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## THE GRAND LODGES OF ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

WE see from the full report of the customary address delivered by Bro. J. H. Graham, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that the question which most exercised his attention was that of the relations existing—or, from his point of view, which should exist—between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec. In England the question of jurisdiction, which so seriously disturbs the minds of our North American brethren, is hardly ever vouchsafed even a passing thought. Its general principles are, of course, understood and valued, but the nicer distinctions of the law are, we fear, but indifferently appreciated. We know, for instance, speaking broadly and generally, that the United Grand Lodge of England, for example, would never dream of granting a warrant to brethren for the purpose of constituting a Lodge in Ireland, Scotland, Germany, the United States, or, indeed, in any country which can boast of having a Sovereign and independent Grand Lodge of its own to protect and promote the interests of its Craftsmen. Neither would the Grand Lodge of Ireland or Scotland venture to arrogate to itself the title to grant any such warrant. This policy they would pursue on the clear and intelligible principle that one Masonic jurisdiction has no right to trench on the territory of another Masonic jurisdiction, any more than one political State has the right to trench upon the territory of another political State. And, further, as they respect in every possible way the integrity and independence of other Grand Lodges, so naturally do they look for the same respect being paid to their integrity and independence. All this is plain sailing, but they become lost in amazement when they read the correspondence or addresses respecting jurisdiction which are laid before some of the North American Lodges. No one here, for instance, seems to know how the late difference between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec arose, or wherein lay the vital point at issue between them. There was, however, a difference, and it was connected with the Lodges in Montreal, lately holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland; but why it should be deemed a blot on the fair escutcheon of the Grand Lodge of Quebec because certain Lodges had and still preferred to remain attached to their mother Grand Lodge seems to us inexplicable. The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland exercise co-ordinate jurisdiction in, with a few exceptions, the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown. The exceptions are to be found in British North America, where there have been at different times established certain Grand Lodges, which claim to be and are recognised as independent Bodies, in whose several jurisdictions it would be contrary to both law and equity to even entertain the idea of erecting new English, Scotch or Irish Lodges. But it has not always happened that the establishment of a new Grand Lodge in British territory has been the result of complete unanimity on the part of all the Lodges belonging to the three concurrent jurisdictions, some of them having manifested a decided preference for continuing in the circumstances in which they had always

been placed. This was the case when some quarter of a century since the Grand Lodge of Canada was established, and certain Lodges holding Warrants from England, Scotland, and Ireland, preferred remaining subordinate to their respective Mother Grand Lodges to joining the new Confederation of Lodges. In exercising this preference they were acting in strict accordance with their undoubted rights, just in the same manner and to the same extent as those which elected to join, where they did not take part in establishing, the new Grand Lodge. And when in due time the sovereign independences of the new Grand Body came to be recognised by the Mother Grand Lodges, it was expressly stipulated—at least in the case of the Grand Lodge of England—in the articles of recognition that such as were so disposed should be at liberty to retain their original allegiance. We do not see how any other course could have been adopted with any show of reason. It would have been an act of grave injustice had the Grand Lodge of England said to certain Lodges, "I consent to your leaving my jurisdiction, and setting up a Grand Lodge of your own," and on the other hand to have refused to certain other Lodges permission to retain their allegiance. Full liberty of action in cases of this kind includes liberty to remain, as well as liberty to go, and the Grand Lodge of Canada recognised the justice of this view when it accepted recognition on the conditions stipulated. When, many years later, the Lodges in the Province of Quebec, which now constitute the Grand Lodge of Quebec, set up a Grand home of their own, and sought recognition as an independent body from, among others, the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, the former very naturally repeated its stipulation, that so long as certain Lodges belonging to its jurisdiction desired, they should have full liberty to continue their allegiance, and conditionally on the acceptance of such stipulation, it was prepared to recognise the independence of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The latter body, however, was both uncourteous and less just than the Grand Lodge of Canada, from which itself had seceded. It rejected the proffered recognition on the terms indicated, and things have remained in this state till the present year, when, to judge from the correspondence referred to by Grand Master Graham, in the Annual Address under notice, there would seem to be a prospect, near rather than remote, that the relations between England and Quebec will enter upon a new and less agreeable phase.

Before proceeding further, let us note, in brief, the course of recent events as between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec. The former—doubtless unintentionally—appears to have attached to its recognition of the latter's independence no stipulation whatever on behalf of any of its daughter Lodges that might elect to remain under its banner. When, therefore, the Grand Lodge of Quebec resolved to enlist in its fold the three Scottish Lodges at Montreal, it had, we will admit, some appearance of reason in its favour. We think it would have been more dignified, as well as more generous, had it left these Lodges to pursue the even tenour of their way. In the efflux of time their union with the Grand Lodge of Quebec would doubtless have been accomplished. Instead, how-

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ever, of waiting for this consummation to follow as a matter of course, the authorities called upon them to enrol themselves under its banner, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland retaliated by revoking its recognition, and went so far as to grant a warrant for the erection of a new Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Quebec met this by issuing an interdict forbidding all intercourse with the Montreal Scottish Lodges. In the end, the Grand Lodge of Scotland consented to its daughter Lodges becoming constituent members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the latter at once cancelled its interdict, so that amicable relations now exist between the two Grand Lodges. While, however, we hail this result with the greatest satisfaction, we retain our opinion that Quebec was wrong in not continuing to recognise a state of things which had existed without serious difficulty for a round decade of years. At the same time we consider the course pursued by Scotland was not in all respects, and especially in chartering a new Lodge in foreign territory, worthy of its old and firmly-established reputation.

