subject. They politely indicate it as their opinion that the Grand Lodge of New York has adopted a wrong idea of Masonic law, and that having done this, it has certainly not mended matters by issuing this tremendous edict. Yet, in the face of all this provocation to anger, they have expressed their intention of doing all in their power to promote the welfare of Masonry by courting reconciliation with their sister jurisdiction. Big New York has exploded its anger over an imaginary grievance, and little Connecticut, with respectful concern visible on every lineament of its generous face, stands by ready to shake hands when her peppery neighbour has got over her temper. Well done, Connecticut!

BRO. S. B. WILSON AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE R.M.I.B.

E publish elsewhere an important letter, addressed by Bro. S. B. Wilson to the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In drawing the attention of our readers to this communication we cannot do better than give a brief sketch of its purport. Bro. Wilson writes that, with a view to prevent unnecessary expense by proceeding with his action against the House remarks have no reference whatever to the circumstances Committee of the Boys' School, he proposed to submit his in dispute. On these we do not consider ourselves comdispute with that body to the arbitration of any one of petent to offer any opinion.

seven distinguished members of the profession to which he belongs, namely-Sir H. R. Hunt, C.B., George Pownall Esq., John Whichcord, Esq., Arthur Cates, Esq., W. G. Gardiner, Esq., Joseph Lavender, Esq., and W. Hudson, Esq. Mr. Stanley, Solicitor to the House Committee, with a promptness which does him great credit, agreed to the proposal, but suggested Mr. J. E. Saunders, an architect of equal character and standing with those already named. Bro. Wilson accepted Bro. Saunders as arbitrator, and was prepared to abide by the result of his award. The House Committee, however, have, with a perverse obstinacy which cannot be too strongly condemned, declined to stand by the arrangement of their own Solicitor. The result is that Bro. Wilson has had no option but to give instructions for the action to proceed, and whether he wins or loses, the Boys' School will have some heavy costs to discharge. This is the case as presented to us in the letter we have specified.

Let us take the circumstances into consideration, not the whole of them—Heaven forfend!—but those which affect the case just now. Bro. Wilson has once before expressed his readiness to submit the point in dispute to arbitration, but the offer was rejected. When he found that no solution of the difficulty between him and the House Committee was possible without referring it to a court of law, he at Lodge of New York of Masonic intercourse between the the last moment, with true forbearance and kindliness of spirit, a second time proposes arbitration, and the proposal has been unceremoniously rejected for the second time. Thus then stands the case. Bro. Wilson, the correctness of whose charges for professional work is impugned by the House Committee of the School, has twice agreed to submit to abide by arbitration, while the said Committee, which questions these charges, has twice deliberately refused arbitration. What is the natural inference? That Bro. Wilson has faith in the justice of his case, and the House Committee has not. And after all is said, what more entirely natural? Bro. Wilson, as a respected professional man of long standing, knows fully well what he is justified in doing, and not doing. But the House Committee—is it composed of experienced architects, who are competent to challenge a professional bill of costs? They are probably of business in their own estimation, and are doubtless familiar enough with the particular callings they have severally followed. But, albeit they are speculative Masons, that circumstance alone gives them no special knowledge about the erection of buildings. For ourselves, we believe the House Committee is animated by an intense and most unmasonic spirit of hostility against Bro. Wilson. On no other ground can we account for that estimable brother having, for a period extending over three years, more or less, been bandied about from Committee to Committee and then to the General Court. Bro. Wilson has tried by every means in his power to avoid litigation. It seems as though the House Committee had left no stone unturned in order to court it. Bro. Wilson, under the most extreme provocation, has even at the very last moment proposed an alternative course, by which, at all events, the cost of litigation would be avoided. The House Committee, even after their own legal representative has accepted this proposal, sternly set themselves to the task of fighting out the battle to the bitter end. We know that business is business, and Masonry is Masonry, and, further, that no one has the right to mix up two things so opposite one with the other; but that is no reason why brethren, who, in the course of circumstances, may have business to transact together, should conduct it on principles which are the reverse of decent, to say nothing of their being the reverse of un-Masonic. One other point to which Bro. Wison is fully alive, and we have done. The members of the House Committee, singularly bigoted as they may be to their own opinions, and making every allowance for their utter incompetence to offer any opinion on this, or it may be, any other business, cannot be blind to the fact that whatever may be the result of the action now pending between them and Bro. Wilson, the funds of the Boys' School must suffer. And yet they insist on the case proceeding! We should be worse than worthless if we allowed ourselves to utter a single word of sympathy with them, and the next time an election to this Committee takes place we trust the electors will bear these matters in mind.

It must be clearly and emphatically understood that our

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

BRO. S. B. WILSON AND THE HOUSE COM-MITTEE OF THE R.M.I.B.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -I enclose copy of a letter I have addressed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and if you can find a corner for it I shall feel much obliged.

Yours faithfully,

S. B. WILSON.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 30th March 1881.

TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

GENTLEMEN AND BRETHREN,-In order that unnecessary expense might be avoided, my solicitors submitted the following names to Mr. Stanley, the representative of the House Committee, for him to select one to act as referee on my claim for professional services to the Institution from the following list: -Sir H. A. Hunt, C.B., George Pownall, Esq., John Whichcord, Esq., Arthur Cates, Esq., W. J. Gardiner, Esq., Joseph Lavender, Esq., W. Hudson, Esq., all of them being, as you are aware, gentlemen of the highest character and standing in the profession.

After a long time had elapsed for consideration, Mr. Stanley suggested Mr. J. E. Saunders, of Finsbury Circus, a gentleman of equal character and standing with those I had named, and my solicitors immediately agreed to accept his decision in the matter.

The House Committee have now refused to agree to the proposal of Mr. Stanley, their own representative, and consequently I have had no alternative but to give instructions to proceed with the necessary steps for the enforcement of my claim; but I think it only right to lay the present position of the matter before you, as the conduct of the House Committee must have the effect of running up heavy and law charges, which must eventually fall on the unnecessary Institution.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 30th March 1881.

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -I beg to congratulate "A PAST MASTER" on his excellent summary published in your columns of last week. He has invited corrections, so permit me to call attention to the omission—so far as Worcestershire is concerned—of no less than fifty-two Boys' votes and four Girls' votes in the published Lists of Subscribers upon which the tables are founded.

I append for your satisfaction proof thereof, which I shall be happy to supply to "A PAST MASTER" if he will favour me with his

This brings the Worcestershire average in the Boys' School to this Province to sixth place.

I have supplied the Secretaries with material for the necessary

additions.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE TAYLOR, P.G.J.W.

Secretary Worcestershire Charity Association.

Summerdyne, Kidderminster, 30th March 1881.

We think it desirable to publish the particulars referred to above.—

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AN EARLY YORKSHIRE FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have pleasure in complying with the request of Bro. J.W. 148, and in sending the following note, from the Wills Coart, at York, for publication:—
A.D. 1590-1. March 19.

John Kidd, of Leeds, Freemason, gives bond to produce the original will of William Taylor, junr., of Leeds.

Yours fraternally,

P.P.G.J.W.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lient.-Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), John A. Rucker, A. J. Duff-Filer, George Bolton, E. H. Finney, James Peters, H. Massey, Thomas Massa, A. H. Tattershall, Joshua Nunn, James F. Corben, J. H. Matthews, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. G. Brown, Peter de Lande Long, R. B. Webster. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion, a vote of thanks being passed to the Chairman.

CHARITY ASSOCIATIONS.

We are very pleased to hear that the members of the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, have decided on the formation of an association in connection with their Lodge for the purpose of conferring on members Life Governerships in the Masonic Charities, by the payment of small weekly subscriptions. The usual course adopted by similar associations, as to subscriptions and ballot, will be observed in this case, and we can but express a hope that the result will prove most satisfactory. Bro. L. Norden, I.P.M. 205, is the Hon. Sec. pro tem, and either he or Bro. T. J. Maidwell will be happy to take the names of brethren wishing to join. The meetings of the association will be held in connection with the Lodge of Instruction, which meets every Thursday evening, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. There is yet another claimant for the honour of being looked upon as supporter of our Charities, The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, having established a similar association in connection with their Lodge; here also The subscriptions will be one shilling per week, and the usual forms will be observed. We cannot do more than express the hope that this also will prove a success.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

THE Annual Convocation of the "Royal Veterans' Encampment of the United Religions Million of the United Religious, Military, and Masonic Order of Knights Templar," was holden on Friday, 25th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. E. Sir Knight Sydney L. R. Templer was installed as Eminent Commander. This very impressive ceremony was performed by E. Sir Knight L. D. Westcott, assisted by E. Sir Knights I. Watts, J. Austin, J. B. Gover, Samuel Jew, Thos. Heath, Col. FitzGerald, J. Edward Curteis, R. Pengelly, and E. Aitken Davies. Sir Knight Templer was afterwards installed as Prior of the Priory of Malta. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year in the Encampment were: -Sir Knights Thomas Heath P.P.G.S.B. 28½, and fifth place. In the Girls it remains the same, and in the I.P.E.C., Francis B. Westlake 1st Captain, John James 2nd Captain, combined Lists it increases the average to 45¾, and the position of L. D. Westcott P.P.G.M. Prelate, Josiah Austin P.E.C. P.P.G.E. Treasurer, Thomas Heath Registrar, E. Binding Expert, W. A. Fowler Captain of Lines, S. Jew 1st Herald, I. Watts S.B., J. B. Gover Almoner, and William H. Phillips Guard. The banquet was held at the Globe Hotel. Frater Templer presided until the inevitable train was due, after which Fraters Heath and Jew acted for him, and a most enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

MYDDELTON HALL.

