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HONORARY LIFE GOVERNORS OF THE CHARITIES.

THE desirability of more liberally offering the rank of Honorary Life Governor of the Masonic Institutions to brethren and others who may exert themselves in securing subscriptions and donations for their benefit is a subject which has received a great amount of attention from time to time, and, judging from the notices of motion given in connection with the Quarterly General Courts of the two Schools, which take place to-day and Monday respectively, some further discussion, and, we anticipate, extension of privilege, is likely to take place. During the past few years a great number of Associations have been formed, principally in connection with London Lodges of Instruction, whose members each subscribe small weekly amounts, with the object of eventually becoming Life Governors of one or all of the Institutions, and so numerous and successful have these Associations become, that it must be admitted they now play no inconsiderable part towards providing the amounts annually subscribed by London brethren at the three Festivals. It is of course necessary that each of these Associations should have governing bodies—Secretary, Treasurer, and so forth—and when we bear in mind that it takes upwards of four years to bring one of the terminable Associations (which is the more general form) to a close, that meetings have to be held each month, and that it not unfrequently happens there are upwards of a hundred accounts to keep, it will be seen there is a large amount of work attached to their management, and it is but natural that brethren who devote their time and services are worthy of some recognition. It is now proposed by Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell, both in the case of the Girls' and the Boys' Institutions, that the Secretary for the time being of those Associations which have paid to the Institution a sum of not less than one hundred guineas shall, upon proof, be entitled to the honorary rank of a Life Governor and to all the privileges of the same, and it is this proposition which will require attention at the Quarterly General Courts.

One of the first objections which strike us in connection with this proposal of Bro. Gladwell is, the narrow limit within which he proposes to confine his recognition. So far as we know, there is very little choice between the work of a Secretary and that of a Treasurer to one of these Associations. It may really be said that between them these two Officers conduct the Association each, in our opinion having an equal share of the work. Therefore it is invidious to confer an honour on the one and not on the other. It may be argued that were the proposal extended so as to remove this distinction, that the number of honorary Life Governors would soon become inconveniently large; but there is a way of obviating that, if it were decided it was not good policy to encourage it. We will assume it is admitted that the rank and privileges of Life Governor are a suitable recognition to confer on the Officers of those Associations whose donations reach £100, then we would propose that the honour be divided between the Treasurer and the Secretary, and that instead of one becoming entitled to the rank of Life Governor each should be made Honorary

Life Subscribers for the first £100, and on completion of a second £100, then their qualification should be that of Life Governors. In considering this matter, it must be borne in mind that the titles of Life Subscriber or Life Governor would be in most instances really imaginary, as it would be very seldom that brethren who became entitled to them had not already qualified themselves; it is hardly to be expected that those who are continually working for the Institutions will themselves remain outside the circle of subscribers; it therefore follows that it is not so much the rank that is conferred, as it is the votes and other privileges attached to it, and therefore we see no difficulty in dividing the honours as proposed.

So far the proposal deals only with the Association itself, the honour conferred attaching to a member only so long as he remains in the office of Secretary, and as it is hardly likely any brother would care to bind himself to such an office for the whole of his lifetime, it becomes necessary to offer some reward of a personal character; this Bro. Gladwell proposes to effect by conferring on the Secretary of any Association which has paid to the Institution during his Secretaryship a sum of not less than Two Hundred Guineas, upon his retiring from such office, or on the Association ceasing to exist, the rank and privileges of a Life Governor in his own right. The same objection applies in this case, as regards the Treasurer, as in the previous one, and we think the brethren will do well to consider this part of the subject before deciding one way or the other.

It becomes necessary to consider what effect these alterations, if adopted, will have on the future disposal of the funds of these Associations. At present the proposition is before the subscribers of the two Schools only, and should they decide on adopting them, it will become necessary for the Benevolent Institution, for its own protection, to follow a similar course. This being the case, we might have preferred the subject should have been discussed by a committee consisting of representatives of the three Institutions, or, in any case, that some united action should have been taken rather than that the issue should be made special in each case. It is not very likely that one of the Institutions will in the end stand out in opposition to the other two, but there is a possibility of differences arising, and these we think would not be possible if some understanding was come to beforehand. Then, again, the Secretary of an Association which has contributed largely to, let us say the Girls' School, might use his endeavours to secure that the majority of the future monies should also go there, so that he might be entitled to the honorary votes, and this could only be done to the detriment of the other two Institutions. We therefore think that some united action on the part of the three Institutions would have been better for all, although it might be that what is lost in one instance may be gained in another.

It will, doubtless, be urged by many brethren, that the adoption of these proposals will materially affect the number of votes issued, and thereby render the work of securing the election of a candidate even more difficult than it is at the present time. In answer to this argument, we would say that it is not at all likely there will ever be

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

so many votes created by this means as really to make any appreciable difference; and even if there were, we should look upon them as but a fair commission paid in consideration for services rendered. It should be borne in mind that recognition in the form proposed really costs the Institution but very little; but in cases of this character prizes are not valued according to their cost, but rather from the point of view that some notice is taken of labour done in a good cause. We have but little doubt that a letter of thanks would satisfy many brethren who work year after year; but on the other hand, we are of opinion that a liberal policy is the best. We do not expect that the alteration will make much difference in the amount raised, but it will show that the Institutions are mindful that they are under some sort of obligation to those brethren who do what they can for the Charities.

We should like to see the proposal extended before being finally settled, as we think it a mistake to stop rewards after the first £100 has been recognised; surely if it is worth while to give two votes for the first £100, it is also good policy to give two for the next £100, or one for each £50. But these are matters which we believe will be discussed at the meetings. We can only now hastily refer to them, the time during which the subject has been officially notified to the Craft being so short. We have on previous occasions pointed out the inconvenience of the rules in this respect, and think the discussion of such subjects as the present clearly show that some further notice might advantageously be arranged.

SCOTCH AND IRISH MASONRY IN THE COLONIES.

IN the course of certain articles on the subject of Freemasonry in the British Colonies and Dependencies, we have more than once referred to the existence in them of many Scotch and Irish Lodges, and it must be obvious to our readers that the picture of British Freemasonry abroad must be incomplete without some sort of numerical sketch of the Lodges holding under the sister jurisdictions of Scotland and Ireland.

As far as we can make out from the scanty materials at our command there are some 171 Lodges in Colonial and foreign parts which have been warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. These, like our own, will be found scattered everywhere over the face of the globe, a large proportion being at the Antipodes, where English, Irish, and Scotch Freemasonry would seem to flourish amazingly, even like the green bay tree of the Psalmist. These 171 Lodges are distributed among fifteen Provinces, of which we find from Bro. Kenning's *Cosmo* that Hindustan heads the list. The number of Lodges in this Province is seemingly twenty-five, of which eight have been constituted since 1872. Bombay and Calcutta are favourite abodes of the Scottish Craft. There are four Lodges constituting the Prov. Grand Lodge of Trinidad, and some nine Lodges—those in Jamaica being excepted—in the West Indies, in which there would appear to be three Provincial Grand Lodges, namely, those of Bahamas, Bermudas, and West Indies. Jamaica musters as many as nine Lodges. South America seems to be highly favoured by Scotch Masons, at all events, we can make out a round dozen Lodges in the Republic of Peru, most of which are located at Lima and Callao, and there are also Lodges in Chili and Columbia. China has four Lodges, and Japan two, while Aden, Beyrout in Syria, Greytown, Central America, Newfoundland, and other parts have one or more Lodges which acknowledge the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

We have already said that one of the great strongholds of Scottish Freemasonry is the Antipodes, in proof of which we may mention that the Australian Colony of Victoria has some half score of Lodges on the roll of its Provincial Grand Lodge, New South Wales some twenty-five, and Queensland and South Australia four each. In New Zealand, the Craft is even more strongly represented, as there are over thirty Lodges constituting two Provincial Grand Lodges. There are some four Lodges at the Cape of Good Hope, but without any Provincial organisation, and till lately there were a few Lodges in Montreal, but these now form part of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, though not so formidably represented abroad, has nevertheless some seventy-one Lodges in foreign parts, there being as many as five Provincial Grand Lodges. In Queensland there are ten Lodges, two of them being located at Brisbane. South Australia likewise boasts this number, having ten Lodges, of which two belong to the capital, Adelaide. Victoria has seventeen Lodges, among them one without a number, to wit, the Prov. Grand Master's Lodge. New South Wales has eight Lodges, the half of them meeting at Sydney; while New Zealand musters thirteen Lodges, two being located at Auckland, where the Provincial Grand Lodge meets, and one at Dunedin. These make up together fifty-eight Lodges, and besides there are four in Ceylon, three in Tasmania, one at Gibraltar, one in Malta, one at Constantinople, two in Lima, &c.

In conclusion, if we add the 171 Scottish and 71 Irish Colonial Lodges to the 495 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, we have a grand total of 737 Lodges, or in round figures say 750 Lodges, which owe allegiance to the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom. It should be remarked that the increase in the number of Scotch Lodges during the last ten years has been, in proportion, far greater than in English Masonry, while the additions to the Irish Colonial Lodges have been but few in number.

OUR BROTHER IS DEAD.

FROM THE "KEYSTONE."

OUR Country and our Craft are bending in sorrow together—our Brother—the President of the United States, is dead. The habiliments of mourning are everywhere, betokening unfamiliar grief. Confessedly, the greatest man who has occupied the Presidential chair since Jefferson—one who was at once a statesman, a warrior, and a man of letters—is now no more. As Freemasons, we mourn a Brother, a Companion, and a Knight, who sincerely loved our Fraternity, and illustrated in his life the sublime principles which it inculcates. He died on Monday last—we write on Tuesday. Everywhere business is suspended, and the rulers of the civilized world by cable condole with the American nation.

President Garfield was both a great man and a good man, and no less good than great. He was a sincere lover and humble worshipper of the Grand Architect of the Universe. He acted nobly here, because he expected to live hereafter. Life was his school, and death his graduation to the higher life. Now he has passed the Grand Overseer's examination, his work is approved, and he has received the white stone. Bro. Benjamin Franklin, the sagest philosopher America has produced, once said: "I look upon death to be as necessary to our constitution as sleep. We shall rise refreshed in the morning." How refreshed must Brother Garfield be, after his eighty days of continuous, poignant, and almost unexampled suffering! Now there is for him no more anguish of body or mind, no more death. He enjoys, at last, in a higher sphere,

"The rest from all fever, the peace from all pain,
The one antidote certain for life's bitter bane."