We now turn to the case as between England and Quebec, which is in all respects save one identical with the one we have just considered. England had stipulated for the freedom of its Lodges to remain in their allegiance so long as they were desirous of remaining, and, in our opinion, and for the reason we have already indicated, this freedom should have been religiously respected by Quebec. Doubtless the dignity of the latter was somewhat shorn of its fullest proportions by certain English Lodges proposing to remain in their old allegiance; but in Freemasonry, of all institutions in the world, there should be freedom within the just limits of the interests of the Craft for existing Lodges to join a new confederation or remain as they were. This view, however, does not seem to have commended itself to Quebec, which evidently considers this question of jurisdiction of greater importance than the freedom, within the limits we have prescribed, of individual Lodges. Accordingly, in a letter dated 21st March 1880, Grand Master Graham addresses, in courteous language, to the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England, a statement in which is contained the following passage:—

Your Royal Highness is doubtless aware that there still exist in the city of Montreal, within our Grand Lodge jurisdiction, three Lodges of the English constitution, and over them a Brother seemingly performing the duties of Provincial Grand Master. I therefore respectfully submit to Your Royal Highness, as Grand Master, and to the Grand Lodge of England, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, considers the continued existence of these Lodges within her territorial jurisdiction as a violation of her rights as a duly constituted Grand Body, contrary to the long-established practice prevailing among most of the regular Grand Lodges of the world, and subversive of the harmony, unity and prosperity of the Craft. And while we are aware that it is held by some in England that daughter Lodges situated in distant parts of the Empire, even wherein Grand Lodges have been of right formed, should be upheld in their continuance under the Mother Grand Lodge as long as they may desire, instead of being fraternally given to understand that they should loyally give their adhesion to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of their own Province or Colony, or return their warrants to the Grand Lodge from whence derived; it appears to us, M.W. Sir, that if brethren entertaining such opinions could fully appreciate the painful experience of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, during the past quarter of a century, resulting from the existence of these *imperia in imperiis*, they would either be induced to accept and act upon the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty,—prevailing throughout North America and elsewhere,—or they would favour the speedy adoption of a wiser course to be pursued toward such Lodges which are ever endangering and so often disturbing the peace and harmony of the Craft, both at home and abroad, and thus causing International Masonic discord and alienation; and I need not assure Your Royal Highness that it gives me much pain to be compelled to communicate to you, as Grand Master, and to the Grand Lodge of England, that of in the recent unwarrantable invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in establishing in addition to its one Lodge heretofore existing, two new private Lodges, and organizing a Provincial Grand Lodge within this Province, acts justly receiving world-wide condemnation, and which, in civil affairs, would be deemed to be acts of treason and rebellion against the lawfully constituted sovereignty; that in these most unfraternal and unconstitutional events, the chief representative officer of the Grand Lodge of England, and the principal officers of these English Lodges here, have actively participated, and with seeming pleasure, continue to aid and abet these attempts to resist and subvert the lawfully constituted sovereign Masonic authority within this Province.

To this, under date of 10th August following, our Grand Secretary replied, in phraseology which is somewhat loose, but accurate as to the main facts, as follows:—

I have duly laid before the Grand Master, your letter of the 31st March, in which you request that the three Lodges at present hold-

ing under this jurisdiction in Montreal, should be transferred to that of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

In reply, I am directed by His Royal Highness to refer to my predecessor's letters of the 31st March '75, and 6th Dec. '77, and to remind you that it was expressly stipulated at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that the three Lodges in question should continue under the jurisdiction of England—and His Royal Highness regrets that he cannot now deviate from an arrangement which was made and fully acquiesced in at that time.

Nothing daunted by this rejection of his case, Bro. Graham returned to the charge in a letter dated 16th December, in which he reiterated his opinion, and re-argued the point at greater length in a manner to which no exception can be taken on the score of courtesy or, from the Quebec point of view, ability. Thus argues Bro. Graham:—

Your Royal Highness will graciously permit me further to say, that even if the views held by some in England, as to the right, by prior existence, of private Lodges of England constitution to a continuance at will within the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, were to be considered correct, can it be possible, M. W. Sir, that the said Lodges for such reason are to be upheld and maintained by the Grand Lodge of England, after they have deliberately and repeatedly, and for a long series of years, violated and set at naught the first principles of the English constitution, the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and of the whole fraternity, as we affirm that they have done, and still continue to do, to the manifest injury of our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and most detrimental to the welfare of the Craft here as well as imperilling the international peace and amity of the fraternity. Would the Grand Lodge of England itself tolerate, or long consider as regular, private Lodges of exterior or other constitution, and situated within the geographical limits of England, committing such and such like acts? I trow not, M.W. Sir, but, on the contrary, I am of the opinion that in such a case, the Grand Lodge of England would consider it her duty fraternally to require that any Grand Lodge which had constituted said private Lodges, should either recall their warrants, or, failing which, the Grand Lodge of England would doubtless take such steps as would put such Lodges beyond the pale of her own recognition and, if possible, that of all other regular Grand Lodges. And would it be wise, prudent or desirable, M.W. Sir, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec should, in self defence, be driven to the disagreeable necessity of exercising, in like manner, her sovereign prerogatives?

He then urges strongly, in the following vein:—

Knowing the great interest which Your Royal Highness, as Grand Master, takes in whatever pertains to the highest welfare of the Craft, not only in England but in every part of the Empire, and having had the strongest possible proof of the deep interest of Your Royal Highness in our new Dominion, Masonically and otherwise, the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec fondly hope and confidently expect that now, under Your benign reign as Grand Master of England, all these difficulties will be happily removed, and a new era of unity, harmony and interjurisdictional amity will be inaugurated. To strengthen our hope in the early realisation of these things, we are of the opinion that Your Royal Highness, together with your eminent advisers in Grand Lodge, will hesitate to affirm that the policy of the past, anent the continuance of private Lodges at their will, in distant dependencies of the Empires wherein, like our own, a Grand Lodge has been opportunely and constitutionally established, is at all times and at all hazards to be perpetuated, especially when it is shown that the maintenance of such an *imperium in imperio* is detrimental to the peace, unity and good governance of the Craft, producing Masonic anarchy and chaos, and even imperilling, if not really threatening to break off altogether, the happy international relations, which we, as true and loyal Freemasons, desire for ever to subsist between our young Grand Body and the mother Grand Lodge of England. We are of the opinion also that Your Royal Highness, as Grand Master, will not deem it well that the dissent of a few score of brethren here, presuming on the support of the Grand Lodge of England, while acting as if a law unto themselves, shall be further allowed to run counter to the wishes and aspirations of twenty thousand loyal brethren throughout the Dominion, who are in practical sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Quebec in this matter, the more especially as such dissent is to the great detriment of the Craft both at home and abroad, and prevents our establishing those strong and intimate international Masonic relations with the venerated mother Grand Lodge of England, which it is our earnest desire to have and perpetually to maintain.