CONCERT was given by Mr. W. Wright, a relation of Bro. J. Osborne, W.M. elect of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, on Thursday, 24th March. The Hall was crowded in every part, and amongst the audience we noticed Bro. Churchwarden Friend, Churchwarden Warr; Bro. Halford G.P.J.D. Herts, P.M.'s Pearcy, Meekham, Meyer, Weston, Berry; Bros. Parkinson, Bird, Dillon, Ball, Greenfield, Field, Hollidge, Harris, Seamer, Townley, &c. The programme was exceedingly well carried out, Mdlle. Vagnolini, Miss Marian Lynton, R.A.M., and Miss Coyte Turner giving great satisfaction, and necessitating encores: whilst the pianoforte playing of the Misses Amy and Nelly Clark, pupils of the beneficiare, was much admired, and exhibited evidence of careful training. "St. Ronan's Eve," a new song, with Invisible Quartette, by F. W. Lacey, and excellently rendered by Miss Coyte Turner, had a most enthusiastic encore. Mr. Wright, in his solo pianoforte, "Irish Diamonds," surpassed himself, his execution being brilliant, and the expressive passages well sustained. Mr. Ryan received great applause for the song "Alice, where art thou?" as did Miss Coyte Turner, for the "Lost Chord," sung by desire. Messrs. Lovett King, James Bayne, and Charles Walters rendered efficient service in the trios and part songs, and Mr. McLellen was extremely amusing in his effusions à la Grossmith. Mr. Pocklington, with H. Poulet's highly successful song, "Big Ben," pleased greatly. We must congratulate Mr. Wright on the success of his first concert, by which no doubt his reputation as a professor will be materially increased. The comfort of the audience was looked after by Bro. J. Osborne, who had for his aide-de-camp Bro. R. G. Thomas (of this Journal) Org. 1602.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE installation meeting was held on 24th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. The W.M., Bro. E. C. Ferry, occupied the chair, W. Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., J. H. Goodwin Treas., G. T. Brown Secretary, G. Shadler S.D., C. J. Rich J.D., Stafford as I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Cornwall, E. Arnold, C. Daniel, Cook, and Chivers. After all formalities had been duly observed, Bros. Fencott, Patience, Mattin, and Pocock were raised to the sublime degree, and Mr. R. J Clark was initiated into the Order; the ceremonies being ably rendered by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. Chicken S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. C. Daniel P.M. Bro. Brown gave the concluding addresses. At the conclusion of the ceremony both brethren were congratulated by the members and visitors; there were twenty-six W.M.'s and P.M.'s present at this interesting core mony. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new W.M. received the customary salutations; he then, in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers as follow:-Bros. C. E. Ferry I.P.M., J Roberts S.W., G. Schadler J.W., J. H. Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Sceretary, C. J. Rich S.D., F. Kearney J.D., J. Hawkins I.G., C. Daniel D.C., J. Boston A.D.C., E. Marshall W.S., C. Speight P.M. Prov. G. Tyler Surrey Tyler, Bro. James Terry P.P.G.W. Herts efficiently acted as D.C. The Report of the Audit Committee showed a Balance in hand-to Lodge Fund £68 18s, and Benevolent Fund £24 16s. A Committee for making arrangements for a Summer Banquet was appointed. A sum of two guineas was voted to Bro. Mills' Lodge was then closed until June, and the brethren, one hundred in number, sat down to a capital banquet and dessert Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Bro. Ferry I.P.M. rose; he could see with what pleasure the brethren had noticed that he had taken the gavel. It was to propose the toast of the W.M. The brethren would all agree with him when he told them that Bro. Chicken was an energetic Mason. Most of them had seen his working as S.W., and by that could judge his qualifications for Master. He was convinced he need not say another word to ensure the toast a hearty reception. The Worshipful Master thanked Brother Ferry for the manner in which he had spoken of him, he was also gratified at the way in which the toast had been received. It was many years since he was initiated in the Lodge, but to-night was the proudest moment of his life, when he realised that he was the W.M. of the Lodge; his best efforts should be exerted for the service of the brethren; his heart and soul was with them. He had to thank them heartily for their kind expressions. The W.M. next gave what he considered the toast of the evening—the newly-initiated brother. Without new blood no Lodge could go on. The attention he had paid to the ceremony warranted the hope he would be a credit to the Order. The E.A. song having been sung, Bro. Clark returned thanks in an appropriate speech. The toast of the Visitors came next; it was a very pleasing duty; to-night there was a large number of visitors, namely, thirtyfive; the W.M. would select four brethren-Bros. James Terry, E. Bowyer, Martin, and T. J. Maidwell to respond. Bro. James Terry, as one of the thirty-five representing the Visiting Brethren, felt proud to return thanks, and to see the Lodge so prosperous. All knew what it had done for the Masonic Institutions, and all knew what it would do. The I.P.M. had taken up one hundred and five guineas for the Aged, while Bro. Brown had already doubled that amount for the Girls' School. He was gratified also in being able to say that the newly-appointed D.C., Bro. Daniels P.M, had the sum of one hundred and thirty guineas on his list for the Boys'. Bro. Binckes he (Bro. Terry) felt assured would not be content with a less sum this year than £17,000. This Lodge was one of which the Craft was proud. Bro. Terry then paid just compliments to the two brethren who had performed the ceremony of installation, while the W.M.'s presidency left nothing to be desired. Bros. Martin, T. Maidwell, and Bowyer followed, and then the W.M. proposed the next toast the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Ferry, whom he assured of the appreciation the brethren entertained for the way in which he had carried out the duties during his year of office. It was a pleasant task he had undertaken, that of placing on Bro. Ferry's breast a token of the regard in which he was held. In addition he had to present a clock, which he, his wife, and his family would with pleasure look on in recognition of the many hours he had passed with the members. The jewel was a gift from the Lodge, and the clock the gift of the brethren. Bro. Ferry, in response, said, after all the kindnesses he had received, he could hardly find words to express his satisfaction at this further token of their regard. He hoped to be among them as a P.M. for many years; he thanked them for their valuable presents, which his good wife would fully appreciate; her feelings in regard to Freemasonry and charity rie snould always look on the jewel with pride. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s. That night they were not honoured with the attendance of so many as they could wish to see. However, there were several more who would have liked to be present. He would name Bros. Cornwell, Arnold, Brown, Daniel, Cook, Goodwin, Bellerby, and Chivers; all respected them and knew their value and good qualities. To Bro. Daniel especial thanks were due, not only for services in the Lodge, but much energy displayed out of it. He is a Vice-President of one of the Institutions, and is now going up again as Steward. The same remark holds good with Bro. Brown; the one brother as Installing Master, and the other for assistance rendered, deserved their heartiest thanks. Bro. Arnold P.M. first replied; he was followed by Bros. Cook and Chivers, who both felt proud in seeing how the Lodge had progressed. Bros. Brown and Daniel each responded, and then the W.M. gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary with the other Officers. After suitable acknowledgments for the compliment, the Tyler's toast was given. Several brethren

Mills and Sherwell looked after the comfort of the members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. S. Clarke, Catterson, G. Brooks, F. Stafford, Aynsley, C. Beaumont, C. W. Kent, James Terry, E. Bowyer, Bush, Lazarus, Maidwell, Barker, Nash, Griffiths, Cook, Potts, Martin, Batchelor, Butler, Williams, Fowler, Brass, Martin, Briggs, Haynes, Carman, Fryer, Soucks, Brewer, and H. M. Levy.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE Installation Meeting was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. The brethren were called for 2.30, but notwithstanding business commenced at this early hour, the sitting was protracted much beyond the time fixed, and, as we have before remarked with respect to the after proceedings at this Lodge, the scramble to make up for lost time sadly marred the enjoyment of the brethren and their guests. The Lodge was for. mally opened by the W.M. Bro. G. E. Cook, who was supported by his Officers, and the following Past Masters:—W. Coombes, J. L. Coulton, G. Fehrenbach, John Weedon, B. H. Swallow, and E. C. Woodward. The Visiting Brethren who signed the attendance book were:—Bros. H. C. Smith 1563, W. O. Beasley J.W. 172, A. H. Baker 720, T. Morris 1306, C. J. L. Sandilands 1540, J. F. Knight. Smith P.M. 1441, E. Berger P.M. 435, T. Chever 145, and H. Perdue 834. After the minutes had been read and duly confirmed, the ceremonial work was proceeded with; this comprised the raising of Bros. Jetsum and Barnicoat; the passing of Bro. Skeate; and the initiation of Mr. F. Miller (who had been previously approved by ballot), Mr. Thomas Brooks, proposed by Bro. Weedon P.M., seconded by Bro. Rowles S.D., and Mr. Charles Albert Poole, proposed by Bro. Weedon P.M., seconded by Bro. Nicholson. ballot, however, had been taken for the two last-named gentlemen, and before they were introduced, Bro. Coulton took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Russ, was introduced to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Bro. Coulton is an old P.M. of this Lodge, and we have ere this had occasion to speak of his skill. Suffice it, therefore, that on this occasion he well sustained the reputation for care and ability he so well merits. Officers invested were: -Bros. Lonsdale S.W., Rowles J.W., Coulton P.M. Treasurer, Coombes P.M. Secretary, Cooper S.D., Nicholson Junior Deacon, Hall Inner Guard, Wilson Organist, Woodward Past Master Director of Ceremonies, Duffin Tyler. The new W.M. then gave the benefit of the first degree to the gentlemen named above, and by the able way in which he conducted the ceremony evidenced the choice the brethren had made was one that must ensure the duties of the chair being carried ont in an eminently satisfactory manner during the current year. In the course of the evening reference was made by Bro. P.M. Swallow to the hapless condition of an old P.M. of the Lodge, and a petition for aid from the Board of Benevolence was signed by the Officers and members. hearty greetings of the visiting brethren had been tendered, Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in a very creditable manner by host Bro. Philips. The W.M. efficiently presided, and in the briefest terms proposed the regular toasts. A capital musical programme was gone through, but to our mind, it would have been better, in view of the exigencies of the hour if it had been curtailed. add that a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Cook the outgoing Master. The brethren to whom the musical arrangements were entrusted were J. I. Cantle P.M., Knight-Smith P.M., and J. Arthur Thomas. We append a list of the songs, &c.:-"God save the Queen;" Chorus and Duet, "God Bless the Prince of Wales;" Song, "My Pretty Jane," Bro. Arthur Thomas; Duet, "Excelsior," Bros. Knight-Smith, and J. Ion Cantle; Song, "The Blue Alsatian Mountains," Bro. Knight-Smith; Song, "Hurrah for Rosy Wine," Bro. J. Ion Cantle; Song, "The Gay Postillion" (with Whip Obligato), Bro. Arthur Thomas; New Song, "Who Cares," Bro. J. Ion Cantle; Duet, "All's Well," Bros. Arthur Thomas and J. Ion Cantle; Song, "Good Night, Beloved," Bro. Knight-Smith.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