He is happy; but the American nation is inconsolable on account of his loss. Had he died an ordinary death, our grief would be less poignant; but he was murdered. The man who was without a personal enemy, it is scarcely too much to say, the best man in the nation, and justly at the nation's head, was stricken down by the assassin's bullet. Expecting his death on the first day after the bullet was buried in his body, on the eightieth day thereafter we hoped for his continued life. Hence, after we were so long prisoners of hope, his death was most sudden, and we are almost dumb with grief. Sévigné said, on the death of a great minister of State: "I am so cast down by the news of the sudden death of M. de Louvois, that I know not where to begin to speak of it. Behold him dead, this great minister, this mighty man, who occupied so high a place, who was the central point of so much power. What affairs, what plans, what projects he had in view. O! my God, allow me a little time! No, was the reply, you shall not have one single moment!" And so it was with Garfield.

But we mourn especially as Craftsmen. We have lost a Brother Mason, a Companion Royal Arch Mason, a Knight

of the Temple. He walked with us, and met with us, in all of the degrees of the Masonic Fraternity. He was by no means the only President of the United States that adorned the Craft—George Washington, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, John Tyler, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, and Andrew Johnson, were also Freemasons; but President Garfield was as pure a man as the purest of them, and will stand beside them in Masonic history as a shining example and illustration of the purity and nobility of Freemasonry. He sought the Craft of his own free will; he advanced through all of its grades, approving and endorsing them as he proceeded; and he laid down his life while in active membership in Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Consistory. He knew Masonry through and through; he vouched for it with all of his mind and heart; and he died a brother beloved. There is no honour the Craft can pay to his memory that it will not gladly pay. While he was living his last days, and journeying through the valley of the shadow of death, it testified again and again, by resolutions of sincere sympathy for himself and his noble wife, the feeling that everywhere permeates the Brotherhood, and now that he is dead, it will pay the last sad tribute of fraternal respect to his memory. The bereaved widow and children of our late Brother have no sincerer friends than Freemasons in this country. The American nation mourns the loss of its most conspicuous and powerful citizen and ruler; but MASONRY AROUND THE GLOBE MOURNS THE DEATH OF BROTHER JAMES A. GARFIELD. His pure life availed not to save him; a people's prayers are answered not as they wished—nevertheless we bow in humble submission to the Divine decree, convinced that the Grand Master of the Universe hath done, and will do, all things well. The nation has been unified, and realizes, as it never did before, the brotherhood of man. The Masonic Brotherhood, and the nation's brotherhood have mingled their prayers, and now mingle their tears. May it be ours to receive "the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

THE LATE BRO. HUGH SAUNDERS.

The funeral of the late Bro. Hugh Saunders, P.M. and many years Treasurer of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton—of Eastfield Lodge, Keymer, and North Street, Brighton—took place on Tuesday, at the Parish Church, Keymer. It is seldom as spontaneous a demonstration of esteem is shown as was the case on this occasion. The attendance at the grave side was one of the largest ever known in the district, it being estimated that upwards of 500 persons were assembled to pay the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. Of this number a large part were members of the Masonic Brotherhood, the Royal York Lodge being very largely represented, as also were most of the other Lodges of the district. After the body had been lowered to its last resting place, the Freemasons present threw into the vault sprigs of acacia, while Bro. George Nash (W.M. of No. 315) placed a beautiful wreath upon the coffin, in the name of the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts met in Quarterly Communication on 14th September, and transacted quite an amount of business. A complaint was made by the W.M. of Grecian Lodge, Lawrence, against a resident of that city, for being made clandestinely; referred to a committee. A charter was granted to forty-one petitioners for Granite Lodge, heretofore U.D. in Northbridge. The time for commutation of the capitation tax, by the payment of nine dollars for each member, was extended to 25th November 1881. Further time was given in the case of Plymouth Lodge against Corner-Stone Lodge. In the case of Brother George T. Weyer, against Adamus Lodge, of Welfleet, it was found that the Lodge had discharged the complainant irregularly, and the complaint was sustained. The death of Bro. Daniel Reynolds, Junior Grand Warden in 1862, was announced, and a committee was appointed to present resolutions. Voted, to present a copy of "Digest of Masonic Law" to each Lodge in the Jurisdiction, inscribed "Presented by the Grand Lodge," to be present at all meetings of the Lodge. The Grand Master of the District of Columbia, N. D. Lawrence, was received with the usual honours.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Cornwall was held at the Masonic Hall (Assembly Rooms), St. Austell, on the 28th ultimo, the Grand Superintendent, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, presiding. The Hall was handsomely decorated by Companion T. J. Smith, and Companion R. Parsons lent some fine plants for the occasion. The Companions present were:—E. D. Anderton P.G.J., E. T. Carlyon P.G.S.E. and acting P.G.H., T. C. Stephens P.G. First Assistant, Bedford Kerswill P.G. Second Assistant, Charles Truscott jun. P.G. Standard Bearer, John F. Childs P.G.O., Emra Holmes P.G.S.B., Williams Rooks P.G.J., Thomas B. Richards P.Z., T. J. Smith Z. 496, J. O. Job J. 496, J. Polkinghorne P.Z. 1151, T. S. P. Tuckey P.S. 1151, Rev. F. B. Paul P.Z. 496, W. Guy P.Z. 496 P.P.G.S.B., R. T. Stephens 496, W. Rowe Z. 330, S. G. Bake J. 330, W. Nettle Z. 510, W. E. Michell 331, F. B. Williams 1151, J. Wellington J.S. 1151, W. J. Tredinnick Second Assistant 496, John Brewer P.S. 496, R. Parsons 496, Charles Tozer 496, J. D. C. Treffrey 496, J. T. Baker Scribe E. 1151, H. Elliott J. 1151, W. Giles 496, J. W. Higman Scribe E. 496, H. Pole Z. 1164, W. P. Smith Z. 1151, S. Mitchell P.Z. 1096, Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart., S.E. 496, William Mason H. 496, W. Real J. 496, J. R. Collins, &c., &c. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Bodmin on the 11th April 1878, were read and confirmed, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer's report, showing a balance of £34 15s 1d, was received. The Grand Superintendent then elected his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Comp. E. T. Carlyon	-	-	Second Principal Superintendent
C. Truscott	-	-	Third do.
E. D. Anderton	-	-	Scribe E.
R. John	-	-	Scribe N.
Emra Holmes	-	-	Principal Sojourner
W. Guy	-	-	First Assistant Sojourner
J. H. Levin	-	-	Second Assistant do.
Rev. F. B. Paul	-	-	Chaplain
J. F. Childs	-	-	Registrar
W. Rowe	-	-	Sword Bearer
S. Mitchell	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. P. Smith	-	-	Organist
T. J. Smith	-	-	Steward
H. Pole	-	-	"
W. Nettle	-	-	"
N. Mason	-	-	"
W. Rooks	-	-	Janitor

The Committee, consisting of Companions E. D. Anderton, T. C. Stephens, and W. Tweedy, were reappointed for providing the necessary jewels and clothing for the Prov. Grand Chaplain. It was suggested that the Prov. Grand Chapter in future should meet in the eastern division of the county when the Prov. Grand Lodge met in the western division, and *vice versa*, and that the meeting of the Chapter should be held in the spring of the year—say, at Easter or Whitsuntide—and the Prov. Grand Lodge in the autumn. The Prov. Grand Superintendent accepted these suggestions, and said he should have great pleasure in considering them. The Companions were afterwards entertained at a banquet.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

ST. MARTIN LE GRAND CHAPTER, No. 1538.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Tuesday, 4th October, being the installation meeting. The following members of the Chapter were present—Comps. Dr. Ralph Goodinge M.E.Z., Pritchard H. (M.E.Z. elect), Gregory J., Past Principal Major Williams Treasurer, Past Principal F. B. Williams Scribe E., Moffatt N., Parkes P.S., Bates and Fenner 1st and 2nd Assistants, Hatch and Garland Stewards, Hookey D.C., General Roddey, and other Companions. The Chapter was favoured with the presence of Comp. Gould Past Grand Deacon, and other distinguished Visitors, and Comps. Rawson P.G.D.M. China, and Kipps, Honorary Members of the Chapter, were also present. Bro. Mumford, of the St. Martin Le Grand Lodge 1538, being in attendance, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by the M.E.Z., by whom, as well as by the Officers of the Chapter, the ceremony was very perfectly performed, after which Companions Pritchard, Gregory, and Moffatt were installed into their several chairs by the Immediate Past First Principal, Dr. Ralph Goodinge. The M.E.Z. then invested his several Officers, and there being no further business, the Chapter was duly closed, and the Companions adjourned to a very complete banquet, under the able presidency of the M.E.Z. Companion A. J. Pritchard C.C. The usual toasts were proposed, and duly honoured, by the Companions, and in response to the toast of the Grand Officers, Companions Rawson and Gould responded, and in the course of their observations, bore testimony to the able way in which the work of the Chapter had been conducted, and referred to the ceremony of installation as having been of a character rarely equalled in all their experience. After the remainder of the toasts usual on such occasions had been duly proposed, the Companions separated. It was announced in the Chapter that a Bro. and P.M. of one of the oldest Lodges was a candidate for exaltation at the next Chapter, when the Companions will have the pleasure of hearing and appreciating the working of their new M.E.Z.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, on Monday next, 10th October, at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, by Bro. Wm. Side, W.M. of the parent Lodge.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday evening, the 3rd inst., when there was a goodly muster of the brethren, and some excellent working was witnessed. The ceremony of installing Bro. Richard Barham into the chair of K.S. was admirably performed by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Robert John Taylor, assisted by his Officers, and the proceedings were throughout of a most interesting and enjoyable description. At the conclusion of business Brother Clemow catered for the party in his usually excellent style, which elicited from the brethren expressions of approbation and thanks so frequently heard at the mystic gatherings held in this old established and well-managed hotel.