It would have been better, perhaps, had there been an absence of what many may construe as a threat that Quebec might take ulterior proceedings and endeavour to compel the English Lodges to enter its jurisdiction; but knowing the views which Quebec holds on this subject, we cannot say we shall be surprised if it seeks to enforce its views in the same manner as it has done against Scotland. We shall deplore it, because we think it better to let things take their course, and because we believe the English Lodges are most likely to resent any such attempt, especially when their Grand Lodge has taken the precaution to stipulate for their freedom.

MR. GLADSTONE and the WINE DUTIES.—J. E. SHAND & CO., Wine Merchants, 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, London, S.W., beg to inform numerous inquirers that the letter received from the PREMIER in reply to their questions on this important subject appeared in "The Times" and "Daily News" of 26th January 1881.

## THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AT SWANSEA.

**T**HE long announced visit to Swansea of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, for the purpose of opening the New Docks at that flourishing port, came off on Tuesday, the 18th instant. There was a grand influx of visitors, both from the immediate neighbourhood and from remoter districts. The town itself was *en fête*, and everything was done to render the occasion a brilliant success. The Prince and Princess arrived on Monday evening, as the guests of Mr. Hussey Vivian, M.P., and the day following, with everything in its favour, the interesting ceremony was held. Among those who received the Royal Party were the Duke of Beaufort, K.G., Lord Kensington, M.P., and other magnates of the neighbourhood and its vicinity. The streets, which were elaborately decorated, presented a very animated appearance, but what will most interest our readers is to know that, as usual, the Freemasons of the district played a very important part in the proceedings of the day. They assembled in considerable strength, and the greeting they gave to their Grand Master and his Consort was of the heartiest. The following, as specially describing the Masonic events of the gathering, will no doubt prove attractive reading:—

On arriving at the stand, the procession stopped, and Sir George Elliot, M.P., and Bro. M. Tennant presented the following address to the Prince of Wales:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c.

We, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales (Eastern Division), on behalf of ourselves and of the members of the fifteen Lodges of the Province, beg to offer you a fraternal welcome on the auspicious occasion of your Royal Highness's first visit to South Wales.

We submit that the welcome we accord is conspicuously different from any which has been, or which at any future time may be tendered from any part or division of the United Kingdom, inasmuch as we emphatically welcome your Royal Highness to your own distinctive home. This proud distinction Wales may justly claim; and through the long centuries from Edward of Carnarvon's time to our own, not only has Wales been so regarded, but it has been pre-eminently distinguished by the fidelity and loyalty of its people, the unchanging peacefulness of its annals, and its unalterable attachment to the Crown. Time has only tended to consummate and strengthen the link which binds the Welsh as a nation to the Throne of Britain.

Yet, in our own case we have another tie uniting us still more closely. Commerce may join, motives of policy may attach, love of Queen and country may indissolubly weld together the dis severed sections of our land; but in the person of your Royal Highness, son of the noblest and purest ruler who ever swayed the destinies of England, we have the privilege of recognising and identifying a brother.

For this we are fraternally grateful. Freemasonry—in the abstract a code of the loftiest morals and of the truest philosophy, and in practice the exponent of the broadest charity, regardless of clime or creed—not only hails your Royal Highness, but also claims our gracious Queen and a long line of Sovereigns of England, together with your two Royal brothers, as the most beneficent of its patrons.

The interest taken in Freemasonry by your Royal Highness has shed fresh lustre upon this ancient and honourable institution, and we are happy and thankful to add that it has given an impetus to those charitable institutions which are so thoroughly the objects of our Order. We earnestly trust that every son of your Royal line will emulate the devotion to Masonry so signally displayed by their worthy father.

Long may that interest in Freemasonry be felt; unwavering may it be shown, so that in the annals of our Order no prouder boast can be associated with its successes than that in your Royal Highness, as our Grand Master, it had its most genial, zealous, and illustrious patron.

We are fully mindful of the honour conferred upon the Principality by the presence on this occasion of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and we should not do justice to those earnest feelings of respect and admiration which are implanted in our hearts for the Princess if we neglect this opportunity for giving the heartiest and most loyal expression of attachment and devotion to her, and prayers for her welfare and happiness.

Regarding your Royal Highness as the Grand Master of the Craft, we would desire most earnestly to express our hope that this, the first visit to South Wales, may inaugurate a series of other visits, and that this fleeting occasion upon which we are permitted to present this our hearty, loyal, and fraternal address, may be not only the forerunner of many others, but of a long-anticipated time, when in our own Lodges, and in a manner more befitting, we may express our loyalty and unbending attachment, and offer as brethren the fraternal indication of our common brotherhood.

Until such time we remain unserving in our loyalty and devotion to our Grand Master, and we also pray that every blessing of health and happiness may rest upon your Royal Highness, whose present

welfare and future interests are amongst the dearest objects of regard to every Freemason's heart.

On behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales (Eastern Division),

GEORGE ELLIOT, Prov. G.M.  
MARMADUKE TENNANT, D.P.G.M.

JOHN JONES, Prov. Grand Secretary.  
18th Oct., 1881.