TEMPTED by the geniality displayed by the clerk of the weather during the past week or ten days, the brethren assembled in considerable strength at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 25th ult. The chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. B. E. Blasby, who was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters:-Bros. W. Gomm, J. Chambers Rowe, Walter Goss (Treasurer), Chas. May, Littlewood, W. Hilton (Secretary), A. Beasley, H. Potter, &c., with the following Visitors:-Bros. J. E. Carpenter P.M. 1196, R. J. Manning Treasurer 446, T. W. Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent, W. Harding 193, John Plowman 975, Jas. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., N. Walton 865, James Squire P.M. 3, Charles Bean 889, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, W. Radcliffe I.P.M. 211, J. J. Michael P.G.P. Kent, W. H. Air 554, G. R. Cundell, and E. Morison jun. 1194. Lodge was opened at the hour appointed, and minutes of last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. There were in attendance two candidates for raising-Bros. John Lees and Walter John Sperring. Both passed a satisfactory examination, and the ceremony of the degree was ably worked by the W.M. The aspirants for the second step were Bros. Samuel Blasby, Charles Thomas James Hildersley, and J. Moore Lucas, who sustained their claim for preferment, and were duly passed. The ballot was then brought into requisition for Mr. George Jefferies, proposed by Bro. Blasby W.M., and seconded by Bro. Roe P.M.; for Mr. J. P. Flew, proposed by Bro. Squires, and seconded by Bro. Blasby W.M.; and for Mr. Henry Bailey, proposed by Bro. Blasby W.M., and seconded by Bro. Maton. In each case the result was satisfactory, and these gentlemen were introduced and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. A sum of £2 2s was voted from the funds in aid of the Hervey Memorial Fund, and £10 10s contributed to the harmony of the evening. Bros. C. Daniel P.M., I towards the List of Bro. P.M. Gomm, who has kindly undertaken

a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The resignation of two members was accepted, with regret, and after some propositions had been handed in, and routine work, Lodge was closed. After a brief interval the customary banquet was served, Bro. Brill ably ministering to the requirements of the large gathering. On the removal of the cloth the Loyal toasts were done full justice to. Bro. Past Master Gomm eloquently sang the praises of Bro. Blasby; all the members recognised the zeal displayed by their W.M., and one and all wished him continued prosperity during his year of office. After a capital song by Bro. Jefferies, Bro. Blasby rose to reply. He felt their worthy I.P.M. had been too liberal in the praise he had bestowed upon him. However, he could assure the brethren he should ever strive to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and the comfort of its members. The Past Masters were next complimented. Each of those present addressed a few observations, and many happy allusions were, in the course of their remarks, made to the pleasant byegones of the Lodge. The initiates were next toasted, and replies were forcibly made by the newly-made brethren. The toast of the Charities brought forth an elaborate statement of their needs, and a pleasant résumé of what each Institution was doing for the distressed brethren and their offspring. The toast of the Visitors brought forth the eloquence of Bro. Carpenter, who could boast of forty-two years experience of what the Craft had done. The remaining toasts were not overlooked, and to each suitable responses were made. Altogether the evening passed most pleasantly, Bros. Flaw, Jefferies, Beasley, Gunner, Lucas, Hildersley and others contributing some excellent harmony. The Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Kent, ably assisted at the pianoforte.

SOIREE OF THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE members and friends of The Great City Lodge took part in a most enjoyable entertainment on Saturday, 26th March, at the Cannon Street Hotel. The Lodge is so noted for the thoroughness with which everything in connection therewith is undertaken, that we think very little need be said on that score; suffice it, that this evening's meeting proved one of the most successful-if not the most success ful-that has ever been held. The opinion we entertain as to the desirability of having at least one ladies' night in connection with our Masonic year is well known. We are assured that the entertainment provided for the fair sex at such meetings as that given by The Great City Lodge can but be beneficial to the Craft, as through its influence the ladies come to look upon the Order with more favour than is the case when they are rigorously excluded from any participation in the enjoyment of its periodical assemblies. We are very pleased to find this opinion growing in favour, and have no doubt that the example of The Great City and other influential Lodges will in the future be frequently followed, and that ere long it will be the custom rather than the exception, as at present, for the ladies to participate in at least one of the Lodge meetings of the year. The programme for the evening, as provided at The Great City, was varied the entertainment commenced at half-past five for six, with a concert in the Great Hall, which was followed by Mr. Benn's exhibition, which, as many of our readers are doubtless aware, is a display of that gentleman's wonderful ability in the art of portrait drawing, which is, if not exactly instantaneous, at least very nearly so. His power in this direction was amply illustrated when he placed on the board the profile of one of the most prominent members of the Lodge, and the hearty applause which greeted the well known features showed the satisfaction of the spectators, not only of the artist's power, but also of the way in which the duties appertaining to his office are falfilled by the brother in question. This concluding the first part of the programme, an adjournment took place to the Pillar Hall, where supper was laid out in splendid style, the managers of the hotel apparently doing everything in their power to secure the comfort of those assembled. At the conclusion of the supper, the toasts were very few, the chairman proposing The Queen and the Craft, and later on The Ladies. Success to The Great City Lodge was heartily proposed, and as heartily received. The W.M. Bro. Hamer, in replying, referred to the pleasure he and his brother Officers felt in witnessing the success of the entertainment. He thanked the company for the way in which they had drunk to the success of the Lodge. He was extremely proud to occupy the position of Worshipful Master, but never had he felt more so than on the present occasion, when he saw around him so many friends other than members of the Lodge, but more particularly the Ladies. He then proposed the health of The Ladies, calling upon Bro. Benn to respond. That gentleman, in answer to the call, said he felt it a great privilege to be associated with the ladies, either in a toast or in any other way. He would conclude his remarks with the oft repeated line

"The ladies, God bless them."

The W.M. desired to tender the thanks of the members to those who had so kindly contributed to the harmony of the evening. He then announced that a dance was arranged for in the great hall, and that the band was waiting. Accordingly, a removal was made and a lively dance was kept up until close upon midnight. We have already said the evening was a most enjoyable one, a result which could have been achieved only at great trouble on the part of those who had the arrangement of the preliminary details, and we think that all will agree with us in awarding the palm in that respect to Bro. Blackie, the Secretary. When all passes off well there are few who consider the amount of trouble that must have been entailed to bring about so successful an issue, but we imagine that Bro. Blackie could tell of many an hour spent in arranging details; however, he was amply rewarded, as were all who had assisted him, in being able to point to so grand a result. We understand that at least one hundred and fifty more tickets could have been allotted than were supplied; the committee having deemed it better to disappoint a minority than to inconvenience all. The actual number present was upwards of two hundred and thirty.

EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 1719.

WE invariably look forward to the meetings of this compact and ably conducted Lodge with much pleasure, and the gratification we experienced as the result of our attendance on Tuesday, the 22nd nlt., was all we could have hoped for. Lodge was presided over by the W.M. Bro. William Sngg, who was right loyally supported by his Officers. The business comprised the reading of the minutes of last regular, and of an emergency meeting, which were duly confirmed. Bro. John Coppen, who by the courtesy of the W.M. of the Windsor Lodge had received his second degree, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. Sugg ably conducting the ceremony, which was rendered the more impressive by the organ performance of Bro. Henry Sugg W.M. of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 482. A candidate for initiation, who had for his sponsors Bros. Mildred and Mainwaring, was successfully ballotted for, and notice of motion was given that £5 5s be voted from the Lodge funds towards the Hervey Memorial Fund. The Treasurer reported that the balance in hand at the end of February amounted to £105. An appeal was then made for brethren to offer themselves to serve as Stewards, and Bro. A. Williams expressed his readiness to act for the Girls' Institution; £10 10s was promised in support of his List. We regret no brother offered his services on behalf of "Our Boys," as the Lodge, with considerate liberality, was quite prepared to advocate the granting of a like sum to that Institution. However, we are assured that at the next meeting of the Lodge one of its youngest members, failing acceptance by a senior, will tender his services. We may add that Bro. J. W. Sugg intimated that at the Festival in 1882, for the Royal Masonic Benovolent Institution, he would be happy to act as Steward for the Lodge. Some propositions for joining and initiation were then handed in Bro. Magnus Ohren Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies then rose; he stated that it was with great pleasure he had to inform the brethren that he had been entrusted with a commission from their I.P.M., Bro. John Aird—a commission of which he felt proud; it was to present the Lodge, in Bro. Aird's name, with a souvenir of his year of office as W.M., and to mark the many happy hours he had spent with the brethren since the formation of the Lodge. He (Bro. Ohren) must remind the W.M. and brethren that they were already indebted to Bro. Aird for a very valuable gift to the Lodge. It would be in the recollection of all that the Founders each did their best to furnish their Lodge in a manner worthy of the position it was destined to take in the Craft, and all had given to the best of their ability. that occasion Bro. Aird took upon himself to supply the whole of the collars and jewels required for the Officers. The jewels were of collars and jewels required for the Officers. The jewels were of massive silver, and the gift was, he need scarcely say, a most valuable one to the Lodge. Bro. Aird did not, however, rest satisfied with making that mark in the Lodge, but desired to perpetuate his year of office still further, by the gift he now tendereda magnificent snuffbox. He felt assured that the present and all future Worshipful Masters would see that the box was placed on the banquet table at every meeting, so that future members might know the kindness of feeling that existed amongst the brethren. Bro. Ohren then, on behalf of Bro. Past Master Aird, handed over the handsome present, and moved that the best thanks of the Lodge be presented to Bro. Aird for this mark of his kindness, and that the same be recorded on the minutes, together with a copy of the inscription; he felt confident that not only the Officers, but every member of this Lodge, would reciprocate all Bro. Aird's good wishes and good feeling, and that the motion would be carried with acclamation. It need scarcely be added the proposition was heartily carried. Bro. Aird, in reply, said that, agreeable as it was to hear such kind remarks expressed, he felt he ought not to have been present. However, his acknowledgments were due to one and all, especially to the Worshipful Master and the Secretary, Bro. Ohren. Bro. Mitchell appealed to the brethren for their suffrages and assistance on behalf of the widow of the late Bro. Diver, and recounted the particulars of the case, which was one of great distress. After one or two other matters had been disposed of, Lodge was closed. A banquet was then partaken of, and the brethren spent the evening together most pleasantly. The Worshipful Master provided a capital musical entertainment, in which the following artistes took part :-Misses Helen Grieffenhagen and Millie Turner; Mr. Coward; Bros. Stedman, Charles Tinney, and J. Jeffreys. The following were Stedman, Charles Tinney, and J. Jeffreys. present as Visitors:—Bros. Mitchell P.M. 944 P.G.J.W. Bombay, C. Hume P.M. 209, Roberts 209, Allport 100, Thomas Crapper 211, Henry Sugg W.M. 482, Cruckenden, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, Vincent P.M., Browning S.W. 33, Tinney I.G. 1319.

INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 186.

THE second Annual Ball was held on the 15th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. W. Philp W.M. and the following Stewards: -Bros. W. Mann P.M. and Treasurer, J. Seex P.M. Treasurer, T. Tallent P.M., G. Dyer P.M., W. H. Hook P.M., H. J. Johnson S.W., J. F. Taffs J.W., G. J. Dyer I.G., W. S. Page W.S., Noehmer P.M., S. Earl, A. Leon, H. C. Day, T. Hollands, G. F. Stuchbury, H. Stubbins, F. W. Clayton, H. H. Leonard, F. J. Dansford; and Bro. Douglass Robinson P.M., who efficiently acted as M.C. The company, numbering over 100, assembled in the Crown Room, where a very excellent band, under the direction of Bro. H. Baker, discoursed sweet music. A capital supper was provided by Bro. A. Best, and after the ladies and brethren had partaken of the good things provided, the W.M., Bro. Philp, said, although theirs was a social gathering, they could not go forth without drinking the health of the Queen, whom all revered; he hoped she might long enjoy health to reign over us. Bro. W. Mann P.M. then rose. He would not take up their time in proposing his toast; he must say that great credit is due to the W.M. for his exertions on behalf of the Lodge. Bro. Philp is a young Mason, but he is universally re. spected. The W.M. thanked Bro. Mann for his kind remarks; he

was proud to occupy the chair of the Industry Lodge; he hoped, in his capacity of President on this occasion, he had given them satisfaction. Bro. Noehmer P.M., in humorous terms, proposed the health of the Stewards of the Ball, but he regretted the absence of some of those brethren with their ladies. After an able response from Bro. Tallent P.M., the W.M. proposed the toast of the Ladies; he was pleased to see so many present. There were certain formalities in Freemasonry which precluded them being present at Lodge meetings, but all are pleased to see them at these happy gatherings. Captain Russell ably responded to the toast, and then dancing was resumed.