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields, on which occasion Bro. James Crossland was installed as W.M. The meeting was well attended, both by members of the Lodge and Visitors. Among the latter being Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., G. P. Festa S.W. 1900, E. Farwig P.M. 180, J. E. Shand W.M. 1563, W. Maxsted 180, C. R. Ellis S.W. 809, F. Foss 26, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, E. J. Scott P.M. 749, F. Hill 1563, De Leliva 1426, &c. The business before the Lodge consisted of the election of Bro. Austin, who offered himself as a candidate for joining, and the installation of W.M. A Lodge of emergency had been held the previous week, for the purpose of initiating and advancing the several candidates eligible. The Lodge was formally opened with the regular formalities by Bro. J. B. Docker W.M., who was supported by Bro. James Crossland S.W., E. Duret J.W., Louis Beck P.M. Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, E. W. Livermore S.D., F. Green J.D., E. Valeriani I.G., J. Berrow Organist, B. Swallow P.M. Steward. Lodge having been advanced, Bro. Crossland was presented, obligated and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Docker, who performed the ceremony in a manner reflecting the greatest credit on his ability, for, notwithstanding the fact of his being a foreigner, he went through the ritual far better than do the majority of English-born Masters. The newly-installed Master having been saluted, invested the following as the Officers of the year:—Bros. Duret S.W., Livermore J.W., Beck Treasurer, Parsons Secretary, Green S.D., Valeriani J.D., Green jun. I.G., Swallow Steward. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet where, under the presidency of the W.M., a very enjoyable evening was spent. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was said, and then the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Queen, referring to the kindly sympathy displayed by Her Majesty towards the widow of the late Brother President Garfield, which had created a most favourable impression in the minds of the American people, and which would, he thought, tend to materially increase the good feeling between the two countries. The toast of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Rothesay was, the W.M. said, one intimately associated with their Lodge, as the members of it were greatly indebted to His Royal Highness for having sanctioned the use of his title and arms in connection with it. The next toast was that of the Grand Officers, to whom the W.M. considered English Freemasonry owed much of its success; he looked upon it that the prosperity of any institution materially depended on the skill and ability of those placed at the head of affairs, and such being the case, it was only necessary to look at the present condition of Masonry to form a good opinion of the Grand Officers. He referred with pleasure to the presence of one distinguished member of Grand Lodge among them—Bro. Cottebrune had many years since won for himself the position of G. Pursuivant, and ever since that time had acted in the Craft in a manner which clearly showed his was not an undeserved compliment. Brother Cottebrune replied, thanking the Master and brethren for the reception accorded him. He was pleased to have seen the W.M. placed in the chair of the Lodge, for as he had, many years since, initiated him into Freemasonry, he considered he had that night witnessed the completion of the work he had so long ago commenced. He felt that no Past Master could witness the installation of one of his own initiates without feeling some amount of pride and satisfaction. Bro. Docker now assumed the gavel. He had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Master. He felt there was no need to remind the members of the Lodge that Bro. Crossland, as one of the founders of the Lodge, had contributed greatly to its present successful condition. He had entered as J.D., and had filled the several offices upwards, until he had now attained the summit of a Mason's ambition. He was satisfied, from past experience of what Bro. Crossland had done, that he would be an efficient ruler of the Lodge, and concluded by expressing the pleasure he felt in having that night installed him. The W.M. tendered his hearty thanks for the way in which the toast had been offered and received. He was gratified to hear that his efforts in the minor offices which he had filled had met with approval, and trusted that the brethren would never regret the further confidence reposed in him. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M., J. B. Docker, paying that brother a well deserved compliment regarding his working during the past year. He had also the pleasure of presenting, for his acceptance, a Past Master's jewel, as some small recognition by the brethren of the way in which the duties of the chair had been carried out, and in placing it on the breast of Bro. Docker he might say he felt there were few men in this world who deserved more fully all the honours it was possible for the Lodge to bestow on him. Bro. Docker tendered his thanks. He should value the jewel just presented him as long as he lived. It would ever be his desire

to advance the interests of the Rothesay Lodge. The jewel, which was of gold, bore the following inscription on its back:—

Presented to

BRO. JEAN BAPTISTE DOCKER P.M.

By the Brethren of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687,
As a mark of esteem, and for his valuable services as
Founder and Fourth Master.
1881.

The W.M. next proposed the health of the two brethren who had been initiated at the emergency meeting already referred to, and each replied in suitable terms. The toast of the Visitors followed. The W.M. had yet to learn that the Rothesay Lodge could be considered second to any other in its reception of visitors. The members were pleased to see all who had that night honoured them by attending, and he trusted that the guests had enjoyed the fare provided by the Lodge. Bro. Shand was the first to reply. He was very pleased to see the Rothesay Lodge in so flourishing a condition. Bro. Festa followed. He regretted the absence through illness of Bro. Dean, the W.M. of the Montague Guest Lodge, as he felt some acknowledgment was due to the Rothesay Lodge for the part they had taken in securing the warrant for that Lodge. As S.W. of it, he desired to express the thanks of its members, and trusted that the two Lodges would continue the good feeling which now existed between them. Bros. Foss, Farwig, Ellis, Scott, and others also spoke to the toast. The W.M. coupled the health of the Past Masters with that of the Treasurer and Secretary. He regretted there were not more of the Past Masters of the Lodge present. He thought there must be some fatality connected with their meetings which prevented the attendance of the Past Masters. As regarded the Treasurer, he considered Bro. Beck was in every way qualified for the office, and was pleased he had the opportunity of re-investing him for the coming year. The brethren all knew how Bro. Parsons had worked for them in the past, and if his attentions latterly had been in a somewhat different quarter, he could only say it was but natural it should be so. He felt sure that while the brethren one and all sympathised with Bro. Parsons, they were united in the best of wishes for his future happiness and good health. He hoped he would long continue to act as their Secretary, and give the Lodge the benefit of his experience. Bros. Beck and Parsons having replied, the W.M. proposed the health of the Officers, which was duly honoured and responded to, after which the Tyler brought the meeting to a conclusion. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, those given by Miss Kate Beck and Mr. Coote being particularly good.

KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting on Tuesday, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. The Lodge was opened by Bro. James H. Hawkins the W.M., and the following Officers were present during the meeting, viz., Bros. A. W. Fenner S.W., H. Hall J.W., C. K. Killick P.M. Secretary, H. P. Isaac P.M., H. Trewinnard P.M., C. K. Killick jun. P.M., J. Crosbie S.D., N. E. Weston J.D., N. Opperman D.C., J. W. Roberts Organist, J. Thompson I.G., W. Garson Steward, J. L. Mather P.P.G.D. of C. Herts, and E. Bowyer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Hon. members. There was also a large attendance of lay members, and several visitors. The business as set down on the agenda paper was exceptionally heavy, there being candidates for each of the three degrees, and great credit is due to the W.M. for the ability he displayed in the several parts of the ritual he was called upon to conduct. The Lodge having been opened and minutes confirmed, the report of the Auditors was presented and received, after which Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Thos. Casely having been entrusted, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. C. J. Brampton was afterwards passed and then, after a favourable ballot, Mr. Carl Heinrich Meyer was initiated. Bro. A. W. Fenner the W.M. elect was then presented, obligated, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed into the chair of the Lodge, his predecessor, Bro. Hawkins, performing the work, as he had the three degrees, in a very satisfactory manner, fully deserving the encomiums passed on his working later in the evening. The following brethren were appointed by the W.M. as the Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Hall S.W., Crosbie J.W., Isaac P.M. Treasurer, Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, Western S.D., Thompson J.D., Opperman I.G., Roberts D.C., Garson Assistant D.C., Pammel Steward. The ceremony of installation was then completed, and Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet, presided over by the newly-installed Worshipful Master. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was said, and then the W.M. proceeded with the toasts of the evening. Those of the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. the Grand Master, and the Grand Officers were in turn honoured, and were followed by that of the W.M., which was proposed by Bro. Hawkins I.P.M. He had great pleasure in proposing it. He might safely say that it was the one perhaps better received in the Kingsland Lodge than any other which was usually honoured at their meetings. He was quite satisfied that every member of the Lodge wished their newly-installed Master not only long life and happiness, but a prosperous year of office as W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge. He hoped the year to come might really be a more prosperous one than that just concluded. During the time he (the I.P.M.) had ruled over the Lodge he had had the pleasure of receiving six gentlemen into Freemasonry, and if he said he wished his successor might have sixty Initiates, it would not be any exaggeration. Although it might not be possible for him to have so many as that, he really trusted he might have at least sixteen. He felt sure Bro. Fenner would fulfil the duties required of him most satisfactorily, and that he would be a bright ornament as the representative of King Solomon in the Kingsland Lodge. Bro. Fenner tendered his hearty thanks to Bro. Hawkins for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast of his