The address was bound in morocco and splendidly illuminated, the inside of the covers being lined with watered silk. Each leaf was handsomely bordered, and at the corner of each page were representations of the seals of the 15 Lodges in the province, and at the corner of the 16th page was the Prince of Wales' plume.

His Royal Highness, having shaken hands with Sir G. Elliot, M.P., and expressed his admiration of the Masonic Arch, handed to Sir George the following reply to the address:—I thank you, with the warmest feelings of fraternal friendship, for your expressions of loyal brotherhood towards me as your Grand Master. It is especially gratifying to me to be so welcomed by a body of Welshmen belonging to an Order with which I am so intimately connected, and in whose prosperity I take so deep an interest. I can assure you I am very sensible of the distinction I enjoy of being enabled to bear the name of a country which, like your Principality, can boast of associations and ancient traditions of so varied and interesting a character, and which has always been so conspicuous for the loyalty of its inhabitants. I will not fail to give to the Princess of Wales the kind words in which you have alluded to her. We have both experienced great pleasure in the openings which have been afforded to us of becoming acquainted with the inhabitants of this part of Wales, and we trust that further opportunities will be given to us to renew our visit.

The Masonic pavilion presented a splendid sight, being filled with ladies and gentlemen the following Freemasons wore; their regalia of office:—Bros. Sir G. Elliot, M.P., P.G.M., M. Tennant, H. Rich, W. Whittington, Morgan, J. Jones, W. T. Canton, G. Allen, R. Thomas, J. E. Price, D. M. Watson, T. D. Daniel, E. Daniel, R. Innes, T. Thomas, Whittle, E. Davis, Whittle, H. Simmons, Colonel C. Lyne, Captain Homfray, W. Watkins, John Thomas, J. R. Hyam, Rev. E. Owen, Rev. E. Jones, Major Pearson, Andrew Macpherson, G. Elliot, M.P., Sir Pryse Pryse (Goerden), Rev. J. Huntingdon, Rev. J. Marsden, J. B. Phillips, R. Margrave, J. N. Harding.

The October meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of President; General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China, took the chair of Junior Vice-President. There was not a large attendance of the brethren. The Lodge first confirmed recommendations to the amount of £335, made at the September meeting. The new list comprised thirty-four new cases. The brethren, after sitting four hours, relieved twenty-four of these, with a total of £810. Four of the remaining cases were deferred, and six were dismissed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Cornwall has sustained a great loss through the retirement of Bro. E. T. Carlyon from the office of P.G. Secretary. For many years he has held that office, and the manner in which he has performed the various duties connected with it has been specially recognised in high quarters. Being of opinion that Bro. Carlyon's long and arduous services should be recognised by the presentation to him of a testimonial, several of the leading brethren of the Province of Cornwall have issued a circular to the several Lodges in the province, soliciting their co-operation and subscriptions for this purpose. It is desired that the testimonial should be subscribed for by the Craft generally throughout the province, and, as soon as sufficient subscriptions are received, a meeting will be held to decide on the form which the testimonial shall take. Bro. J. H. Ferris P.M. P.G.Reg., has consented to act as secretary to the fund. Bro. Carlyon is so well known throughout the county for his genial manner, kindness of heart, and zeal in Freemasonry that a hearty response will without doubt be made to the appeal.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

The Earl of St. Germans and the Hon. Emily Labouchere, daughter of the late Lord Taunton, were married at the Royal Savoy Chapel on Tuesday.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumn is proverbially the season of sickness; then the blood requires purification, the digestion demands thorough and attentive regulation, and all the secretions call for correction. Holloway's remedies supply all the necessaries for securing health; the one overcomes cutaneous diseases, sores, ulcerations, abscesses, carbuncles, and all visible imperfections; the other acts most potently in cleansing the circulation, strengthening the stomach, governing the liver, regulating the bowels, and reducing the entire system to order. Thus these twin medicaments furnish the most efficient medicine chest available for family use.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## PORTLAND LODGE, No. 637, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