STUART LODGE, No. 1632.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 28th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. The W.M. of the year, Bro. George Harry Gilham, ably presided, and was supported by the following Officers: Bros. Donald J. R. Clark S.W. W.M. elect, G. Lilley J.W., T. Poore P.M. Secretary, G. L. Gilham S.D., W. Job J.D., G. W. Evans Organist, R. Barham and H. Baldwin Stewards, E. Bessell I.G. The preliminary business having been transacted, and the report of the Andit Committee received, the ballot was brought into requisition on behalf of Mr. Charles Fruen, who was a candidate for initiation. The ballot proved to be in his favour, and later in the evening he received the first degree. The Worshipful Master elect having been presented, was obligated, and in admirable manner installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Gilham; we do not remember seeing any brother perform the ceremony in a more earnest way than did Brother Gilham, every part of the ritual receiving from him an emphasis which lent additional impressiveness. The addresses having been given, the new Worshipful Master invested the following as his Officers:-namely Lilley S.W., Gilham J.W., Poore P.M. Secretary, Job S.D., Bessell J.D., Barham I.G., Stuart-Barker jun. Director of Ceremonies, and Bannister Organist. Bro. G. H. Gilham then again assumed the chair, and Mr. C. Fruen was admitted and initiated. The Worshipful Master afterwards closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Among the visitors present were Bros. Moss, Taylor, Thomas, Clark jun., Woodman, Milbourne, Canton, Forge, Bright, Dawes, Probyn, R. Longhurst, W. W. Morgan jun. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). At the conclusion of the banquet, the Worshipful Master proposed the preliminary toasts. Bro. Gilham gave that of the W.M. He was again entrusted with the gavel; he never took it in hand with greater pleasure than then. The W.M had been associated with the Lodge from its commencement; and he felt there was no one in the Lodge who could propose a toast that would be more heartily received than that of Brother Clark. Brother Gilham felt sure the new W.M. would do all that could be done to make his year of office a successful one. The Worshipful Master replied to the toast with the greatest pleasure; he was very proud of the position to which he had been elected, and should endeavour to do his best for the Lodge and for that peace and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasonry. He felt that there were many brethren around him who wished him every success during his term of office, and he could but hope that such would be the result of his efforts. The W.M. next proposed the health of Brother Fruen, the initiate of the meeting. He considered this toast the most important of the evening, as it was to the initiates that they had to look to maintain Freemasonry in its present position. The brother they had that night received into their midst gave every promise of becoming a good Mason, having, if he might judge from his conversation, taken a great interest in the ceremony thus far. Bro. Fruen, in reply, said that it had given him the greatest pleasure to join the ranks of Freemasonry, which he found was based on the principles he had been taught during his whole life--to look to the Great Creator in all cases and on all subjects. The health of the Visitors was given from the chair. The Worshipful Master said he could not speak in more favourable terms of one than of another; still, he had more especially to thank Bros. Moss, Canton, and Milbourne. The Lodge was at all times pleased to see Visitors; he felt sure the members all hoped the guests had spent a pleasant evening-such was certainly his desire. Bros. Moss, Canton, Milbourne, Probyn, &c., replied. In giving the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Clark referred to the many good qualities of Bro. Gilham; he had done well during the past year, and especially so that night, when he had so ably installed his successor. The Worshipful Master had much pleasure in investing Bro. Gilham with a Past Master's jewel, which the brethren had subscribed for, and in doing so wished him long life and happiness. Bro. Gilham, in reply, could not help feeling the kind manner in which he had been spoken of. Ever since he had been initiated into Freemasonry he had made Masonry his religion. He greatly appreciated the proud honour he now possessed of being able to write P.M. after his name. When he became an Officer of the endeavoured to do everything required of him to the best of his skill and ability, and hoped he had given satisfaction. He considered it the duty—the absolute duty—of a Master to instal his successor. If he failed in the work his brethren would forgive him, but if he succeeded, then they were ready to shower honours on him. He was extremely pleased with the jewel they had presented to him, and when he considered the unanimity with which it had been voted, he could but look upon it as the proudest ornament he could wear The Worshipful Master next gave the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Stuart-Barker replied. The Officers having been honoured, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

At the Lamb Tavern, Bethnal-green Junction. At the meeting held on Wednesday, the 23rd ultimo, the chair was occupied by Bro. B. Cundick, who was supported by Bros. W. Musto P.M. as S.W., G. H. Stephens J.W., W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor, A. Hand

Secretary, B. Stewart S.D., T. Wooding J.D., Clarke I.G.; Past Masters Myers, Webb, Barnes, Cohen; Bros. Chitson, How, Gladstein, Sturtevant, Leane, Hopkins, Loveday, Seymour-Clarke, Christian, Ward, J. Taylor, McDonald, Richardson. Lodge was opened, and the Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture:—Bros. Richardson, Loane, Clark, Wooding, Hogg, and McDonald. Second Lecture:—Bros. Stewart, Stephens, Webb, Musto, and Hopkins. Third Lecture:—Bros. Barnes, Myers, and Taylor. At the conclusion of the working, Bros. Leane 1421, Richardson 174, and Hopkins 749 were duly elected members. A cornial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Candick for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair; honorary membership of the Lodge was also conferred upon him.

Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 19th ult. The Lodge was opened punctually at five in the afternoon by the W.M., Bro. B. R. Bryant, and there were present during the meeting Bros. G. R. Richards S.W., J. S. Mansell J.W., A. Middle. mass S.D., J. C. Reynolds Treasurer, John Hernaman Secretary, A. J. Brinton I.G., H. Forbes and W. L. Permawan Stewards; Past Masters B. Lyon, G. T. Bickerton, J. Sugden, and H. Martin; W. Andrews, G. P. Britton, G. W. Marsden, R. J. Voisey, T. Heller, D. D. Mercer, T. E. Webb, J. N. Tinney, C. Wilson, J. E. Knox, H. Bickerstaff, F. G. Lewin, J. A. Thornbill, R. Irvine, R. H. Fanner, C. J. Tyrrell, C. Hollingsworth, J. C. Bradley, C. S. Stevens, W. P. Roberts, C. F. Cockle, G. Harrison, &c. Visitors were Bros. James Stevens, E. W. Allen, George Yaxley, G. J. Earney, F. J. Dubois, T. W. Headon. After confirmation of minutes, Bro. C. F. Cockle was passed to the F.C. degree, and Mr. Alfred William Hammond was duly initiated into the Order. The cere. monies were admirably performed, and the work of the Worshipful Master, which was concluded by an excellent delivery of the charge in the E.A. degree, well deserved the encomiums of members and visitors alike. The Masonic Charitable Institutions were remembered. and the W.M. and Bro. Past Master Bickerton agreed to act as Stewards respectively for the ensuing Festivals of Boys and Girls. Notices of motion for Lodge grants in behalf of both lists were made, and after the proposition of further candidates, the Lodge was closed. The brethren banquetted in the dining room adjoining the Temple, where a very liberal repast was served. The viands were excellent, and with the service reflected great credit on the caterer, Bro. George Venables, under whose management the Surrey Masonic Hall appears to be now flourishing. The Stewards, Bros. Forbes and Permawan, vied with each other in their endeavours to make members and guests comfortable, and they well succeeded. After the cloth had been cleared, and the usual Loyal toasts honoured, the company were ininvited by the Worshipful Master to enjoy themselves without formality, and the succeeding toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations in rapid succession. In response to "The Visitors," most flattering comments were made by one and all in regard to the good working of the Worshipful Master and his Officers in Lodge, and their subsequent most hospitable reception. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a conclusion at a reasonably early hour.

Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1421.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge at the Swan, Stratford, E., on the 30th ult., Brothers Christian W.M., H. N. Taylor I.P.M., Haslipp S.W., Biggs J.W., A. Meyer D.C., Mansfield I.G., Past Master Latrielle Secretary. Also present Bros. G. F. Dix Worshipful Master 1421, and Past Masters T. S. Taylor, Boulton, Brown, March, Stevens. After due formalities Lodge was advanced, and the first and second ceremonies were well and impressively rehearsed, Bros. Brown and March candidates. The I.P.M., Bro. Taylor, in proposing the Senior Warden as Master for the next meeting, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see the Officers and members of the mother Lodge attending the Lodge of Instruction. The parent Lodge being in recess, he would advise them all to continue their attendances here on Wednesday evenings, and so fit themselves for their duties when the Lodge resumed its labours. Feeling mention was made of the great loss sustained by the lamented death of Bro. G. Levick, the Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, and it was proposed by Bro. Dix, seconded by Bro. H. N. Taylor, and supported by Bro. T. S. Taylor, that the condolence of the brethren be conveyed by letter to the widow of our deceased brother. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 6th inst., when we trust to see a good attendance.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.— At the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, on Monday evening, the 28th ult., and by the invitation of the Lodge, the Fifteen the following Sections were worked by Stephens J.D. 1623 (in the chair), T. J. Barnes P.M. S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. J.W., B. Cundick P.M. I.P.M. First Lecture:—Bros. J. R. Shingfield, J. Hansen Thorn, Dr. T. Loane, J. J. Berry, W. Hogg, W. Yetton, and T. J. Barnes. Second Lecture:—Bros. B. Stewart, J. Andrews, W. Musto, W. H. Myers, and D. Moss Third Lecture:— Bros. B. Cundick, T. J. Maidwell, and J. McCarthy. Bros. W. Pennefather Preceptor and C. F. Goodenough Secretary were present during the working. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. Seymour-Clarke, T. E. Goddard, D. Partridge, J. Robson, J. Macgregor, F. Kimbell. After the working, which was most admirable throughout, Bro. Cundick proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. G. H. Stephens for the very able manner in which he acted as presiding Officer that night. Bro. Stephens had carried out his duties in a manner requiring but little assistance from him, and his (the speaker's) office had proved a sinecure. The working had been somewhat inconvenient, owing to the incapability of the room to hold the number of brethren who so kindly attended.