health, and also desired to thank the brethren for the hearty reception they had accorded to it. The present being the first time he had the pleasure of returning thanks as W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, he felt somewhat nervous. He could assure them that while he had the honour to rule over the Lodge, he should endeavour to conduct its affairs to the satisfaction of every member, and he hoped his efforts would meet with success. The Kingsland Lodge had always had an equal share of his attentions with his mother Lodge, and although both were situated in London, he felt they were so far apart as to preclude any possibility of their clashing one with the other. It would ever be his endeavour to do the utmost that lay in his power for each of them. He hoped no one would excel him in good intentions towards either. As a founder of the Kingsland Lodge, he naturally took great interest in its welfare, and he hoped to be associated with it for many years to come; indeed, he might say that it was his intention never to sever himself from it; but as W.M. during the coming year, and as one of its P.M.'s for, he hoped, many years after, to use his utmost endeavours to facilitate the extension of the good feeling which had characterised the Lodge during the past. In giving the next toast, Bro. Fenner expressed the pleasure he felt in proposing it. It was one that only occurred once a year, being that of the Installing Master. Bro. Hawkins had not only fulfilled his duties in the Lodge during the past year most satisfactorily, but had concluded his Mastership in a blaze of triumph by working each of the three degrees on the night of his retirement, and then finishing up by installing his successor, and he had done all this in really splendid manner. The W.M. felt that Bro. Hawkins had well earned the P.M.'s jewel, which the brethren had decided on presenting to him, and he had great pleasure in placing it on his breast. In doing so, he felt he was but expressing the wish of every brother present when he said he hoped Bro. Hawkins might have health to wear it for many years to come as a memento of that evening, and of the year he had spent as W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge. Bro. Hawkins felt it was a matter of impossibility for him adequately to thank the members for the way in which they had received the toast just given them by the W.M., as well as for the great kindness they had shown to him during the past year, more particularly that evening, when he had received at the hands of the W.M. the jewel he now wore. He should at all times look upon it as the most gratifying decoration he could aspire to in Freemasonry. He assured the brethren one and all he felt very highly their kindness, and he trusted he might long remain a member of the Lodge, for which he should at all times do everything that lay in his power. The W.M. next gave the health of the initiate. The toast, he said, was one always received with a great amount of enthusiasm in Masonic Lodges, but in none more so than in the Kingsland. They had that evening admitted a gentleman to their Lodge who had been well recommended, and who from the interest he had evinced in the proceedings would doubtless do credit to the brethren who had introduced him. He hoped he might in time become one of the shining lights of the Craft. Bro. Meyer, in reply, tendered his best thanks for all that the brethren had done for him. He should endeavour to become as the Worshipful Master had said—one of the brightest members of the Lodge. He hoped the brethren of it might never have occasion to regret having admitted him as a member. The toast of the Visitors having been honoured, Bros. Mullord, Clark and Bernhard replied. Bro. Mullord felt greatly honoured in being selected to respond. He looked upon visiting as one of the principal features of Freemasonry, as it was necessary, in order that brethren might display the brotherly love that was one of the grand principles of the Order, that they should know each other, and that could only be done by visiting one another's Lodges. He was very gratified to see the ability displayed by the I.P.M. and the W.M. then in the chair, and he felt that if future Masters desired to keep up to the standard of excellence they had attained, it would be necessary they should devote themselves thoroughly to their work, even then they would find they had no very light task. Bro. Clark followed. It afforded him great pleasure being present that night to witness the success which attended the installation of Bro. Fenner, who, as might be known to many of those present, was his immediate predecessor in the chair of the Upton Lodge. The W.M. had especial pleasure in giving the next toast. It was one which had been regularly proposed in the Lodge ever since the second Master had been installed in it, being that of the Past Masters of the Lodge. They of course had had no P.M. during the first year of the Lodge's existence, but the four they could now muster made ample amends for the omission of the past. Bro. Killick jun. having thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast, said he looked round with a great amount of pleasure on the prospects of the Lodge as evidenced by the successful meeting that day. The Past Masters of course took great interest in the Lodge, as its success or otherwise might be taken as an indication of the way in which they had carried out the duties of the chair in the past. He was very proud to see so many of the brethren he had had the honour of initiating occupying prominent positions in the Lodge, indeed every Officer up to, and including the two Deacons, had been initiated by him. The Past Masters had but one desire—to see the Lodge prosper. It was their hope that its members would always work harmoniously and for the benefit of each other. In proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Fenner remarked on the great amount of Masonic knowledge possessed by Bro. Isaac. They ought to be very proud to number him among the Officers of the Lodge. Besides his ability to perform the ceremonies of the Order, he was well fitted for the office of Treasurer. He could be relied on for taking care of the funds of the Lodge, and the brethren might rest content that no part thereof would ever be expended in waste, or contrary to their wishes. Of the Secretary, he said, Bro. Killick sen. was really the hinge on which the Lodge worked. He felt it was mainly due to his unceasing endeavours that the Lodge had come to its present proud position. He had never flinched in the work of his office. As a Founder, he had rendered great service, and ever since his whole energy had been thrown into the work required of him. Each of

these brethren having replied, the W.M. proposed the health of his Officers, who severally returned thanks, and then the Tyler was summoned, and in the customary way he brought the business of the day to a conclusion. Among the visitors present were Bros. A. Clark W.M. 1227, R. Slaymaker I.G. 820, F. G. Newton 569, R. G. Taylor P.M. 144, Alex. Mullord W.M. 1288, W. O. Bernhard ("Kelto," Munich), A. A. Selig 1048, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, E. Woodman I.G. 1897, A. J. Berry Secretary 1695, A. Fenner I.G. 1524, &c.

CARADOC LODGE, No. 1674.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Bank Buildings, Sussex-street, Rhyl. The brethren assembled at 2.30 p.m. There was a large gathering of members and visitors, amongst whom we noticed the following:—Bros. J. J. Cannah P.M. 721 P.G. Supt. of Works Cheshire, H. J. Lloyd W.M. 721, T. Nabb S.W. 721, W. Ellis 721, W. Roberts W.M. 1477, Lambert I.G. 1477, J. Powell 637, E. Smith P.M. 1336 P.G.A.D.C. North Wales and Shropshire, J. C. Owen P.M. 1336, Stephen Roose Organist 1143, George Woodford 1336. The Lodge was opened by Bro. K. McEwen W.M. The ballot was then taken for Mr. F. Hordley, who was unanimously elected, and regularly initiated by Bro. W. H. Foulkes, in a masterly and impressive manner. The W.M. having resumed the chair, the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Coxhead S.W., was presented, and the work of installing performed in the most efficient manner, reflecting much credit on the Installing Master, Bro. McEwen, and Bros. Salmon and Foulkes, Past Masters of the Lodge. Lodge having been closed to the first degree, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. K. McEwen I.P.M., E. W. Keatinge S.W., W. Hackforth J.W., Rev. L. Nicholas Chaplain, T. Girdlestone Treasurer, H. J. B. Lawrence Secretary, H. A. Steer S.D., G. D. Burdett J.D., F. C. Watkins Organist, Robert Hughes Steward, F. P. Lewis I.G., J. Bayliss Tyler. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, and the business finished, the W.M., on behalf of the members of the Lodge (all of whom subscribed to a private fund for that purpose), presented Bro. McEwen I.P.M. with a valuable Past Master's jewel, as a token of their appreciation of his Masonic worth. Bro. McEwen, in a few suitable remarks, which were expressed with much feeling, acknowledged the pleasure it gave him to be the recipient of such a handsome token of their esteem. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Belvoir Hotel, where a most sumptuous dinner was provided by Bro. Lawrence. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and these were interspersed with music and singing, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday last, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, W. Present:—Bros. A. J. Burr W.M., J. Green S.W., H. E. Tucker J.W., J. Wells Secretary, W. Seward S.D., J. W. Fisher J.D., Hamilton I.G., Andrews P.M.; Bros. A. Jones, Gasson, C. Bellerby, Delevante, S. Smout jun., G. S. Wright. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. C. Andrews P.M. candidate. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the 13th instant.

St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.—The first meeting after the vacation of this Lodge was held at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on Wednesday last, under the presidency of Bro. C. F. Barham W.M., assisted by Bros. L. Stean P.M., G. T. Barr I.P.M., E. Benjamin S.W., J. A. Jones J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, J. Cox Hon. Sec., A. A. Clement S.D., J. Funston J.D., E. Walker I.G., F. Matthews D.C., R. Drysdale and H. Thrower Stewards, G. C. Young Organist, C. T. Speight Tyler. There was a good attendance of members. Several visiting brethren were present, including Bros. the Rev. S. B. Bridges 591, H. B. Taylor 1531, C. Steel 1365, J. Little 1607, S. Smither 193, J. Roberts 1816, A. J. Bradgate 55, A. Wagstaff 188, C. White 1708, R. Conder 715. Amongst the business transacted was the passing of Bro. S. Fennell, and the initiation of Mr. C. Davis into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. The brethren appeared in partial Masonic mourning, "in sympathy with our American brethren for the loss of our Brother, the late President Garfield," and it was unanimously resolved to forward an address of condolence from the brethren of the St. Leonard to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The services of the Worshipful Master and his Officers were warmly acknowledged, and the visitors spoke highly of the working the Lodge.

The New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, will resume business after the summer recess, on Wednesday the 12th inst., at eight o'clock. Bro. Thomas Cusworth P.M. is the Preceptor, and Bro. R. P. Forge the Secretary.

The Speaker of the Canadian Senate, the Hon. D. Macpherson, has arrived in London, and is now honouring Mr. Charles Mercier with sittings for the portrait which has been voted by the Canadian parliament, and which is to hang in the Senate House.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. (in the chair), W. Paas, S. Rosenthal, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., Charles Sanden, M.D., Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Donald M. Dewar, A. J. Duff-Filer, Arthur E. Gladwell, George P. Gillard, H. Massey, George Cooper, George P. Britten, George Motion, F. Adlard, and F. Binckes (Secretary). Two candidates were added to the list for election in April, and two candidates (Herbert Lawson Laing, No. 10, and Walter John Sisley, No. 20) were withdrawn from the list for next Monday, making the list 63 instead of 65. Outfits of £5 each were granted to former pupils of the Institution. A letter from Bro. Beavis, suggesting some recognition of the services of Secretaries of Masonic Charitable Associations, which had contributed large sums to the Institution, was ordered to lie on the table. Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell gave notice of motion for next Monday—That the rank and privileges of a Life-Governor be granted to such Secretaries. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart also gave notice of motion for next Monday—That a special account, in the names of the Trustees of the General Fund, be opened with the London and Westminster Bank Limited, Holborn Branch, to be called the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' Preparatory School Building Fund; that such Fund shall be left to accumulate by donations and interest thereon as may accrue from time to time until it shall amount to the sum of £8000, when the House Building Committee shall be authorised to commence the erection of the building, on plans approved and adopted after due consideration. That any donor, on completion of his or her qualification as a Life-Governor of the Institution, shall receive two votes instead of one vote for every five guineas contributed (Ladies and Lewises receiving four votes) to the Special Building Fund. That in the event of the Building Fund not reaching the required sum, the amount contributed, with the accumulated interest thereon, may be transferred to the General Fund of the Institution, in accordance with resolution of a General Court, on notice of motion duly given.

MASONIC PHUNNYGRAPHS.

THE other night a strange brother came to the Lodge some time before the hour of meeting, and made frequent inquiries for a certain well-known and active member, who, he informed us, could save us the labour of an examination on an intensely hot night. Upon the arrival of the member the visitor's qualifications for admission were fully established, and some of the brethren began a conversation with him on Masonic subjects. He appeared to be a regular attendant at his Lodge, and an active worker, and one of our members informed him of a called meeting for work that had been named for a night in the following week, and invited him to be present. He expressed his inability to do so, as his own Lodge met that night, and he thought he would run home on that occasion and return to our place, and complete his business. Besides, he said, they would have work in the third degree, and he wished to be present to participate. Inquiry elicited the fact that he was a worker, and upon pressing the question as to what particular place he usually filled, he said, "Oh, I hold the c—." The oh-h-ho that involuntarily and simultaneously arose from his auditors betokened "how great a fall was there, my countrymen."

Some years ago two Masons from a neighbouring town came to our city, engaged in business, and were quite regular in their attendance at the Lodge. Their names were Hoopes and Wood, and the firm usually closed store early, so that their evenings were at their disposal. I was Senior Deacon at the time, and the Junior Deacon announced that Brothers Wood and Hoopes wished to enter. The Master hesitated a moment and asked "Who?" Brother Junior Deacon replied as before, "Brothers Wood'n Hoopes." The Master was not yet yet satisfied, and the members nearest the door saw the cause of the Master's confusion and began to smile. At last he said, "Brother Junior Deacon, I do not catch the name, please repeat it." The Junior Deacon, with great deliberation and emphasis said, "Brothers Wood'n Hoopes." At this the Master turned to me and said, "Brother Senior Deacon, please see who it is that wishes to enter." I made examination and informed him that "Brother Wood and Brother Hoopes, grocers, No. — street, at B—, were the Wood'n Hoopes that wished to enter." The light dawned upon the East, and with a broad smile he said, "Let them enter," at which the members gave way to a burst of merriment seldom heard in a Masonic Lodge.