THE annual festival of St. John was held on Thursday last, at the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m., when many brethren were present, including visitors, for the purpose of installing Bro. David Smith as W.M. for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. W. T. Beetenson W.M., Ed. Roberts I.P.M., David Smith S.W., John Perkins J.W., J. W. Thomas P.M. Treasurer, D. H. Dunning Sec., H. C. Faran P.M. D.C., Thos. Stubbs S.D., Jos. Baker J.D., Jas. Eardley acting I.G., Thos. Bakewell Steward, Richd. Tooth P.M. P.P.G. Reg., Thos. Unwin P.P.G. Purs., W. T. Copeland P.M., Sam Smith P.M., Theo. Hemmings Organist, Alfred Kingston Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Foster Gough D.P.G.M. North Staffordshire, Wm. Cartwright P.M. 460 P.P.G.S.W. and Prov. G. Sec., Thos. Taylor P.P.G.S.W., H. Newland 460, E. V. Greatbatch I.G. 418, Tnnnicliffe 418, H. Taplay 1076, F. Gee 637 and Tonkinson 451. The Installing Masters were Bros. W. T. Beetenson W.M. assisted by Ed. Roberts I.P.M., H. C. Faran, S. Smith and J. W. Thomas. The ceremony was gone through in a most impressive manner. The newly installed Master proceeded with the appointment of his Officers, the several collars were distributed as follows, viz.—Brothers John Perkins S.W., D. H. Dunning J.W., Thos. Bakewell Sec., Rev. J. Westbury Chaplain, Ed. Roberts P.M. Treasurer, S. Smith P.M. D.C., Thos. Stubbs S.D., Jos. Baker J.D., J. W. Gimson I.G., Geo. Fleet Steward, Eardley Steward, Theo. Hemmings Organist, Alfred Kingston Tyler; after which the D.P.G.M., in an eloquent address to the Lodge, complimented the Installing Master on the creditable manner he had performed the ceremony, and also the Officers for their system and ability in conducting the formalities. The Brethren then adjourned to the North Staffordshire Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared in Bro. Patzer's usual style. The Worshipful Master (Bro. David Smith) occupied the chair. After the Loyal toasts had been given, that of the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. of England was received with acclamation. Bro. Copeland P.M., in proposing the health of W. Bro. Foster Gough D.P.G.M. of North Staffordshire, expressed the sentiments of the brethren when he referred to the satisfaction which the Lodge had felt at the visit made that day, and hoped it would be an omen of good fortune generally to the Lodge. The toast was enthusiastically received, and, in the absence of Bro. Gough, who was obliged to leave to attend another Masonic meeting in another part of the province, was responded to by Bros. Tooth P.M. P.P.G.R. Thos. Taylor P.P.G. J.W., J. W. Thomas P.P.G. Standard Bearer. Bro. Samuel Smith P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., and in doing so dwelt upon the pleasure it had afforded him to take part in the ceremony of installing a Brother initiated by himself, and augured a successful and happy year. The toast was responded to in very appropriate terms by the W.M. Bro. D. H. Dunning J.W. gave the Masonic Charities, and observed how prominent a part the Portland Lodge had taken for some years in aiding the Provincial Charities, while he hoped that future aid would be still further increased. The toast was ably responded to by Bro. R. Tooth. The health of the I.P.M. was given in eulogistic terms by Bro. Ed. Roberts P.M. In replying, Bro. Beetenson said that, as the son of a Mason who had years before occupied a prominent position in the Portland Lodge, it had been his ardent wish not merely to retain his own reputation as W.M., but to do honour to his father's memory, and to those worthy Masons who had preceded him in the chair. The Lodge had, during his year, prospered in a marked manner, and had shown the harmonious character of its proceedings by the resolution it had that day unanimously passed authorising application for a new Lodge in a suburb of the town, to be named the Minerva, a Lodge which would mainly be composed of active brethren belonging to 637. He felt no fear of opposition from the new Lodge, nor did he believe that the parent Lodge would decrease in its prosperity through the new comer. He trusted the W.M. would have as pleasant a Lodge to rule over as he had experienced, and it would be still one of his first principles to promote in every way the comfort, progress and success of his mother Lodge. The remaining toasts were, the Past Masters, proposed by Bro. Perkins S.W., and responded to by Bro. J. W. Thomas. The Visiting Brethren, by Bro. Ashwell, and responded to by Bros. Greatbatch, Gee, and Tonkinson. The Officers, by Bro. J. Shenton, and responded to by Bro. Bakewell Sec. The Tyler's toast brought one of the most successful meetings to a happy termination.

## THE CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

THE annual meeting took place on Wednesday, 19th instant, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Simmonds, who was well supported by the members. All the Officers were present, and the attendance was further strengthened by the following, among other, Visitors:—Bros. H. Hollis P.M. 167, Mullord W.M. 1288, T. Press P.M. 1695, W. Iron J.W. 1579, H. Tinney 1319, J. F. Rothschild 1288, J. J. Goode 1580, E. Bowyer P.M. 1580 P.P.G.S.W. Herts, J. Quitman P.M. 538, W. Best S.D. 1288, H. T. Wolters P.M. 538, W. S. Cooke 25, G. W. Taylor P.M. 917, Charles Hammond W.S. 820, A. Bonner 1444, John Walker P.M. 27, D. Clarke P.M. 21, W. W. Burrows 1364, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, H. C. Thompson 4, W. Bristo P.M. 1364, H. J. T. Gale 1107, R. Baker W.M. 188, E. Woodman I.G. 1897, H. J. Moxon P.M. 1154, B. J. Davis 1278, S. Balls P.M. 12, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, J. W. Chapman J.W. 1922, Samuel Goode 1288, G. W. Evans 1632, R. V. Davies 1695, G. A. Potter 1580. Lodge was formally opened at four o'clock, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was next presented, this proved the Lodge was in a sound condition; it was accepted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The W.M. elect,