seconded, and Bro. T. J. Barnes supported, the motion. Bro. Barnes, in putting it to the Lodge, said he never remembered a Worshipful Master having laboured under such difficulties as Bro. Stephens had that night in working the Sections, owing to the crowded state of the room. He was pleased to bear testimony to the able manner in which Bro. Stephens had put the various questions to the lecturing brethren, and was further pleased to see how well he had been supported. Bro. Stephens briefly responded, observing how gratified he was for the support which had been accorded him. He felt very thankful to the brethren of the Lodge for electing him to occupy the chair that night, and also for the way in which many distinguished brethren from the East End had rallied round him. Bro. W. Pennefather proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be given to those brethren who had so ably worked the Fifteen Sections. Bro. Stephens, in putting the motion to the Lodge, thanked the brethren for their kind and efficient help. Bro. Musto P.M. responded, on behalf of himself and colleagues. Bro. Stephens proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. Barnes for his kindness in acting as S.W. They all knew how admirably Bro. Barnes worked in fact, many lodges had adopted Bro. Barnes' system of working. Bro. Pennefather seconded, and Bro. Myers supported the motion, and it was unanimously adopted. Bro. Barnes thanked the brethren for their kind expressions of regard, both to himself and for his ideas as to what constituted good working. He was pleased to say that but little assistance was required from him in the matter of prompting, for each of the brethren who had lectured had been well schooled. He was always pleased to give what assistance he could to any Lodge, and so long as the Great Architect of the Universe did not issue one of his mystic decrees to call him unto himself, he would continue to do so. He hoped the Lodge would acknowledge the services of Bros. Past Masters Candick and Myers, by enrolling them honorary members of the Lodge. The suggestion was adopted. A very large number of the visiting brethren being desirons to become members of the Lodge, they were unanimously elected. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602.—A meeting took place in the Agricultural Hall, on Friday, the 25th ultimo. Bro. John Weston W.M. There were no Past Masters present, but the work, which consisted of a passing and two raisings, was excellently rendered. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Harris was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Brown and Dettmer, having proved their efficiency as F.C.'s, were in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The next business was the election of Worshipful Master, and Bro. Osborne S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. Hollidge was re-elected Treasurer. Before the Lodge was closed it was resolved nem con to present a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas to Bro. Weston, as a mark of respect for his assiduous attention to the duties of the Lodge, he having attended every meeting, save one, when he was in Scotland on argent business. The brethren adjourned to a moderate and well-served dinner, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. Bro. Weston, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master elect, spoke very highly of Bro. Osborne, both in and out of the Lodge. They all knew how hard he had worked for its interests, and he felt convinced he would have a most successful year of office. Bro. Speller responded for the Visitors, and said it was the first occasion he had visited the Lodge. He was delighted with the working and the manner in which he had been entertained, and he trusted, should the New Finsbury Park Lodge unite next year with the Sir Hugh Myddelton, the Ball would be a greater success than the last. Bro. Norris J.W., responding for the Officers, drew attention to the fact that he was going up as Steward for the Girls, and trusted that the brethren would make his list as large as possible. Bro. R. G. Thomas responded, as Organist, and trusted he had assisted in making the working harmonious in the Lodge. He had now joined another organ—the Freemason's Chronicle—which he trusted he should succeed in using to the interests of the Craft generally, and the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge in particular. The brethren separated at an early hour, Bro. Steedman, who was re-appointed Tyler in his absence, through severe illness, receiving the heartfelt sympathy of all

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. - On 21st ult. the regular meeting of this Lodge was held in York, the W.M. Bro. J. T. Seller Presiding, supported by Bros. C. E. Padel I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Camberland P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M., G. Simpson S.W., M. Millington J.W., and several other officers and brethren. After some preliminary business the Lodge resolved itself into a meeting for instruction, and the SW., Bro. Simpson, having assumed the chair, worked the opening and closing in the first degree and the ceremony of initiation in a very creditable manner. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge, on behalf of the Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. 837, a facsimile transcript from the diary of Dr. Stukeley, of the first and last pages of the Cooke Constitutions, exhibited at Grand Lodge in 1721, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lukis for his interesting gift. A ballot was taken for a life membership of the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. B. Stephenson was declared the winner. The Lodge was then closed, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner.

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N Thursday and Friday, the 24th and 25th March respectively, this excellent amateur association celebrated its fifth season, the whole of the entertainments on both evenings passing off most successfully. The joint managers Bros. J. E. Reaney and S. H. Gatty, the President Bro. Alfred Scargill, the Vice-President Bro. Dr. Thomas, the Treasurer and Hon. Sec. Bro. J. Unwin jun., and the officers are to be congratulated on their success. We trust the Association has yet before it many years of useful labour in the same field. Thursday's programme comprised the late J. R. Planché's one-act comedy, "Faint Heart never won Fair Lady," and the late Tom Taylor's one-act comedicts "Nine Points of the Law." Bros. Scargill, West, and Reaney, with Miss Wiber in the important rôle of Donna Leonora, aunt to the Duchess de Torrenueva, played extremely well in the former. In the latter Miss Wiber, as Mrs. Smylie, and Bro. Holiday as Joseph Ironside, by their rare impersonation of these important characters, scored a grand success for the latter. On Friday, Tom Taylor's three-act drama, "A Fool's Revenge," and Mr. T. J. Williams's Farce, "Ici on Parle Francais," made up the programme. Bro. Gatty's rendering of Bertuccio the jester was a very able performance. Miss Maud Cathcart both played and sang well as Bertuccio's daughter Fiordelisa, and, on the whole, though a somewhat severe test to amateur players, the piece went well. The farce, which was well cast, was highly appreciated by the audience, who fully enjoyed the fun in which it abounds.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THE ninth annual benefit of Bro. James Francis, one of the proprietors of this troop, took place on Wednesday, when a programme of unusual excellence was offered to the public, and the public responded with an alacrity which must have been intensely gratifying to the worthy beneficiary. The first Part comprised a Grand Olio of Varieties, in which a number of popular artists took part. Bro. Victor Liston, whom we have often had the pleasure of meeting in the Provinces, where he is a fresh favourite, is to be commended for his contribution to the entertainment— Shabby Genteel." Mr. T. W Barrett was exceptionally good. fr. G. Clare, the Mohawk's prima donna, acquitted himself well in his burlesque scena, but Mr. Fred Coyne made a great mistake. If there is one thing more than another for which the Mohawks are celebrated, it is that the character of their entertainment is such that no lady need hesitate about remaining the evening through. Mr. Coyne's song was decidedly objectionable, and what was intended to be mere chaff of Mr. Irving was vulgarity itself. Mr. Coyne's exhibition of what he no doubt conscientiously regards as wit, answers to the late Lord Palmerston's definition of dirt, it is "matter out of place," at the Mohawks. The Second Part was entirely new, consisting, as usual, of ballads and songs, sympathetic and comical, which evoked, as number succeeded number, the heartiest applause from all parts of the house. It is needless to say that the veterans Messrs. Duriab, Ted Snow, C. Temple, J. Kavanagh, Freeman, and Garland exerted themselves to the utmost, and successfully. Bro. James Francis was immensely funny in his interpretation of the comic song, especially written for the occasion by his co-proprietor, Mr. Harry Hunter, while a hearty welcome was very naturally and very worthily accorded to Mr. James Francis jun., who appeared, for the first time, at his father's benefit, and sang "Will you be my Hollyhock?" another funny composition of Mr. Hunter's, written especially for the evening. Mr. Harry Hunter was happy as he always is in his capacity of interlocutor. The arrangements were in every way creditable to the manager, Mr. Edgar Mowbray (Bro. Percy), and what is more important still, the house was crammed in every part, as we have rarely seen it crammed before.

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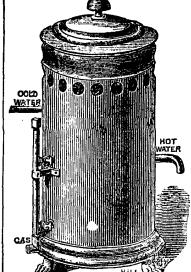
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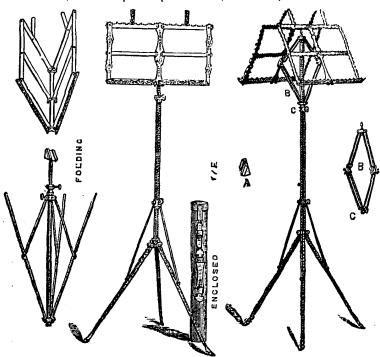
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2nd.—That it would be prejudicial to erect the new staircase, without taking into consideration the other additional accommodation now required by the greatly enlarged establishment, as shown on the competition designs accepted by the Infirmary Committee in 1871.

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"That the Resolution passed by the House Committee, 17th February 1881, with regard to the Architect of the Infirmary and his letters to the Committee, is inconsistent with the facts."

F. R. W. HEDGES,

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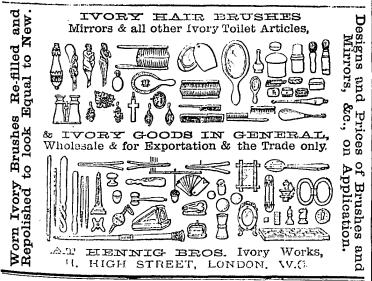
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PROVINCIAL G.L. OF STAFFORDSHIRE. INSTALLATION OF A GRAND MASTER.

THE installation of Bro. Major George Singleton Tudor as Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, took place at the Borough Hall, Stafford, on 21st ult., in presence of upwards of two hundred and fifty brethren, including several visitors from Grand Lodge and from other provinces. Since the lamented death, in May 1877, of the Earl of Shrewsbury, who had been the ruler of the Craft in Staffordshire from 1871 to that date, the province had been under the direction of Bro. Macintyre, Grand Registrar. At the first annual meeting of the P.G. Lodge after the death of the Earl of Shrewsbury Bro. Tudor succeeded Bro. Frank James in the office of D.P.G.M., a position which he (Bro. Tudor) had formerly occupied. Bro. Tudor is highly esteemed as a Mason, and the announcement that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. had appointed him R.W.G.M. of Staffordshire gave universal satisfaction. To this feeling no doubt may be attributed the large attendance of brethren ou The Earl of Lathom D.G.M. attended to perform the installation ceremony, and amongst those who were present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, F. Richardson S.G.D., H. T. S. Baring J.G.D., W. B. Hughes, M.P., D.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, Capt. Hunter P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire, Foster Gough P.D.P.G.M., Frank James P.D.P.G.M., F. B. Spencer 1149 P.P.G.W. Surrey. The Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. W. Bayliss S.W., R. Tooth Registrar, J. Bodenham Treasurer, W. Cartwright Secretary, the Revs. E. C. Perry and J. Birch Chaplains, W. E. Parkes S.D., G. Pitchford J.D., K. Macrae Superintendent of Works, T. E. Fowke A.D.C., R. Tolson P.G.P., T. Bedsmore P.G.O., J. Woolridge, J. B. M'Callum, J. Hayes, J. Mottram, T. Rigby, T. Wood