Quite an amusing circumstance occurred recently in a Lodge that had cleaned house in the spring and laid its carpet upon a thick coating of straw. A strip of stair carpet, to make out the circumambulation, had been tacked over the floor carpet, and some stray tacks had hid themselves in the softness of the straw. The candidate was a young man, full of fun and void of fear. He stepped off briskly and, after a few steps, trod on a tack; with a bound, he hopped on one foot and gave expression to an "ouch" that seemed to indicate that it might indeed be good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity, but that it was hard on the candidate. Having extracted the tack, he had not passed more than half the distance around before he found another in the same manner, accompanied by another "ouch" and an audible smile on the candidate's face. The Lodge was about to explode, when down came the gavel with emphasis, and the Master addressed the candidate, assuring him that his experience was not such as all who had gone that way before had undergone, but was due entirely to the neglect of the tackers in removing their instruments of torture. After Lodge the laugh was had, and seemed to be enjoyed by the Master as much as the candidate.

Brethren who have visited Ohio Lodges will remember the peculiar

style of opening and closing a Master's Lodge, with the brethren in lines and sending the S * * * * * to and from the East. Prior to the Morgan excitement material refreshments were always furnished at Lodge, and the steward's office was one of great importance. When the revival occurred, after the anti-Masonic craze had subsided, many Lodges discontinued the practice of having refreshments, and their example was speedily followed by others, until the custom may now be said to be obsolete. During these good old times, a certain Ohio Lodge had a steward and Tyler that was famous as a good caterer and inspector of liquors. He had a jug, which he always filled, prior to each meeting, with pure whisky, and when the Lodge was declared closed, it was the practice to start the jug along the lines, each man taking a swig and passing it to his neighbour. Upon one occasion either the attendance was larger or the draught deeper than usual, for the jug was emptied before it had reached the lips of all, and as it came empty, he realized that it was his fate to go thirsty, and assuming an attitude of Masonic distress, he exclaimed, "Worshipful the W * * * is lost."

Some years since I had an experience that demonstrated how careful Masons should be in accepting an avouchal, and how sure they ought to be that no misunderstanding exists. A friend and brother named Oliver Wright, whom I knew to be a Master Mason, was in the city and had told me he was a Royal Arch Mason. The Chapter was to hold a meeting during his sojourn, and I invited him to attend, which he said he would do. The Guard was a careful sentry, had filled the place for many years and was never known to err in the discharge of his official duty. When the chapter was about to open Companion Wright had not appeared, and I went to the Guard with the request that when he arrived I should be notified. I described him to the Guard and said, "It's Ol. Wright, so when he gives you his card you will know he is my man." I became interested in the work inside, and forgot about my friend until the Secretary asked me who that Companion was—pointing to a stranger seated in the room. I recognised my friend, and was surprised that he was inside. I had no opportunity to speak to him until we had called off, and I then asked him how he had gained admission. He said the Guard had passed him in, without alarm, while the work was in progress. I sought out the Guard and asked him if he could vouch for Companion Wright. He said, "No, you said he was all right." I denied it, and he repeated to me my exact language. I then saw where he had misunderstood me. The name Ol. Wright had been misunderstood as all right, and equivalent to an avouchal. I re-entered the room and explained to the High Priest that a stranger had been admitted among the workmen, and that no one had vouched for him. A council was at once had, and we provided to test the companion, after his visit. The Companion was well informed, and left no doubts in the mind of any of his entire worthiness, but it was an occasion that afforded splendid opportunities for inculcating extreme caution, which several present recommended in short addresses.

Last winter we installed the Master elect of a Lodge into the Oriental chair, and the novelty of the position was very embarrassing to the brother. He held the gavel in his hands, and for lack of other employment attempted to twist the handle from the head of the gavel; he succeeded so far as to make a grating sound as the handle turned in the eye—a sound somewhat similar to that produced by turning the stem of a stem-winding watch. The new Master made several turns, when one of the Lodge, a jeweller by occupation, arose and requested permission to ask the chair a question. It was granted, and the inquiry was, "Worshipful, I merely desire to ask if that is a stem-winding gavel?"

With which anecdote I will wind up my contribution.—Voice of Masonry.

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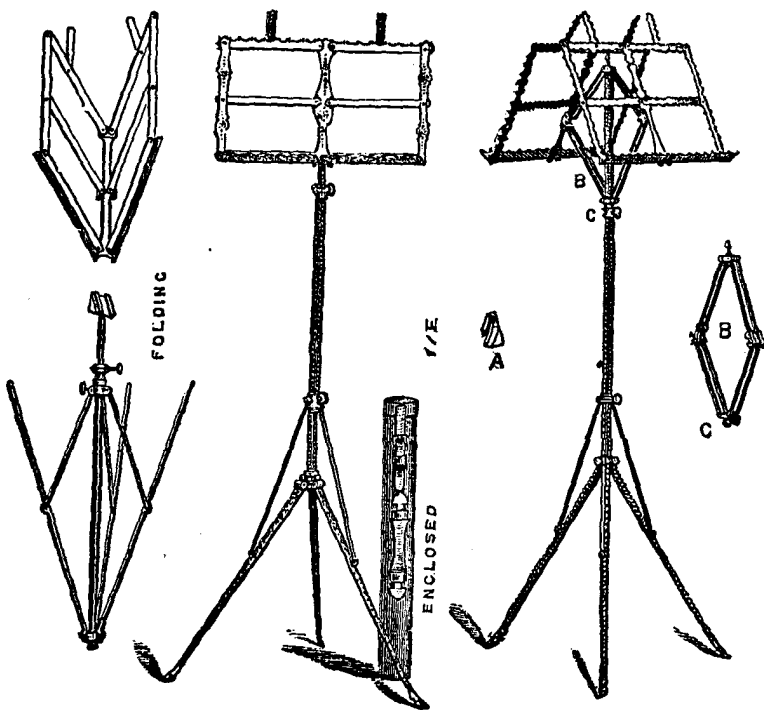
A MUSICAL and elocutionary entertainment was given by the members of the above Club, at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 5th inst. The occasion was the inaugural night of the season, for which a highly diversified programme had been provided. Indeed, the *embarras du richesse* rendered the President's task a very difficult one to discharge, the time not admitting of all the *morceaux* being performed. Messrs. W. J. Derby and Dacres Smith acted as the Presidents, and were well supported by Bro. Alfred Walter, the Treasurer of the Club. The bill of fare included some capital glees, ventriloquial sketch by Mr. E. Smith; some favourite ballads, among which may be named Blumenthal's "Message," tastefully sung by Mr. W. J. Derby; "Will o' the Wisp" and "Friend or Foe," heartily declaimed by Mr. Marriner; Balfe's celebrated "Excelsior" duet, rendered by the two already mentioned vocalists, and which was encored; selections from Zampa, "Incretia Borgia," the latter introducing a Flute Solo by Bro. T. Walter, played in capital style, and a Solo by Mr. P. Jackman, the talented pianist of the Club, whose exertions added materially to the enjoyment of the evening. At the conclusion of the harmonious portion of the proceedings, a large number of new members were proposed. The season gives promise of being as successful as any of its predecessors.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, will be held in the Large Hall, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on MONDAY, 10th day of October 1881, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution. To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By Bro. R. W. STEWART, V.P., on behalf of the House Committee:—

That a special account, in the names of the Trustees of the "General Fund," be opened with the London and Westminster Bank (Limited), Bloomsbury Branch, to be called "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Preparatory School Building Fund."

That such Fund shall be left to accumulate, by donations and interest thereon as may accrue from time to time, until it shall amount to the sum of £8,000, when the House and Building Committee shall be authorised to commence the erection of the Building, on plans approved and adopted after due consideration.

That any donor, on completion of his or her qualification as a Life Governor of the Institution, shall receive two votes instead of one vote for every five guineas contributed (Ladies and Lewises receiving four votes) to the Special Building Fund.

That in the event of the Building Fund not reaching the required sum, the amount contributed, with the accumulated interest thereon, may be transferred to the General Fund of the Institution, in accordance with Resolution of a General Court on Notice of Motion duly given.

2. By Bro. ARTHUR E. GLADWELL:—

Additional paragraph to Law XVI.

"The Secretary for the time being of a Masonic Charitable Association (such as those usually associated with Lodges of Instruction) which has paid to the Institution a sum of not less than One Hundred Guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, be entitled to the honorary rank of a Life Governor, and to all the privileges of the same, and, further, the Secretary of an Association which has paid to the Institution during his Secretaryship a sum of not less than Two Hundred Guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, on his retiring from such office, or on the Association ceasing to exist, be entitled to all the privileges of a Life Governor in his own right."

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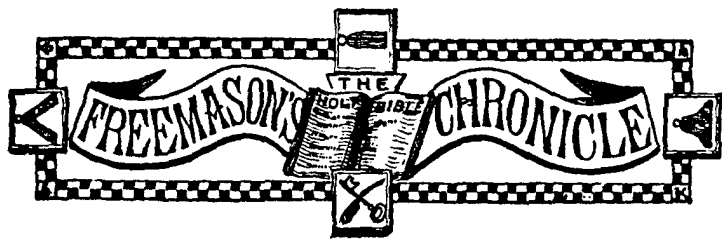
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FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