Stewards, H. Bagguley Tyler. The Staffordshire Knott Lodge (26) was opened by Bro. Wood W.M., at one o'clock. Shortly after, the Earl of Lathom entered the room, received the salute, opened the P.G. Lodge, and called upon the P.G. Secretary (Bro. Cartwright) to read the minutes of the last meeting. A communication was received from Col. Vernon, formerly P.G.M., stating that the condition of his health prevented him from attending, and Col. Clerke conveyed a message from Brother Macintyre Grand Registrar, regretting his inability to be present. The Earl of Lathom said they had met to instal a Grand Master of the Province. They were aware that the province had been under the charge of Bro. Macintyre for some time, and knowing as he did what a good Mason Bro. Macintyre was, they must have been satisfied with the way in which he had discharged his duties. He had often been invited to come into Staffordshire by their late worthy P.G.M. the Earl of Shrewsbury, whose death, he was sure, must have been felt as a great loss to every one of them, and although he had not visited the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire before, he had the greatest possible pleasure in attending to instal Bro. Tudor. The arrival of the P.G.M. designate having been announced, and he having sent in his patent, he was admitted by a deputation of Masters and Past Masters and conducted to the pedestal. The P.G. Secretary then read the patent, and after a prayer by Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry P.G. Chaplain, Bro. Tudor was duly installed, and invested with the apron, chain, and jewel of office, after which he was proclaimed and saluted. Bro. Tudor on taking the chair said, the honour which the Prince of Wales as Grand Master had conferred upon him had taken him by surprise, but he esteemed the appointment a very high honour, and he also felt it a great compliment for the Earl of Lathom to have attended and installed him. He hoped that the Earl would never have cause to regret the part which he had taken in the proceedings of that day, and that he (Bro. Tudor) would be able to satisfy the Masons of Staffordshire, whose renewed proof of kindness that day would be an incentive to him to continue to try to do his duty. Bro. Foster Gough, who formerly held the office of D.P.G. Master, was again appointed to that office, and as such was saluted by the brethren. The following brethren were appointed to Provincial Grand offices:-Bros. W. J. Gothard 624 Burton S.W., T. Bickley 418 Hanley J.W., the Ven. Archdeacon Iles Wolverhampton, Chaplain, the Rev. J. Burch, Wednesfield, Chaplain, T. Wood 726 Stafford, Registrar, W. Cartwright 460 Newcastle, Secretary, J. G. Ainsworth 460 Newcastle, S.D., F. W. Grove, Stoke, J.D., C. Round 347 Tipton, Superintendent of Works, T. E. Fowke 726 Stafford, D.C., J. F. Pepper 482 Handsworth, A.D.C., J. Thorburn 98 Burslem, Swordbearer, T. Bedsmore 1639 Lichfield, Organist, J. Bryan 526 Wolverhampton, Pursuivant, Captain Thorn 526 Wolverhampton, Standard Bearer. Bro. J. Bodenham 726 Stafford, was re-appointed, by the unanimous votes of the brethren, to the office of Treasurer, and H. Bagguley was, with equal unanimity, re-appointed Tyler. A Committee was appointed to go through the bye-laws of the P.G. Lodge. Bro. F. James P.D.P.G.M., said they had met to witness the performance of a duty to which they had long looked forward, and he had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the D.G.M. of England for having come amongst them to instal the Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire. Every one acquainted with Masonic literature was well aware how well the Earl of Lathom performed the duties entrusted to him. His zeal never flagged, and while proposing

a vote of thanks to him, they must also feel grateful to the Grand Master of England for having permitted them to meet in the manner they had done, and have as their Master one whom they all had so long loved. Bro. Foster Gough seconded the motion, which was carried with a cordial expression of approval. The Earl of Lathon, in acknowledging the vote, said he had experienced great pleasure in coming amongst them. It always gave him pleasure to go about to different provinces and see how they were prospering, and how the work was being done. Wherever he went he had to thank the brethren for the hearty reception he met with, which made him the more anxious to discharge the small duties which he had to do as D.G.M. and so long as the G.M. thought fit to continue him in office he hoped he should never be found wanting in doing those duties. On the suggestion of Bro. Cartwright, the sum of £52 10s was voted to be added to the list of subscriptions to be taken by Bro. Bodenham to the next Festival of the Boys' School. The brethren then adjourned to St. Mary's Church, where divine service was held. The prayers were read by the Rev. T. Smith, and the lessons by the Revs. W. Randall and E. C. Perry P.P.G. Chaplains. The Ven. Archdeacon Iles preached an excellent sermon, in which he dwelt on the great principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity, as carried out by Freemasons. The amount of the collection was £12 7s 6d, which on return to the Lodge was voted as follows:-£3 3s to the Schools connected with St. Mary's Church; £3 3s to the Chaplains' Schools; £3 3s to the Staffordshire Infirmary; and the remainder between the Hospitals of North and South Staffordshire. Bro. Fowke efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout the day.

After the Lodge had been closed, about two hundred of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provied by Bro. Nutt, of the North-Western Hotel, the R.W.D.G.M. presiding. At the conclusion of the repast, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. responding on behalf of the M.W. Pro G.M. the R.W. D.G.M., and the other grand Officers past and present, the Earl of Lathom said the Pro Grand Master, than whom no better Mason lived, was soon coming back to England with, he (Earl Lathom) hoped, renewed strength from Madeira. Col. Clerke many of them were acquainted with, and it was impossible for any man to do his work better than did the Grand Secretary. He was sure that all the Officers of the Grand Lodge did their work thoroughly and conscientiously, and he hoped that would always be the case. He was grateful for the hearty welcome he had met with in Staffordshire, and he was happy to find that the province was flourishing and that it was placed under the rule of so good brother as Major Tudor. Masonry has made immense strides in the last few years. He might say that since he had had the honour of holding the office he now occupied, he thought it was not wrong in saying that upwards of three hundred new Lodges had been consecrated. He thought it was a very small average to put it at thirty to forty members for each Lodge, and that would give them a slight idea of the enormous increase going on in their brotherhood during the past few years. His own province of Lancashire was prosperous, because though the great depression of trade had prevented many people from joining, still in the last few years the number of Lodges had increased from 69 to 84, many of them having as many as a hundred members. If Masonry increased and prospered in bad times, what might it do in good times? There was every reason to hope that the Craft would prosper, and that their good works would expand and show themselves to the outer world. After a short interval, the Earl of Lathom proposed the health of the newly-installed P.G.M. Before he came to Stafford he had heard how popular the appointment of Bro. Tudor would be amongst the brethren in the province, and he must say the reception he had met with had fully confirmed the report. He should be happy to tell his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales that in selecting a brother to rule over the province his choice had fallen on the right man. Major Tudor briefly acknowledge the compliment, stating that he hoped, with the assistance of the brethren, he should discharge his duties with honour to himself and advantage to the province. Bro. Col. Clerke proposed the health of the D.P.G.M., referring in terms of praise to the manner in which Bro. Foster Gough had formerly discharged the duties of that high office. The toast having been cordially received, Bro. Gough responded, observing that the encomiums passed upon him relative to his past services were far beyond what he deserved. He could, however, assert that the same spirit animated him now as when he took the office some years ago. The Masonic province of Staffordshire was a splendid one, and that day marked the restoration to Masons of their governor. When the ruler of a kingdom was hereditary his loss was great, but when one died who was not an hereditary ruler there was still greater regret felt at his death. Masons of Staffordshire were now able to hold their proper position in the Masonic world. He had no wish to find fault with Bro. Macintyre, indeed, he had no hesitation in affirming that it was impossible to find within the limits of the Grand Lodge a brother under whose rule the province would be more prosperous than under that of the Grand Registrar. But still it was a matter for congratulation were enabled to see in the position of P.G.M. one of themselves, one whose earnest zeal and watchfulness for the protection of the Craft would lead to their best interests being kept steadily in view. The P.G.M. was one who admirably obtained order and maintained discipline, which were vital to the wellbeing, if not the existence of the fraternity. Bro. C. H. Dudley gave the toasts of "the Provincial Grand Officers past and present," for whom Bro. Gothard P.S.G.W. responded; Bro. Cartwright proposed "The Visitors," on whose behalf Bro. Bristowe P.G. Sec. Worcestershire responded; Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry gave the toast of "The Masters of Lodges," acknowledged by Capt. Thorne (Tudor Lodge of Volunteers, Wolverhampton); Bro. Cartwright presented the toast of "P.G. Stewards," for whom Bro. Dr. Hayes responded. The proceedings concluded with the Tyler's toast. The enjoyment of the company was enhanced by the admirable singing of the Birmingham Glee Union.

A Mason without a God! A ship without a rudder! A world without light!"—Grand Master Hand, of Dacota.

NEW ZEALAND.

Our Auckland correspondent supplies us with the following items:—

Ara Lodge (I.C.)—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on 6th January, at the Masonic Hotel, Princes-street. There was a very large attendance of the members of the Lodge and of visiting brethren. Bro. Durance, the outgoing W.M., occupied the chair, and amongst the Masonic dignataries present were the Right Worshipful Provincial District G.M., Bros. G. P. Pierce, Rattray Prince of Wales Lodge, Wright Waitemata Lodge, Suiter United Service Lodge, and the following Past Masters: -Bros. Robinson, Rees, Russell, Mitchell, Page, Roycroft, Niccol, Rov. Nelson, Leers, Philips, Moat, Hewson, Trimble, Basley, Fenton, Dawson, and Rev. Dr. Kidd. Bro. Rees P.M. officiated as Installing Master, and carried out the duties impressively and to the satisfaction of the old Masons present. The fol. lowing is a list of the Officers installed :- J. B Crothers W.M., Arthur Wright S.W., C. S. Western J.W., Rev. Dr. Kidd, M.A. Chaplain, Mitchell P.M. Treasurer, Russell P.M. Secretary, A., Linabury S.D., F. Quick J.D., Rees P.M. Organist, Page P.M. D. of C., F. Kummer I.G., W. H. Fenton and Young Stewards, C. Porter Tyler. A banquet was subsequently laid in the large room of the hotel by Mr. Panter, in a very creditable style, and was done full justice to. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the Lodge room, where the tables were spread, and the usual toasts proposed and suitably responded to.

Coromandel Lodge, No. 456 (I.C.)—The annual installation of Officers of this Lodge took place at the Lodge rcom, Coromandel Hotel, on the evening of Wednesday, 12th January. Lodge was opened by the retiring W.M. Bro. Andrew King. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. A gentleman who was proposed at a former meeting was successfully balloted for. Lodge was then passed to the second degree, and Bro. J. B. Gatland W.M. elect was presented by Bros. J. A. Dobson and J. H. Har. rison, P.M.'s of the Lodge, for installation. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. A. King, the Master of the Lodge, ably assisted by the P.M.'s. After the new W.M. was duly installed in the chair of K.S. he was saluted in the different degrees. He then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. R. Nazer S.W., C. H. J. Hovell J.W., C. H. Bennet Secretary and Treasurer, H. McDonald S.D., A. Kelso J.D., C. Grant I.G., C. Coglan Tyler. The addresses to the newly. installed Master and Officers were delivered in a most impressive manner by the Installing Master. The retiring W.M. received the congratulations of the brethren present on the efficient manner in which be had conducted the ceremony. He, in reply to all the kind things said, made a suitable answer, and took the opportunity to glance at the difficulties that beset him during his two years' term of office, and congratulated the Lodge on its present prosperous state as compared with that when he took the chair. He had no doubt, with the improved prospects of the district Masonry would advance too. Hearty good wishes were tendered from the United Service Lodge by visiting Bro. Captain Hargreaves, and from Eden Lodge by visiting Bro. Fortzer, who also kindly offered to present the Lodge with a set of Masonic candles. The offer was accepted, with thanks. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned at the invitation of the new W.M., to light refreshments, when a cheerful hour was spent.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 418 (S.C.)—An emergency or adjourned meeting of this Lodge was held on 14th January, at the Masonic Hotel. The business was the installation of Officers for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened in due form by the retiring R.W.M. Bro. Ellison, and his Officers, after which Bro. Hewson P.M. assumed the chair as Installing Master. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. P.M.'s Leers, Rev. Tebbs, H. G. Wade, J. Hatswell, Carlaw and Donall. Apclogies were received from Bros. Sniter W.M. Waitemata Lodge, W. P. Moat D.G. Registrar E.C., G. P. Pierce R.W. D.G.M. I.C., Rev. C. M. Nelson, and others. The Installing Master invested and proclaimed Bro. M. Niccol as R.W.M., in accordance with ancient custom. Bro. Niccol then installed his Officers as follow:—J. Slator S.W., J. J. Payne J.W., H. A. H. Hitchens Treasurer, George Payne Secretary, N. McCulsky S.D., F. B. Hughes J.D., W. A. Clarke I.G., C. Porter Tyler. After the regular business, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Thomas Whitson, and that as a mark of respect for his memory, the Lodge be kept in mourning for three months. The usual congratulations from the visiting brethren having been tendered, and the Lodge closed in peace, love and harmony, an adjournment was made to the dining-room, where Mr. Panter had provided an excellently-laid and well-served banquet, replete with all the delicacies of the season. The usual toasts on such occasions were proposed and responded to, and a most agreeable evening passed.

Eden Lodge, No. 1580 (E.C.).—The anniversary of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Newton, on 19th January, and took the form of a ball, which commenced at nine o'clock. There was a moderate attendance, but those present entered heartily into the spirit of the entertainment, and a very enjoyable evening was passed. Mr. Wright's string band contributed the necessary music: Bros. Chapman, Stephenson and Warren Stewards, arranged the details of the gathering in the best manner possible. A spread was laid in the upstairs room by Mr. Dallen, in a very creditable style, and the whole proceedings went off in an agreeable and entertaining manner.

CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC HALL.

THE consecration and dedication of the new Masonic Hall, erected by the Star of the North Lodge, No. 1647 E.C., Whangarei, took place on Saturday, 15th January. Bro. Lodder and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge, who took part in the ceremony, accompanied by a number of brethren, left Auckland by the s.s. Argyle on

Friday evening, arriving at Whangarei wharf about eight o'clock on Saturday morning, where they were received by Bro. Hanson W.M. of the local Lodge, and several of the brethren. The Star of the North Lodge having been opened in the three degrees in its old Lodge room, the brethren marched to the new hall, where they were joined by the visiting brethren, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Wright Waitemata Lodge 649 E.C., Mitchelson W.M. St. George's Lodge 1801 E.C., Jones W.M. Northern Light Lodge 1878 E.C., F. Roycroft P.M. 421 I.C., H. Chapman P.M. 1580 E.C., Errington P.G.A. S.C. and many others, the total number present being up wards of sixty. The Grand Lodge Officers present were:—Bros. W. Lodder D.D.G.M., W. P. Moat D.G.R., E. S. Wilcocks D.G.D., T. Cole D.G.D.C., W. Rattray A.G.D.C., and J. M. Dargaville D.G.S. At high noon the Grand Lodge was announced, and, having been received with the usual honours, the ceremony of consecration commenced. Brother Lodder acting as D.G.M., assisted by Bros. Moat as D.D.G.M. and Rattray as D.G.D.C. The music being ably rendered by Bro. Chapman, who acted as District Grand Organist. The hall having been declared duly consecrated and dedicated to all the purposes of Masonry, Bro. Moat took the chair as Installing Master, and, with the observances necessary on such occasions, installed Bro. A. Hanson as the W.M. for the ensuing year, who then appointed and invested his Officers-Brcs. Pearson and Hanna having been chosen as Wardens, and Bro. Spence as Secretary, after which the Lodge was closed in due form. After the consecration and dedication, the brethren and visitors adjourned to an elegantly-laid banquet, where the liberal display and excellency of viands did great credit to the caterer. The usual toasts on such occasions were preposed and responded to in a satisfactory manner.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.-A meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th February, at Du Toits Pan, Diamond Fields. Present:—Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., B. Kusser S.W., J. B. King J.W., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., A. Yockmenitz Treas., D. Avis Amb., W. Knipers Arch. and Steward, S. W. Green Tyler; A. Cohen, A. Farr, W. Lomas, M. A. Aria, W. N. Vilgeon, D. J. de Villiars de Voss, C. J. Barnes, R. C. Partridge. Visitors— P. Tallerman Richard Giddy Lodge, M. Rossettenstein Peace and Harmony Lodge, Elias Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton, and several others. After Lodge had been formally opened, the W.M. informed the brethren that the business of the evening was to confer the sublime degree of Master Mason on Bros. Alfred Cohen and William Herbert Lomas; at the same time he had much pleasure in deputing Bro. Kusser to confer the degree. Lodge was then passed and raised, when the candidates were admitted, and duly raised to the degree of Master Mason, in a very creditable manner by the S.W. labours in the above degree being ended, the Lodge was reduced, when the W.M. congratulated Bro. Kusser on the able and impressive manner in which he had worked the ceremony. In replying, Bro. Kusser thanked the W.M. for allowing him such a privilege. the W.M. had thanked the Visitors for their attendance, Lodge was closed in ancient form.

ROYAL ARCH.

Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25.—The installation meeting took place on Thursday 24th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall. Comps. W. Kerby as P.Z. in the absence of Comp. Martin M.E.Z., W. Land H., W. Platt S.E., J. Baxter J., F. Hatton S.N., W. Elsley P.S., H. H. Smith W.S., J. E. Shand 1st Assist., W. Deaton 2nd Assist. P.Z.'s Comps. Sherville, Allsopps, Deaton, Boyd, Robins, Lidner, and others. Vistors—Comps. Seymour Smith and Taylor. Business—Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the Anditor's report was adopted. The installation of Principals and appointment of Officers resulted as follows:—Comps. W. Land M.E.Z., W. Kerby Treasurer, J. Baxter H., W. Elsey J., J. E. Shand N., W. Platt S.E., G. Deaton P.S., J. Boyd 1st Assist., H. Stead Janitor, H. H. Smith W.S. Chapter was closed, and the Companions dined together. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given by the M.E.Z., and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—A convocation was held on the 28th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. L. Lazarus M.E.Z., W. H. Gulliford H., H. P. Isaac J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treas., N. Baum S.E.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, M. J. Emanuel, H. M. Levy, W. Littaur. Visitors-Comps. Corrie Jackson late 188, J. C. Corpe 507. Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. J. I. Cohen 1340 Smyrna, and J. W. Brooke P.M. 1839. Bro. J. E. Megair, who had previously been accepted, was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry in a perfect and impressive manner. Comp. W. Littaur P.Z., proposed that Comp. E. P. Albert P.Z. be elected an honorary member. This was seconded by Comp. Gulliford J., and carried unanimously. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts in a very eloquent and genial manner. In giving the health of the Exaltee, the M.E.Z. said Companion Brooke was one they were all pleased to see. He was the Master of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, and had made his mark in Freemasonry. Comp. Brooke thanked the M.E.Z. for the kind manner he had spoken of him; he was pleased to see how beautifully and impressively the ceremony had been worked; the name of Joppa was, and ever would be, impressed on his memory. Comp. Littaur P.Z. proposed the toast of the M.E.Z.; he had passed through every office in the Chapter, and had given unqualified satisfaction. His working was simply perfection. The M.E.Z. replied to the toast, and then proposed the health of the Visitors, which was responded to by ford.

Comps. Corpe and Corrie Jackson. The Officers in due course were complimented, and the Janitor's toast concluded a very agreeable evening.

Obituary.

BRO. MANOAH RHODES.

WE regret to state that Bro. Manoah Rhodes, the head of the firm of Messrs. Manoah Rhodes and Sons, goldsmiths, of Kirkgate, Bradford, expired on Sunday morning, 20th March. Recent references to the prostrate condition to which Bro. Rhodes was reduced by the paralytic attack with which he was seized on Friday, the 11th ult., in the local press had somewhat prepared his friends, as from the first the case was regarded with grave concern.

Bro. Rhodes was born on the 7th of March 1810, so that he had Up to Thursday evening, the entered upon the 72nd year of his age. 10th inst., he had attended to business with his usual activity. The business concern, which under his management had risen to one of leading importance in Yorkshire, was of his own creation. His father a slay and heald manufacturer, lived at Morley, where Bro. Manoah Rhodes was born, and where he resided until he had completed his twelfth year. On the 9th of November 1822, he left his father's house and walked over to Bradford to enter upon an apprenticeship with Mr. John Allott, then a silversmith in Kirkgate, upon the site of whose shop Bro. Rhodes subsequently erected the fine building now standing there. After completing his engagement with Mr. Allott, Bro. Rhodes began business upon his own account in premises at the bottom of Westgate. In 1877 these premises, which had been much enlarged during Bro. Rhodes's occupation of them, were vacated for those at present occupied by the firm in Kirkgate, and which, it may be remarked, constitute one of the first establishments of the kind in the provinces.

For many years Bro. Rhodes occupied a prominent position in the Masonic body in Bradford, having been initiated into the Craft in November 1851. He was a member of the Hope Lodge 302, of which he was Worshipful Master in the year 1863. He was also connected with the Pentalpha Lodge 974, from its foundation, and was its Worshipful Master in 1871. He was a P.Z. of the Chapter of Charity, No. 302; in 1876, P.E.O. of Faith Preceptory of Knights Templar. In 1871 he was elected to the office of President of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire, and had been one of its most earnest promoters since its formation on 13th April 1859. He had held the honourable office of P.Prov. G.J.W. of West Yorkshire, and was a Vice-patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a Vice-president of Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and was a large contributor to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons.

Mr. Rhodes has left a widow and a family of six sons and two daughters.

THE LATE BRO. HUGHES P.M. 179.