WHATEVER may be said of the freethought Lodges in Belgium and the semi-political Lodges elsewhere, there is no doubt that in India Freemasonry is unostentatiously doing good work in breaking down the barriers of caste. "This union of union," as a German writer says, "which joins all good men into one family, in which the principle of equality, together with that of brotherly love, that is, love of the human race, is the predominant one, and the end and aim of all its moral influence upon others—this is Freemasonry." Under the influence of this Freemasonry it has for the first time in India been possible to abolish the distinctions of castes and creed in social intercourse, and the Freemason, like the Jesuit missionary, is doing something towards progress. The very name "Freemason" comes from the time when the companies or guilds of Steinmetzen threw off the yoke of the clergy under whose control they had formerly acted, and began to lend their own services on their own terms to their clerical employers. From Germany the Steinmetzen carried their organisation to England, and the religious fervour which followed the welcome discovery that the year 1000 was not to be ushered in by the Day of Judgment gave a singular impetus to the erection of churches in Western Europe. These Masonic guilds, which gradually spread throughout Central and Western Europe, had their wooden Lodges outside the churches they were building. They had apprentices, fellow Craftsmen, and Masters. They had a secret sign and a password, and were all vowed to secrecy. They had a set of questions and answers precisely like the lectures of the three degrees of modern Freemasonry. But here all resemblance ceased. The building of churches declined, however, with the Reformation; and just to keep the associations going, noble and wealthy men were sometimes admitted, as honorary members, or "Accepted Masons." In this way, Sir Inigo Jones and Sir Christopher Wren patronised the Lodges, and in the reign of Queen Anne it was resolved "that the privileges of Masonry should no longer be restricted to operative masons, but extended to men of every profession, provided they were regularly approved and initiated into the Order." This was the end of ancient and the beginning of modern Freemasonry, and we have no need to go back to the days of King Solomon and Hiram Abiff, to the "Collegia Fabrorum" and the mysteries of the Eleusinians and Essenes, for a connected history of this interesting organisation. The new movement, at all events, dates only from St. John's Day 1717, when the new leaders constituted themselves a Grand Lodge *pro tem*, and elected Anthony Sayer their first Grand Master. From this time Freemasonry has continued to flourish in England, from whence it has spread not only to Germany, from whence it came, but to every civilised country on the globe. Scotch Freemasonry, though it dates back only to 1736, had to a certain extent an independent history. Ireland received its Masonry from England in 1730, in which year it was also transplanted into France. But there the sale of degrees, the impositions of Cagliostro, who induced the brethren to believe in the philosopher's stone and the elixir of life, and the singular experiment of admitting women to take part with men in the mysteries, prevented it attaining any high dignity or usefulness. The Germans received back Freemasonry from England in 1737, and it must be confessed, says Willoughby, "that Freemasonry is now more select, has greater inherent strength, and is more of a reality in Germany than in any other country." In America there are more Lodges and more degrees than in the whole of the world combined. In Russia alone is Freemasonry proscribed by law, though it is everywhere denounced by the Romish hierarchy as an impious association, the members of which are *ipso facto* excommunicated. Willoughby, whom we have quoted before, says that over 1600 Lodges

in England and the Colonies are in connection with the English Grand Lodge, and considerably over 5,000 with the forty odd Grand Lodges in the United States. In Germany there are not more than 400 Lodges, but they are stronger than elsewhere. There are probably between 3,000 and 9,000 Lodges in the world, comprising about 450,000 working members, and the initiated Masons may, it is believed, be reckoned at about ten times that number, or four millions and a half.

Ever since the Prince of Wales became the recognised head of English Freemasonry, the organisation has received a marked impetus throughout the world, and in India, not Anglo-Indians only, but Hindoos, Parsees, and Mahomedans have loyally followed suit. From its mixed members Freemasonry in India cannot but be more interesting than in any Western nation, and so little is known of Freemasonry in India that the following statistics, collected with some trouble, will be read with interest. There are in all 110 Craft Lodges in India, 88 of which are English and 22 Scotch. The English Craft Lodges are under the District Grand Lodges of Bengal, Madras, Bombay, British Burmah, and Punjab; the Scotch Craft Lodges are under the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. The District Grand Lodges are under the United Grand Lodges of England and Wales; the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India is under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Pursuing our inquiries it will be seen from what follows that seventy-six different towns have one or more Lodges. As to the Craft Lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England and Wales there are in Bengal—nine in Calcutta, two at Allahabad, and one at each of the following towns:—Dum Dum, Meerut, Cawnpore, Lucknow, Mussoorie, Fyzabad, Morar, Dinapore, Roorkee, Assensole, Darjeeling, Jamalpore, Benares, Bareilly, Saidpore, Naini Tel, and Saharanpore—total 28. Coming to Madras there are three in the Presidency town; and one at each of the following towns:—Trichinopoly, Secunderabad, Bellary, Kamptee, St. Thomas Mount, Bangalore, Cannanore, Wellington, Ootacomund, Trimulgherry, Chudderghaut, Tuticorin, Coconada, Mysore, and Negapatam—total eighteen. In Bombay there are eight in Bombay city, and one at each of the following:—Poona, Kurrachee, Hyderabad (Sind), Jubbulpore, Nagpore, Egutpoora, Sukkur, Budnaira, and Bhosawul—total seventeen. In British Burmah there are three in Rangoon, and one at each of the following:—Moulmein, Akyab, Tounghoo, and Thayetmayo—total seven. In the Punjab three at Lahore, and one at each of the following:—Simla, Umballa, Peshawur, Sealkote, Dera Ismail, Khan, Mooltan, Dalhousie, Delhi, Rawul Pindie, Palunpore (Kangra Valley), Murree, Ferozepore, Meean Meer, Nowlucka (Lahore), and Dugsha—total eighteen. The Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India is, for some reason or other, strongest on the western side. There are four Lodges in Bombay, three in Calcutta, and one at each of the following:—Poona, Kurrachee, Aden, Belgaum, Mhow, Manora, Lanowlee, Neemuch, Allahabad, Calicut, Secunderabad, Kurseong, Ajmere, Julpigoli, Lucknow—total, twenty-two. There are many other private Masonic bodies in India, which are not here named, as their members also belong to the Lodges above-mentioned. As the Freemasons only come before the public in the guise of a philanthropic association, we may here add the list of Masonic Charities in India. In Bengal there are the "Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence," for the relief of distressed brethren and of those near akin to them; and the "Bengal Masonic Association," for educating children of indigent Freemasons. In Madras there are the "Madras Masonic Fund of Benevolence," for the relief of distressed brethren and of those near akin to them; and the "Madras Masonic Institution," for the maintenance and education of the children of indigent and deceased Freemasons. In Bombay there are the "Bombay Masonic Fund of Benevolence," for the relief of distressed brethren and of those near akin to them; and the "Bombay Masonic Association," for maintaining, clothing, and educating the children of indigent and deceased Freemasons. In British Burmah there are the "British Burmah Masonic Fund of Benevolence," for the relief of distressed Masons and their widows and orphans; and the "Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund," for educating children of indigent Freemasons. In the Punjab there are the "Punjab Masonic Fund of Benevolence," and the "Punjab Masonic Institution," for educating children of indigent Freemasons. The Scotch Masonic Charity in India is

known as the "Scottish Freemasons' Benevolent Society in India," for the relief of destitute Freemasons, their widows, and the education of their orphan children.

But these semi-public charities afford only an indication of the good work that is always being constantly, though secretly, performed. It would be probably impossible to arrive at even an approximate number of Freemasons in India. But the twelve Lodges in Bombay city have 400 subscribing members; while it is believed that about ten times that number have passed through the Lodges at various times, and are still more or less interested in Freemasonry. This gives us 4000 Freemasons in Bombay; and if the same ratio holds good throughout India, we shall in the 110 Lodges have 3,737 subscribing members, and a total of 37,370 Freemasons. But this is, of course, a very rough surmise. Still, considering the amount of good they do, and considering also that no charge of disloyalty or irreligion, has ever been brought against this small but influential body of men, it is difficult to see why they were signalled out for attack by Bishop Meurin in his now famous pastoral.—*Times of India*.

On Wednesday was dedicated, at Weston Super Mare, the new building erected by the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222. It has been built from the designs of Messrs. Hans Price and Wooler, architects of Weston, and is in the late Tudor style. It is built entirely of Bath stone, and will prove not only useful as a Masonic Hall, but an additional ornament to the town. Over the main entrance is a recessed and canopied niche, wherein stands a sculptured figure in Ketton stone, of the patron Saint of the Lodge, St. Kew, the work of Bro. Harry Hems, of Exeter. The internal arrangements, planned by Bro. Wooler, are most complete, and reflect the greatest credit on his skill and taste. There was a very strong and influential gathering of the brethren from all parts of Somersetshire, no doubt owing to the fact that the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, was to have performed the ceremony of Dedication. However, his Lordship was unable to be present, and his place was taken by Bro. Eise, Deputy P.G.M.

Sir Harcourt V. Bempde-Johnstone, Bart, P.G. Warden of England, has been raised to the peerage by the title of Baron Derwent of Hackness, County of Yorkshire.

Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—This Lodge of Instruction met at its new quarters, Bro. Swallow's, the Goat and Star, Swallow-street, Regent-street, W., on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when the ceremony of Installation was very ably rehearsed by Bro. Docker, for the first time, and to whom a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes. At the meeting last Wednesday evening, the ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed by Bro. Kirkaldy, and some of the sections worked by Bro. W. C. Smith. It was announced that an inaugural supper would take place on the last Wednesday in this month, presided over by Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P., supported by Bros. Shand W.M. and Docker P.M.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—Held at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal Green Junction, on Wednesday, 5th inst. Bros. Clements W.M., Clark S.W., Brittain J.W., Bonner S.D., Chitson J.D., Anderson I.G., W. Musto P.M. Preceptor, Hand Hon. Secretary; Bros. Stewart, Christian, Ford, Hammond, Sturtevant. Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hammond candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for next week. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, E., on Tuesday, 27th ultimo. Bro. Myers W.M., Smith S.W., Cope J.W., Ives J.G. and acting Sec.; also Bros. Johnson, Day, Willoughby, Watkins, McGeorge, Pavitt, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. It being the fourth Tuesday in the month, in accordance with the Bye-Laws, sections only were worked, as follows:—First Lecture:—First section, Bro. Ives; second, Watkins; third, Pavitt; fourth, Johnson; fifth, Smith, sixth Pavitt. Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and all Masonic business being over, Lodge was regularly closed, and adjourned till Tuesday, the 4th inst.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., Bro. Smith W.M., Johnson S.W., Myers J.W., Pavitt J.D., McGeorge I.G., Musto P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Bailey, Cope, Watkins, Prosser, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey candidate. Bro. Myers assisted by the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Johnson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was announced that, according to the Bye-Laws, the Fifteen Sections are to be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, the 25th instant, when we hope to see a good muster of brethren. Lodge was regularly closed, and adjourned till the 11th inst.