It is but the other we chronicled the celebration, at Freemasons' Hall, of the thirty-second anniversary of Bro. Haghes's wedding day. The anspicious event took place on the 25th February, when Bro. Hughes, surrounded by his wife and family, entertained a numerous gathering of his relatives and friends. Everything passed off well, and the heartiest good wishes were expressed that Bro. Hughes might be spared many years, even long enough to be able to celebrate his golden wedding. But four weeks have elapsed since we recounted the particulars of this auspicious event, and now, alas! the happy recipient of all those good wishes has passed away, to the inexpressible grief of his family and a numerous circle of friends and acquaint. ances. The sad occurrence was brought about by an accident when Bro. Hughes was staying at Ryde, which he had been in the habit of visiting regularly for the last seventeen years, and where he was very highly respected. Bro. Hughes had been slightly unwell on Friday the 18th ult., but became so much better that he was able to go out on Sunday. When he was again taking outdoor exercise the following morning, he unfortunately slipped on some stones when walking near the sluice, and being unable to recover himself, fell into the sea, his head striking against some hard substance in the descent, and result. ing in concussion of the brain. The funeral took place at Brompton Cemetery on Saturday, when, in addition to the family of the deceased, most of the brethren of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, of which our late brother was a Past Master, attended in order to pay their last tribute of respect to one who had so worthily fulfilled his duties during life in every capacity as a man and brother. The Past Masters of the Lodge acted as pall bearers. We beg to offer to the widow and her children the expression of our deepest sympathy with her and them in the midst of their great affliction. The G.A.O.T. has thought fit for His own wise purposes to remove from this mundane sphere the main support of this house. May they find in their firm faith in His wisdom and goodness the strength to bear this sorrow! Bro. Hughes was in the very prime of life, being only in the fifty. second year of his age.

BRO. G. LEVICK.

We have received with deep regret the news of the death of Bro. G. Levick, Past Master Upton Lodge 1227, and one of the Founders of the Langthorne Lodge 1421, of which he was Treasurer since its consecration. Our late Brother also took great interest in the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, of which he was also Treasurer. The funeral took place on the 29th ult., at the West Ham Cemetery, the service having previously been read at the West Ham Church. The body was followed, after the immediate relatives of the deceased, by the following brethren:—Bros. G. Dix W.M. 1421, II. N. Taylor I.P.M. 1421, C. Lacey P.M. 1421, and many others. A detachment of police also followed, the deceased having been for many years divisional surgeon to the K Division of Police at Stratford.

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, 2nd APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8
(Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7
(Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7
(Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 4th APRIL.

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45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Ins.)
1508—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
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1626—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Taveru, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Busingstoke
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1009—Slakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenaum, Lancaster
107—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Ryal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1130—Perward, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
149—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1673—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansen.
1678—Crandoc, Masonic Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
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TUESDAY, 5th APRIL.

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Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)

65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

111—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)

117—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)

117—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)

753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)

765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 3 (Instruction)

1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)

1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W

1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington

1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)

1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)

1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval

1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)

1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich

1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)

1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)

1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. Jumaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth

103—Reanfort, Freemasons' Hall Bristol

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103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
361—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.

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393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
559—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Strond, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Buto, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.

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1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1312—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1323—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1483—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesca
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surroy-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salom-street, Bradford.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 6th APRIL.

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103—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
533—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1277—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 9. (Inst.)
1298—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
18.1—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham. 1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
417—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
618—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
619—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
615—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stammore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall. Tue Brook, Liverpool
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gl. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 7th APRIL.

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3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.5" (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.

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24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
369—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pounfret, Abington Street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
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446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
569—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1132—Duke'of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7·30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1394—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1394—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, 146 B rry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks

1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 8th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
903—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
903—Dorie, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1159—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.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Konsington, at 8.0 (In.)
R.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Marv's-street, Cardiff. R.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

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155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.

526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.

667—United, George Hotel, Colchester.

815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street,

1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard

1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh

1259—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12 Onarterly Grant Country of the Headenhall Street, E.C. 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction) 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction) 1607—Loyalty 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction) 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. 308-Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood. 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.—The regular meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Bros. Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson W.M., C. A. Woods S.W., H. D. Kerrell J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, E. H. Thiellay Secretary, J. Reid J.D., G. Bank D.C., J. B. Lambe Steward, H. Brock I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Lister and J. H. Leggott. The business of the evening was purely of a formal character. Bro. Higgins 1563 was present as a visitor.

Israel Lodge, No. 205.—A most enjoyable evening was spent by the members of this Lodge, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., on which occasion some excellent work was done by Bro. H. J. Phillips the W.M. The whole of the three degrees having to be worked, gave a favourable opportunity for judging of the power of Bro. Phillips, and we must say that he acquitted himself most satisfactorily. He was supported by Bros. Da Silva S.W., A. Abrahams J.W., A. M. Cohen Treas., C. F. Hogard Sec., and a large number of members. The business of the evening comprised the passing of Bro. Philcox, the initiation of Messrs. Morris Goldberg, Solomon Zucher, Jacob Bueno de Mesquita and Gustave Saling, and the raising of Bro. Oesterman, the whole of these ceremonies, as we have said, were carried our in a most perfect manner. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren partook of supper, under the presidency of the W.M., and then spent an hour in social enjoyment. Bro. L. Norden, the I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Master, paid him a just compliment for the way in which he had presided that night. In reply the W.M. said he could add little to what he had said on previous occasions. He should always strive to be of the greatest service to the Lodge of Israel. He then proposed the health of the Initiates, giving the newly admitted brethren a most hearty welcome, and speaking in a way that must have made them feel quite at home. Bro. Mesquita was the first to respond. He could only say that he felt proud, very proud, at being received as a member of the most ancient and noble Order of Freemasonry. Bro. Zucher followed, adding a few appro-priate words of thanks. Bro. Goldberg was extremely glad that he had joined the ranks of Freemasonry, and trusted he might do every. Bro. Saling would make it an especial care to perfect himself in the Craft, and trusted that he should in the future occupy a proud position in the Order. He should always endeavour to do his best for Freemasoury. Bro. A. M. Cohen responded to the toast of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge, the W.M. in proposing it remarking that there could not possibly be a more suitable brother to speak of it than Bro. Cohen, its founder and President. He spoke of the great amount of good that had been done through it in the past. Its funds were devoted entirely to the wants of the members of the Lodge, their widows and orphans. It must be a source of great pride for the brethren to know that through its instrumentality they had been enabled to render some most acceptable assistance in the past, and still had a large amount in hand to meet the claims of the future. It was not the custom of the committee of the fund to award trifling sums, but whenever they found a deserving case to give an amount which would really be of service. One other feature which he thought commended itself to the brethren was the fact that whatever was done by the committee was known only to the committee; they did not give and then make known who with which I effected miraculous cures.

was the recipient of their bounty, and thereby counteract the good they had done. He hoped the fund would continue to prosper, and that it would be administered in the future as it had been in the past, and that even in his time its balance would reach a four figure total; they had now upwards of £600 in hand, and he trusted that before the year had expired that amount would be increased to £700. The toast of the Visitors was next given, to which Bro. Jacobs replied. The Past Masters followed, and to this Bro. Norden replied; after which the Officers was given and acknowledged. During the evening Bro. H. Cohen gave a recitation in first rate manner. Among the visitors were Bros. Grammer J.W. 27, Jacobs P.P.G.S. of W. Cornwall, Cox 188, Forte 724, Valentine W.S. 1017, and W. W. Morgan jun. Freemason's Chronicle.

Monteflore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. L. Salomons I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M. (on account of domestic affliction), occupied the chair; M. Levy S.W., Syers J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, Mann S.D., Benjamin J.D., M. H. Leverton I.G., N. Vallentine and A. Lazarns Stewards; P.M.'s Gulliford, S. Pollitzer, Grunebaum, and J. Lazarus. Visititors—Bros. Argent (Mauritius), Sprules 917, Silvester 193, L. Solomons J.W. 1732, J. Docker W.M. 1687, B. Ollendorf 30, Freystadt 1017, S. Pardoe 1501, Hooper 733, and G. The Lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Lindsay Sloper, R.A.M., and Mr. J. Levi (for whom a dispensation had been obtained from the W.M., he being under age). Both candidates were unanimously elected, and they were duly initiated into the Order by the acting W.M. Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. raised Bro. M. Levy to the third degree. A vote of condolence was voted to the W.M., Bro. S. V. Abrahams, on account of his recent bereavement. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols. The acting W.M. eloquently proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded to that of the Grand Officers. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Initiates, expressed the pleasure he felt in introducing to our Order one who had distinguished himself in the musical profession, and whose talents were so highly appreciated; he alluded to Bro. Lindsay Sloper. Bro. Levi had also shown his desire to enter the Craft at an early age. The attention both had paid to the ceremony evidenced they would prove a credit to Free-masonry. The toast was appropriately responded to by both brethren. The health of the W.M. was proposed; all regretting his absence, and the sad occasion of it. Bro. J. Lazarus P.M. then proposed the health of the acting W.M., Bro. L. J. Salomons, who had so perfectly rendered the ceremony. His genial presidency must not be overlooked. He was always ready to assist the brethren. The toast having been suitably responded to, that of the Visitors was given, and Bro. J. Docker W.M. 1687 returned thanks. Bro. J. Lazarus responded for the Past Masters, and addressed a few appropriate remarks to the newly-initiated brethren, assuring them that by attention and perseverance the highest offices in the Lodge might eventually be attained. The Treasurer and Secretary were next complimented, and Bros. L. Jacobs and E. P. Albert both responded. Bro. J. Syers replied for the Wardens and Officers. Bros. Silvester (Sidney Franks) and Dr. Chandler contributed to the harmony. Bro. Davis Organist presided at the pianoforte.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement. Present :- Bros. Groner W.M., Pitt S.W., Shipley J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Medwin S.D., Conchman I.G., and many others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Parkin candidate. Bro. Levy answered the usual questions leading to the second degree. was opened in the second, and Bro. Button answered the questions leading to the third. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Hutton candidate. Bro. Levy, of the Montefiore Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Shipley was elected W.M. for the ensuing

We are requested to announce that the offices of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons has been removed from No. 2 to No. 8A Red Lion Square, Holborn.

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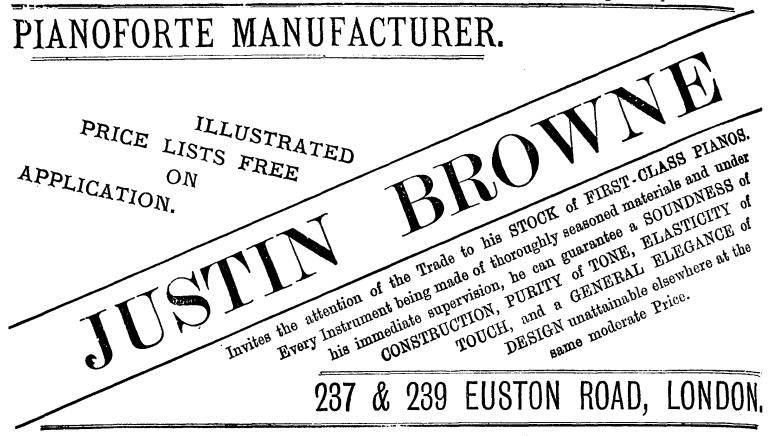


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