PROV. G. LODGE OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings was held on Wednesday, at the Town Hall, Hull, by the permission of the Right Worshipful the Mayor. There was a large attendance of members from the twenty-seven Lodges of the Province, all the Lodges being represented. The Board of Benevolence met prior to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and was presided over by the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland. Various sums of money were voted to the relief of worthy applicants.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, upon the invitation of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, was held in the reception room. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings, the Earl of Zetland, was supported on the dais by the D.P.G.M. J. P. Bell, M.D., J.P., C. Sykes, M.P., P.S.G.W., G. W. Woodall, J.P., P.S.G.W., G. Bohn, C.O., P.P.G. Reg., J. W. Taylor, M.D., P.G.S.W., Very Rev. the Dean of York, the Rev. H. Greeves, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Rev. E. L. H. Tew P.G. Chaplain, S. Moseley P.P.S.G.W., E. W. Thorp W.M. 1010, M. C. Peck Prov. Grand Sec., Alderman C. Wells, Alderman Atkinson, J.P., Alderman Seaton J.P., and R. W. Hollon Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Dr. Ivor Murray P.G.W. occupied the chair of Senior Warden, and Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.G.J.W. the Junior Warden's chair. Bro. R. Hantley performed the duties of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. James Pyburn, M.D., P.P.G. Reg., acted as Organist. There were several notices of motion on the paper, which were disposed of.

The Provincial Grand Lodge then formed in procession to Holy Trinity Church. The Lodges were marshalled in the Town Hall, in front of which and along the line of route a large crowd assembled. The Provincial Grand Lodge was preceded by the Mayor and Corporation, in their robes, and was attended by the bands of the Police Force and the second East York Artillery Volunteers. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Dr. Arthur Purey-Cust, Grand Chaplain of England. The lessons were read by the Rev. H. Greeves, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain, Vicar of Wistow, and the Rev. H. W. Kemp, B.A., Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, Master of the Hull Charter House.

A collection was then made, amounting to £32 13s 9d, which will be divided between the Holy Trinity Church Restoration Fund and the Masonic Charities.

On leaving the church the procession reformed and returned to the Town Hall, when the Prov. Grand Master received the fees of benevolence of the various Lodges in the Province, after which Earl Zetland appointed and installed the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz:

Bro. W. B. Richardson 200	-	Prov. Grand Senior Warden
Captain Jackson 643	-	Junior Warden
Rev. W. Booth 630	-	Chaplain
Rev. W. Chilman 1040	-	"
W. H. Cowper 1848	-	Registrar
M. C. Peck 250	-	Secretary
R. W. Hollon 236	-	Treasurer
F. W. Thorp 1010	-	Senior Deacon
G. Wilson 57	-	Junior Deacon
A. Dyson 1618	-	Supt. of Works
W. H. Gainforth 236	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Peacock 200	-	Assist. Dir. of Cer.
W. Staniland 566	-	Sword Bearer
R. Davison 602	-	Organist
W. Fraser 1760	-	Pursuivant
W. T. Harrison 561	-	Assist. Pursuivant
F. J. Lambert 1010	-	Tyler
J. Lowe 57	-	"

The Dean of York was thanked for his able sermon, and was asked to permit its publication.

The Dean replied that he had delivered the sermon for the Prov. Grand Lodge, and it was quite at their service.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Public Rooms, Jarrett-street, where the Right Hon. Earl of Zetland presided, he was supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Bell, the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Sir Charles Legard, Colonel Prickett, the Worshipful Masters of the Hull Lodges, and many Present and Past Provincial Officers of the Riding. The usual Masonic toasts were duly given.

New Sadlers Wells Theatre opens this evening (Saturday), under the management of Bro. F. B. Chatterton, with a new drama from the pen of Mr. Leopold Lewis, author of "The Bells," &c. &c., entitled "The Foundlings." We are under the impression that Bro. Chatterton was connected with the Wells in the palmy days of the late Messrs. Phelps and Greenwood, but, be this as it may, we take this opportunity of expressing our heartiest good wishes for the success of Bro. Chatterton's administration.

Bro. C. Smith, P.M. Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, and member of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, informs us that he no longer has the control of the Masonic column in the *Sunday Times*. We regret the services of Brother Smith will thus be lost to the Masonic world, as many of the items he has given from time to time have been of great interest. We can but hope that should our esteemed brother feel disposed again to take up the subject he may find some other medium in which to exercise his talents.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday a meeting of the Fraternity was held in the Masonic Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield, under the united auspices of the four Sheffield Lodges, Nos. 139, 296, 1239, and 1779, and was presided over by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bro. T. W. Tew Deputy P.G. Master, and a large array of Provincial Grand Officers. This being the first meeting since the annual one in April, a goodly number of brethren assembled from all parts of the Province, nearly every Lodge being represented.

After the customary salutations had been accorded to the Provincial Grand Master and to the Deputy,

Sir Henry Edwards addressed the assembly as follows:—Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren, on almost every Provincial Grand Lodge circular of the business to be transacted at our quarterly gatherings of Freemasonry, there is an invariable paragraph, "To receive applications for the next meeting." When we assembled at Dewsbury, in July last, to lay the foundation-stone of the new District Infirmary, and had returned to transact the usual business of the Province, under the banners of the two inviting Lodges, Nos. 208 and 827, I was much struck with the fact that no proposal was made as to our next place of meeting. We separated without this Provincial Grand Lodge knowing where next to meet. This absence of a locality has only occurred once before since I became your Provincial Grand Master; but during the period intervening between separating at one meeting and assembling at another, a voluntary invitation has always been forthcoming. This Provincial Grand Lodge, since I have had the honour to occupy its chair, has never at the end of a quarter been required to solicit an invitation for a locality; but on previous, so also on this occasion, an invitation of the most obliging and kindest manner came, to the satisfaction of myself and Deputy, to meet at Sheffield, and so relieved my Officers of anxiety as to the habitation of the Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire for the autumn of 1881. We have assembled together since the 7th April 1825, twelve times at Sheffield; first under the banner of one Lodge and then of another. Twice since 1876 under that of Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, and once at least under that of Britannia. But this is the first time we meet at Sheffield by the invitation of the four Lodges here, and under their united banners during a period of fifty-seven years. In October 1875, when I first addressed the Grand Lodge in Sheffield, I made some remarks on your efforts to greatly improve and enlarge the present Masonic Hall. In July 1877, I congratulated the Craft on the accomplishment of this work; and on their co-operation in the restoration of the ancient parish church of Saint Peter in this town, and on the 24th July 1878, I commended to the Craft the scheme for the "Bentley-Shaw Presentation Fund." On the 20th October 1878, my Deputy consecrated the Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 1779, and to-day, therefore, it is a matter of the liveliest pleasure to me to receive the salutations of the Craft, under the united banners of all the four Lodges of Sheffield. This union of the Lodges in their united invitation, is again presumptive evidence that perfect harmony prevails between the four Lodges and the brethren here. May they maintain in perpetuity this old and beautiful spirit of our Order—this identical concord which is "the very bond of peace and brotherly love." Amongst the sixty-six Lodges of this Province, I have often had to refer to their liberality in support of our Charities, and I cannot allow this occasion to pass without thanking Britannia, Royal Brunswick, Wentworth, and Ivanhoe, for their support to the Annuitants' and Girls' and Boys' Festivals this year by eighteen Stewards, and £400 15s. Our united efforts for the three Charities are £4,203—for which I thank again all the Lodges of this Province—will enable our Charity Committee, reinforced by this augmented voting power, to enter Freemasons' Hall this month with more certainty and confidence for the success of the candidates for whom your efforts were solicited at Huddersfield on the 9th September, our two girls and one boy who seek admission. But every vote must be forthcoming, and none must be given away to outside applicants; union is strength. I am glad that our amended Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-Law, No. LV., has added eighteen permanent members to the Charity Committee, all of whom have done good service to the Craft, and whose experience and advice will be given to the Committee, otherwise than as elected Charity Stewards of their Lodges. The strength of this Committee may now be eighty-six members. Bro. Smith has again, after much labour, brought out a new edition of the Red Book of Subscriptions and Donations of all the Lodges and members in West Yorkshire to the London Masonic Charities. It is about double the thickness of the one he brought out in 1875. This compilation has been with him a labour of love, and is invaluable. The Provincial Grand Secretary merits our warmest acknowledgments and thanks. It has been remarked by some envious provinces that West Yorkshire donors never die. I wish this were so. But in order that their names should not pass away as contributors, Bro. Smith, at the end of the book, has added a list of all those contributors who have died since 1870. Alas! it is a heavy list. But their generosity when alive is now perpetuated in this catalogue of their gifts. The book tells us one thing—namely, that our voting power has steadily increased, and, notwithstanding hard times, your liberality also. I am reminded the Charity Committee, in March last, attained its majority. It is now in its 22nd year. During this period fifty candidates, save one, have been duly sent up from West Yorkshire, and received the benefits of our London Charities, and your Committee has, I believe, never yet lost a selected candidate. If we have given freely, we have also received freely. Bros. Thomas Hill, Henry Smith, and John Booth, among the founders of this Committee, are present with us to-day; may they with us long be spared by the mercy of the Great Architect of the Universe, to witness still further benefits from the Institutions for our annuitants and orphans. Grand Lodge of England has sanctioned an augmentation of Provincial Grand Officers, as follows:—"That in Provinces numbering forty Lodges and upwards the P.G. Masters shall be empowered to appoint

annually four Deacons instead of two, as at present, and also a Deputy Director of Ceremonies." Brother Sir John B. Monckton explained that those in Grand Lodge would commence at the Grand Festival in 1882, but inasmuch as the Provincial Grand Lodges affected by this motion met at different dates, the Provincial Grand Masters of those Provinces would be empowered to appoint the additional Grand Officers at the first Provincial meeting after the confirmation of the minutes of this Grand Lodge of England. These resolutions having been confirmed by the United Grand Lodge of England at the last quarterly meeting, I propose to act upon them to-day, and to appoint to the offices named, for the residue of this year, until our annual meeting in April 1882, two more Deacons and one Deputy Director of Ceremonies. I only wish it were in my power to further recognise Masonic merit in my Province, and to deserving old Past Masters North and East Yorkshire meet at Hall this day. I regret the meetings of the two Provinces clashing, but it was imperative, in consequence of the Charity elections being on the 8th and 10th of this month, that West Yorkshire should meet to-day, in accordance with our Bye-Laws, and to consider the report of our Charity Committee. My Deputy informs me that the Masonic reception given by the York Lodges to their brethren attending the British Association meeting in September was a brilliant success. I regret that absence on the Continent prevented my being present. I most cordially congratulate the West Yorkshire Craft, and my Deputy most especially, on the active part they took in promoting that most scientific gathering at York. Brethren, I will not detain you longer, but thank you again for your attendance here to-day, and to the interests of Freemasonry. I hope to meet many of you again in Provincial Grand Chapter, at Huddersfield, on 2nd November, and to announce the success of our candidates at the forthcoming elections in Freemasons' Hall, and at which my Deputy intends to be present, and will gladly receive all lagging votes, as well as proposals from neighbouring Provinces for votes in exchange. The Freemasons of Yorkshire hold in chivalrous regard the American people, and every member of this Provincial Grand Lodge sympathises with them on the death of the First Citizen of that great Republic. We desire to add our manifestations of regret at the loss our American brethren have sustained, and our unaffected sentiments of sorrow towards Mrs. Garfield and her family. "If his tragic end has found a place in human history, as a man he has found a grander place in human hearts." During this winter season, a busy one for the Lodges, I wish them all renewed prosperity. My two new Deacons will be T. D. Ray, Lodge Fidelity (289), Leeds, W. Master in 1863, Dr. W. H. Evans, Lodge Pentalfa (974), Bradford, W. Master in 1871. My new Deputy Director of Ceremonies John Ramsden Riley, W.M. Lodge Airedale, Leeds (No. 387), initiated 28th March 1866, W.M. 1871.

During the course of the afternoon brethren and Lodges holding votes for the Boys' and Girls' Schools were urged to send their papers with all despatch to the Provincial Grand Secretary, in order that all the votes possible should be polled to the advantage of the province.

After the proceedings of the Provincial Lodge a large number of the brethren repaired to the Cutlers' Hall, where a sumptuous banquet was served, after which the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The Doric Chapter of Improvement, No. 933, will hold its future meetings in the Masonic Room at the Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road. The Companions meet every Monday Evening, at Seven o'clock, commencing on the 10th instant, on which occasion the ceremony of Exaltation will be rehearsed, and a Treasurer and Scribe E. elected.

LODGE LIBRARY.—A Lodge library may be composed of but one volume, but that one is worth more than the largest library on earth without it, for it is the book of books—the holy Bible. This is the first necessity for a Masonic Lodge. It is the first object upon which the eyes of the initiate rests, and during all his progress, through all the degrees it is never out of his sight. You can as readily conceive of daylight without a sun, as a Masonic Lodge, Chapter or Commandery without a Bible.—Bro. Dr. Burroughs.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.30, YOUTH.

COVENT GARDEN.—At 8, PROMENADE CONCERTS.

HER MAJESTY'S.—At 8, HAVERLY'S MONSTER TROUPE OF REAL NIGGERS. Wednesday and Saturday, at 2 also.

ADOLPHI.—At 7.15, A LAD FROM THE COUNTRY. At 8, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MEND.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 7.45, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

GLOBE.—At 7.30, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 8, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

THEATRE.—At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.20, FAST COACH. At 8.30, FORTY THIEVES.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.45, QUITE AN ADVENTURE. At 8.15, CLAUDE DUVAL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, UP THE RIVER. At 8, OLIVETTE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, THE HEN-WITCHERS. At 8.15, THE HALF-WAY HOUSE, &c.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 176—Cavenc, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Melham.
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Boys School, Freemasons Hall, at 12.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (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)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquiss of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
 177—Do-at-e, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 554—Ye-borough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 800—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
 1448—Mount Eden, 19 Farnham-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1553—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.)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
 1663—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1693—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Bridge, Boston.
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newe-on-Tyne (Instr.)
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton

626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 R.A. 285—Indea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
 147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dan Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burlett-road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Whittington, Red Lion, Pinnin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1274—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1283—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1305—St. Marlebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1791—Creation, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern Air-street, Regent-st. at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 291—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 754—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Stevie Hotel, Worthing.
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
 1061—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1399—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
 R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 R.A. 473—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 47—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 800—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 802—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1076—Capner, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1153—Southern Star, 108 Blackfriars-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hilde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1553—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1611—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 (In)
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden

216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Deara House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterloo, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colerhill.
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 768—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-road, 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
 834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, N. Kensington, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street,
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1239—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 4.6—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—This Lodge held its meeting on Tuesday, the 4th instant. There were present—Bros. Frederick Chiffereil W.M., E. D. Willey S.W., A. Eudean J.W., T. Moring P.M. Treasurer, J. A. Abbott P.M. Sec., Thompson S.D., Russell Elliott J.D., W. Willey P.M. D.C., Robert Watson I.G., E. Coste P.M. Steward; P.M.'s S. Coste, W. R. Marsh, W. T. Scott, L. W. Harvey and S. Vallentine; Bros. Beckingsale, Gregory, Bantock, Cordery, Wallace, Lea, Price, and Plaister. Visitor—Bro. Hildere Cowell, Crenton, No. 1749. There was little business to carry out. The sum of £10 10s was voted from the Lodge Funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Lodge having closed, the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where Bro. Best had provided a banquet in his usual profuse style, to which the brethren did ample justice.

Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72.—A cosy meeting of the members of this old Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday evening, 3rd instant. Brother Augustus Darch W.M. presided, in his accustomed able and genial manner, and conducted the duties, both in the Lodge-room and banquetting-hall, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Clemow, notwithstanding many "counter-attractions" in other parts of the hotel, catered for the party to their entire and hearty satisfaction.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 30th September, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. C. Maton W.M., E. H. Sagg P.M. S.W., F. Botley J.W., C. E. Botley Secretary, Ganner S.D., E. Monson J.D., Andrews P.M. Preceptor, Geo. Thomas I.G.; P.M.'s Goss, Gomm, and Blasby. After preliminaries, the initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Goss candidate. Bro. Andrews then gave the lecture on the first tracing board in a most able and impressive manner. Bro. E. H. Sagg was elected W.M. for 7th October, and Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 24th September. Bros. Gillham W.M., E. Woodman S.W., A. Mullord J.W., Percy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, W. Williams jun. S.D., Peel J.D., Dignam I.G.; also Bros. Powell, Parkes, Snare, Carr, A. J. Clark, E. Holsworth, Tuck, Williams sen., Stroud, C. Weeden, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in the W.M.'s usual correct manner, Bro. Tuck candidate. Lodge being advanced, Bro. Carr proved his proficiency as a F.C., and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and that brother was raised to the degree of M.M. The Traditional History was given. The third section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Percy, assisted by the brethren. Bro. E. Holsworth, of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, was elected a member. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On Saturday, 1st October. Bros. E. Woodman W.M., F. W. Jones S.W., Tuck J.W., Percy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., Western J.D., Stroud I.G., Holford Treasurer; also Bros. Brasted, Gillham, Weeden, R. Defriez, W. Williams jun., J. Everett, Payne, Marks, G. H. Clark, Hirst, Fysh, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. G. H. Clark candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, and Bro. Percy the second section of the lecture. Lodge was called off to refreshment, and on to labour, and opened in the second degree. Bro. G. H. Clark answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge was closed in the second, when Bro. Percy worked the third section of the first lecture. Bro. G. H. Clark, of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, was elected a member. Bro. F. W. Jones was appointed to preside at the next meeting. The sum of £2 2s was voted out of the Lodge funds to the Boys' School, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on the 4th instant. Bros. F. Carr W.M., Edward S.W., Brasted J.W., Christian S.D., Boyce J.D., Baker I.G., J. Lorkin P.M. Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor, C. Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Fors, Olley, Dignam, Gosling, Robinson, Bunker, Young, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gosling acting as candidate. Bro. Fors worked the first, Bro. Carr the second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Robinson, of Lodge 1524, was elected a member. Bro. Edward was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Wednesday last. Present:—Bros. A. P. Forge W.M., Gillham S.W., J. Osborn J.W., R. Percy Preceptor; also Bros. T. Goode, J. Rothschild, F. S. Rothschild, H. J. Osborn, A. Mullord, H. Mullord, H. W. Alford, A. Hockman, Woodman, Burr, Morgan, &c. The ceremonial work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation. The Officers for the ensuing twelve months were elected:—Bros. Percy P.M. Preceptor, Rothschild Treasurer, T. Goode P.M. Secretary. Bro. Gillham will preside at next meeting. It is in contemplation to remove this Lodge of Instruction, and the question will be brought under consideration at the next meeting, when doubtless full reasons will be forthcoming as to the proposed change.

MARK MASONRY.

METHAM LODGE.

THE annual meeting of this Mark Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ultimo, at the Huyshe Masonic Hall, Stoke. Two brethren were advanced. Bro. S. Panter was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by V.W. Bro. J. Baxter. The collars were distributed as follows:—Bros. W. J. Stanbury S.W., A. Conquer J.W., T. May M.O., H. Roger S.O., T. Cole J.O., T. S. May Secretary, W. H. Gillman P.M. P.P. Grand Treasurer, J. Cox S.D., F. Adams J.D., F. Privett I.G., J. Welshford D.C., W. Staton O., W. Sprague and Pengetly Stewards. Subsequently the brethren took refreshment, and the health of the Worshipful Master and Officers was toasted. In response, Bro. Panter expressed his satisfaction that at the recent annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Masons the P.G.M. conferred honours on Bros. Walters and May, both members of the Metham Lodge.

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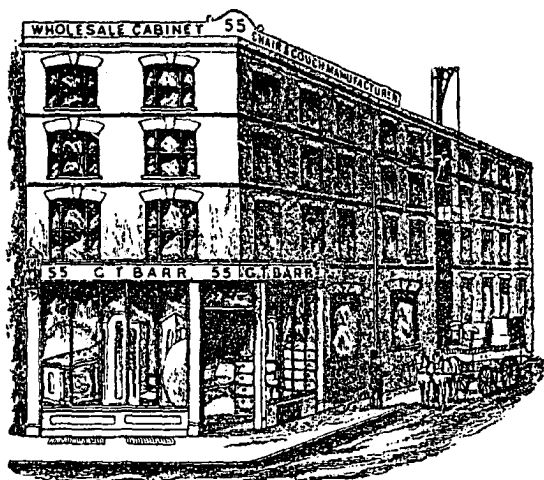
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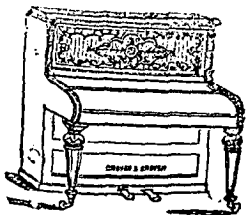
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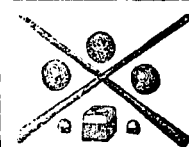
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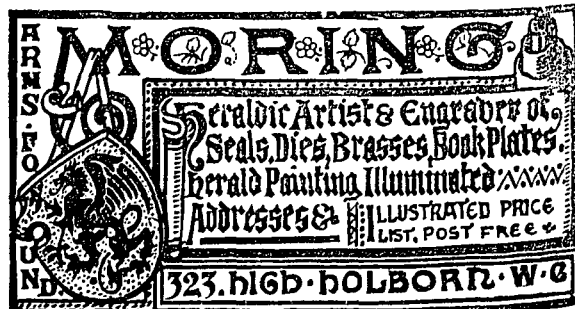
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