Bro. F. S. Rothschild, was then introduced by Bro. P.M. Maples; Bro. Simmonds, who throughout ably conducted the ceremony, then administered the obligation to the candidate. A Board of Installed Masters—on this occasion an exceptionally strong one—was opened, and the part of the ceremony pertaining to their exalted rank was completed. On the readmission of the brethren below the degree of Installed Master, the new W.M. was saluted. The Officers were then invested, as follows:—Bros. A. Millward S.W., G. H. Calderwood J.W., J. Maples P.M. Treasurer, J. G. Defriez P.M. Secretary, J. Pigott P.M. S.D., R. D. Cummings J.D., W. Goode I.G., F. Goode Director of Ceremonies, A. Goode Assistant Director of Ceremonies, S. Rushton Organist, Hunter P.M. W.S., T. W. Gilbert A.W.S. The way in which Bro. Simmonds delivered the several addresses was much applauded, and he was heartily congratulated on taking his seat as Immediate Past Master. Earlier in the evening the ballot had been taken for Mr Ferdinand Schroeder, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation by Bro. Garrad, seconded by Bro. Farr. The brethren were unanimous in favour of this gentleman, and he was now admitted and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Routine work then commenced. Some resignations were announced, and a candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. A. Begbie, whose efforts were thoroughly appreciated by all assembled. Previous to the removal of the cloth grace was sung. The W.M. then rose to give the first toast, The Queen and the Craft. Bro. Rothschild alluded to Her Majesty as the Patroness of our Order and spoke in felicitous terms of the interest she displayed in the welfare of the Craft and of her subjects generally. The National Anthem was sung, and then the Wor. Master offered the second toast. The health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Prince of Wales. This was enthusiastically received, and after a song the W.M. gave the health of the Pro Grand Master. A glee—"Mynheer Van Dunck"—was now sung by the musical party, and then came the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers. With it was associated the name of Bro. D. Clarke P.M. P.G.S. After a song by Bro. J. W. Chapman, Bro. Clarke replied. He spoke of the zeal displayed by the Grand Officers. Personally he felt a deep interest in the present assembly, as his nephew was a member of the Lodge. The ballad, "Thou art so near, and yet so far," was here sung by Bro. Arthur Millward, who ably acquitted himself. The health of the Initiate was given by the W.M. As Bro. Clarke had just now remarked, the Crusaders was but a young Lodge, yet he (the W.M.) flattered himself it had received into its ranks men who had displayed great energy to promote the welfare of the Order. Bro. Schroeder, from the recommendations he had brought with him, would be heartily well received in the Lodge. He (the Worshipful Master) had great pleasure in proposing his health. After a pianoforte solo by Bro. Henry Tinney, Bro. Schroeder replied. He regretted—through not being master of the English language—his inability to make himself so thoroughly understood as he could desire. However, of this he could assure them one and all, he would strive to carry out the principles that he had been innoculated with that evening, and he trusted they would be carried out to the satisfaction of all. Bro. Simmonds now rose to propose the health of the W.M. Bro. Rothschild had already distinguished himself as W.M. of the Finsbury Park Lodge, and all were assured he would faithfully carry out his duties as W.M. of the Crusaders. After a part song—which we have no desire to hear again—the W.M. replied. He thanked all for the way they had received the toast. The Finsbury Park was his mother Lodge; he was a Founder of the Crusaders, and he would ever strive to advance its interests. After a song by Bro. Mullord, the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Simmonds, the I.P.M. and Installing Officer of the day. As an old friend of Bro. Simmonds, he scarcely felt justified in too loudly singing his praises; but the I.P.M. was well known to the members, who were quite capable of estimating at its true value the services he had rendered to the Lodge. The W.M. then presented Bro. Simmonds with the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him. Bro. Simmonds acknowledged the honour done him. His business avocations prevented his attending as regularly as he could have desired, but he was gratified to know that his efforts had been appreciated. He had done all he could, and if he had given satisfaction, it could but be gratifying to him. The jewel he should always prize; it would remind him of a very happy time spent in the Crusaders Lodge. The next toast was that of the Visitors. The W.M. gave all a hearty welcome; he assured them the Lodge was pleased to see them. After the madrigal, "Come let us join the roundelay," Bro. Baker W.M. 188 replied. Bro. Finney, who had previously exercised his musical ability to the gratification of the brethren, again delighted the audience by a masterly performance on the pianoforte. The Masonic Charities were next commended to the consideration of the brethren. The W.M. directed attention to the provision made by the Lodge, whereby a portion of its receipts was set aside to help to sustain the Institutions in their present state of efficiency. After a song by Bro. Potter, Bro. Terry, Sec. of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied: As the Consecrating Officer, and he might say the sponsor of the Lodge, he naturally felt a deep interest in its welfare. He congratulated the members on the consistent way in which they had hitherto supported the Charities. Bro. Terry recounted what was being done by the Scholastic Institutions; what success had attended the Institution for the education of our destitute girls. With pride he referred to the success achieved by the pupils of the Boys' School, who had so ably distinguished themselves at the University Examinations. Bro. Terry then made allusion to the qualifications necessary to be brought forward by applicants for the benefits of the Benevolent Asylum. He then stated what was required to maintain the several Institutions in their present state of efficiency. He outlined his present position, and compared it with how it had stood a few years since. He then made an urgent appeal on behalf of his Institution, and in conclusion thanked all for the support they had

already given him. We may state here that Bro. Terry was successful in procuring a Steward for his next Festival. The remaining toasts, as the hour was a late one, were pushed merrily on, and commendable brevity was adopted by the speakers. Eventually the Tyler gave the parting toast. The musical arrangements of the evening were well carried out, the party comprised Bros. R. W. J. Taylor, Arthur Millward, G. W. Evans, J. W. T. Chapman, George A. Potter, Samuel Rushton; it was the last named to whom the direction had been entrusted.

#### ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton, Bro. H. J. Atkins, the W.M., occupying the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Brown S.W., H. Hill J.W., A. H. Cole-Hamilton Assist. Chaplain, H. W. Parker P.M. Treasurer, C. H. Frank Secretary, H. Spoor S.D., G. Ellard Dir. of Cer., T. C. Beasley I.G., John Manning and T. Emery Stewards, Butler-Wilkins Deputy Prov. G.M., several members of this Lodge, and the following Visitors:—W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, F. J. Sheppard W.M. 445, J. C. Jones P.M. 445, W. M. Crowley P.M. 445, T. W. Tustin 445, W. Simmonds Past Master 445, C. T. Atkins 417, H. Myers 1180, J. J. Hart Senior Deacon 360, J. H. Hale Worshipful Master 455, H. Denham 105, &c. Lodge having been opened and the customary formalities observed, Bro. Brown was presented for installation, and, in due course, was placed in the chair of the Lodge by his predecessor, who fulfilled the office of Installing Master in a most perfect manner, giving the ritual and several addresses without a hitch. The following brethren were appointed to the several offices, viz.:—Bros. Hill S.W., Frank J.W., Cole-Hamilton Chaplain, Parker Treasurer, Spoor, Secretary, E. Morris S.D., Beasley J.D., Croft I.G., Ellard D.C., Butcher A.D.C., Manning Assistant Secretary, Emery and Franklin Stewards. The Auditors' report was then submitted to the Lodge, and, on motion, was adopted. Previous to closing the Lodge the W.M. presented to Bro. Atkins a Past Master's jewel. Whatever duties he might be called upon to perform during his term of office, he felt that none would be more gratifying to him than that of presenting to the I.P.M. the small token of regard and esteem which the several members of the Lodge had deputed him to present. He could only say that with it the brethren of the Lodge tendered their thanks and heartiest good wishes for Bro. Atkins' future good health. They felt they were under great obligation to him for his conduct of the Lodge in the past, and trusted they might long have the benefit of his guidance and co-operation. Bro. Atkins having suitably replied, and the name of a candidate having been submitted, Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Peacock Hotel, where a first-rate banquet was provided. Bro. Brown presided at the festive board, and at the conclusion of the banquet, gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Those of the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, each in turn being honoured by the brethren. The W.M. then proposed that of the Prov. Grand Master, the Duke of Manchester; the Deputy Grand Master and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past. Having referred in a few words to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Brown turned his attention to the Deputy, Bro. Butler Wilkins, who, he said, had fulfilled the office of ruler of the district on many occasions in the absence of the Duke of Manchester, and generally had carried out the work of his office with the greatest ability. The Eleanor Cross Lodge was greatly indebted to him for what he had done towards its establishment, and for the assistance he had rendered since. When the founders were looking round for stones with which to build the foundation, Bro. Wilkins had helped them in securing good ones, and had himself taken an active part in placing those stones in position. Bro. Brown also referred with pleasure to the presence of the many other Provincial Grand Officers he saw around him. Bro. Butler Wilkins replied. He would at once express his thanks for the way in which his name had been mentioned, without, as he was in the habit of doing, first apologising for the absence of the head of the Province. The brethren of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire one and all regretted the long absence from their midst of the Duke of Manchester, but it seemed they were still doomed to disappointment. He was pleased to be able to congratulate the Eleanor Cross Lodge on having now reached its third year of existence, and particularly Bro. Brown on his having attained the office of Master, which was the highest any Lodge had in its power to bestow. The work of Freemasonry was certainly carried out thoroughly in the Eleanor Cross Lodge; the members of it need not be ashamed of any one visiting them, either to criticise their Officers or the general conduct of their Lodge. He hoped the same good feeling and harmony that existed would continue during the coming year, and for many years to come. Bro. Sanders then assumed the gavel. He was extremely pleased to have been called upon to propose the toast with which he was entrusted. They had met there that night specially to do honour to the newly-installed Master, Bro. Brown. There had been a great deal of talk in the past as to who was really the originator of the Eleanor Cross Lodge. Some had said that he (Bro. Sanders) was entitled to that distinction, but he might say in answer thereto, that Bro. Brown had been the one to induce him to interest himself in it. Further back than that he could not go, as he was not aware who had enlisted the services of Bro. Brown; indeed, he was strongly of opinion that it was to Bro. Brown belonged the honour of having started the Lodge. From the very first he had striven hard to make it a success; he had stood aside that younger Masons might fill the higher offices before him, and had materially assisted the brethren by the way in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary during the earlier part of the Lodge's existence. He thought the brethren had taken a wise step in placing him in the chair, and felt confident that the trust they

had reposed in him would not be out of place. If he might use a hackneyed expression, he would say there were three requirements in a Master, but for himself he considered they should be expressed somewhat differently than was the custom. He considered the first requirement was tact; the second, more tact; and the third, further tact. Bro. Brown, in his opinion, excelled in tact above everything else, if he had one virtue in particular. At the time of starting the Lodge they numbered thirteen members; now, he was informed, they had upwards of fifty—a grand success in the short space of three years, during which the Lodge had existed; and very much of this success, he felt confident, might be traced to Bro. Brown. He hoped, under his Mastership, that the Lodge would continue its prosperous career, and that it would in the future work as amicably with the other Lodges in Northampton as it had in the past. He might add that the success of the Eleanor Cross and its large accession of members had not acted detrimentally to the older Lodges; indeed, the Pomfret had received more initiates during the time the Eleanor Cross had been in existence than at any other. Bro. Brown feelingly thanked the brethren. He did not think he had half the good in him that Bro. Sanders had just spoken of. He loved the work of Masonry, and took a great interest in all connected with it. He hoped he might be able to conduct the Eleanor Cross Lodge to the satisfaction of all connected with it. Bro. Hill S.W. proposed the health of the I.P.M. The brethren all knew how well he had carried out the duties during the term he had presided over the Lodge, and could hardly want any long speech to honour the toast proposed on his behalf. He had specially to congratulate Bro. Atkins on the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation; he considered it was really the crowning point of a most successful Mastership. Bro. Atkins had considered it a labour of love to preside over the fortunes of the Eleanor Cross Lodge during the past year. It had been a source of great gratification to him to know that the Lodge had gone on prosperously, and that they were then in a better position than at the corresponding period last year. He had especially to thank the members for the very handsome jewel they had been kind enough to present him with, and trusted the Lodge would continue its prosperous career, eventually becoming one of the most successful of the Province. They prided themselves somewhat on their working, and he was gratified to hear that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master approved of it, and considered they need not be ashamed who saw it. Bro. Beasley Prov. Grand Chaplain proposed the Charities, in a very eloquent speech. He thought that the Masonic Charities stood very much to the outer world in the position of showing what Masonry really was, and although they were but a very imperfect representation, still Masons need not be ashamed so long as they did the same amount of good they accomplished at present. He thought the Brotherhood might fairly be gauged by the Charities which it supported. Bro. Parker replied. He regretted very much that some other brother was not called upon at times to speak to this toast. He felt very much in the position of an old fiddler he knew in his earlier days. This fiddler was a good musician, so far as his knowledge went, but unfortunately that only extended to one tune, and he (Bro. Parker) felt that the brethren would soon begin to think he could but speak on the one subject of the Charities. However, it was one worthy of all consideration, and he hoped they would continue to do the same amount of good they at present accomplished for many years to come. Bro. Atkins announced that the charity box of the Lodge contained £6 16s, that being the contributions made to it during the past year. Of this amount £5 1s 4d was found in the division set apart for the Old People, 18s 9d in that for the Boys' School, and 15s 11d in that for the Girls. He could not resume his seat without referring to the recent action of the Committee of the latter institution, who had sanctioned the expenditure of £2,000 for a swimming bath. This he considered a most unnecessary outlay, and he desired to formally protest against it on behalf of the Eleanor Cross subscribers. Bro. Spoor proposed the health of the Visitors, to which Bros. Sheppard and Morgan replied. The W.M. gave the Sister Lodges, Bro. Ellard replying for the Pomfret, and Bro. Sanders for the De La Pré. The toasts of the Officers and the Ladies having also been honoured, the Tyler gave that to all poor and distressed brethren, and the proceedings terminated.

#### METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. At the opening of the Lodge, Brother W. Side the W.M. presided, being supported by Bros. W. M. Stiles S.W., H. Stiles J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., J. J. Michael P.M. Secretary, G. Clark jun. S.D., H. Lovegrove J.D., G. Edwards Director of Ceremonies, T. J. Roney Steward, C. J. Scales Immediate Past Master, W. Kingham Past Master, &c. There were also present as Visitors the following brethren:—H. Baldwin S. 1632, T. Hyland P.M. 201, T. Walton P.M. 157, J. Wallis 167, F. Perl 813, J. T. Briggs P.M. 157, C. E. Walter P.M. 87, W. P. Vallentine S. 1017, T. Buckle Langthorne, T. Carter P.M. 42, J. Johnson 1777, J. Lewis P.M. 1261, J. Osborn W.M. 1602, S. Hollidge Treasurer 1602, E. J. Gibson 3, E. E. Barratt Kidder S.W. 12, B. Kauffmann D.C. 1732, W. Hollingsworth P.M. 1185, J. B. Colwill 1791, H. Charlton 1101, F. A. Kelley 1524, P. G. Timbs, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, W. G. Atkins P.M. 857, T. Nelson 1328, W. G. Reynolds 1441, C. Clifford 1345, A. J. Thomas P.M. 1803, F. G. Bird 1567, J. G. Humphreys J.W. 167, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, J. Mason P.M. 1567 P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex, J. M. Levy 185, E. Rimington I.P.M. 877 P.P.G. S. of W. Jersey, J. Worth 703, C. Buckland P.M. 187, T. E. Purday P.M. 861, W. Cleghorn S.W. 1237, Carpenter 1891, G. Dickenson 1681, J. Irvine 862, J. C. Smith Organist 1744, S. R. Walker Secretary 733, C. Bond 1425, L. Jacobs S.D. 1732, J. Simpson 1076, C. B. Curtis J.W. 1662, E. Storr J.D. 167, J. Holliday jun. W.S. 1777, T. Cook 959, &c. The Lodge having been opened, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Bro. W. M. Stiles being inducted

into the chair of the Lodge by Brother W. Side the I.P.M., who performed the work in a very praiseworthy manner. The W.M. having been saluted, the following brethren were appointed as Officers for the ensuing year:—Brothers H. Stiles Senior Warden, G. Clark Junior Warden, Willing Treas., Michael Secretary, Lovegrove S.D., Edwards J.D., Raney I.G., Knight D. of C., Edmonds Steward, Dimsdale Organist, Davey Steward and Assistant Sec., Daly Tyler. The W.M. had the pleasure of presenting to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel, his remarks in doing so being of a most complimentary character, and calling forth great enthusiasm from the brethren. After some other items of business had been disposed of, Bro. Stiles initiated five gentlemen into the mysteries of the Craft, viz.:—Messrs. Henry Hawthorn, David Raphael Bryce, John Rogers, Thomas Rapson, and James Jay, and afterwards announced his intention of serving the office of Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, hoping that the Lodge and brethren generally would rally round him and render his list worthy of the Metropolitan Lodge. It was proposed and seconded that Bro. Side be invited to act as Steward, and represent the Lodge, at the Girls' School Festival, the Lodge voting twenty guineas and paying the expense of the Stewardship, which proposition on being put to the vote was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the crypt of the Hotel where banquet was served. At its conclusion, and after grace, the W.M. proceeded with the usual toasts. That of the Queen and the Craft having been honoured, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given. The brethren all knew the interest he took in Freemasonry; only the day previous he was at Swansea, and there he, as usual, had done all that lay in his power for the good of the district, while the Masonic brethren had done their best to welcome him. The next toast—that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the other Grand Officers, having been given, Bro. Side assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the W.M. It afforded him a great amount of pleasure to have to propose the health of so eminent and worthy a brother as their W.M. He felt the Lodge had a great treat in store for the future. Bro. Stiles was a Mason worthy of high rank in the Craft, being second to none, either as regarded his knowledge of the ritual, or of his Masonic principles generally. The toast was heartily received, in true Metropolitan style. Bro. Stiles tendered his reply. He could but say how much he thanked his I.P.M., and the brethren generally for the way in which they had honoured the toast of his health. As one of the first five initiates of the Lodge, he looked upon its present position with pride. Having worked through all the offices, he was now pleased to figure as Master of so popular a Lodge as the Metropolitan. He could only hope it might be worked in the future as it had been in the past, and that, as Master, he might be instrumental in advancing its interests. He felt that he had a somewhat difficult task before him as he followed so good a Mason as Bro. Side. He could only hope his year of office might prove as successful as that of Bro. Side had been, and that at the end of his term the brethren of the Lodge would have as good an opinion of him as they now seemed to enjoy. After a song, he gave the next toast—a very important one—really the backbone of the Metropolitan Lodge. He would propose, first, the I.P.M., and then the health of the P.M.'s generally. The work of the I.P.M. in the Lodge was too well known to need any comment, or require any commendation. The jewel that had been presented to him by the Lodge, and the usual reception accorded to him by the brethren, were sufficient proofs of the appreciation with which his working in the past was regarded. He could only say that it was the hope of all connected with the Metropolitan Lodge that Bro. Side should long be numbered amongst its members. As regarded the other Past Masters, in Bro. Michael they had a worthy and trusty Mason, ever ready to fulfil any duty required of him. For many years past he had not missed one of their meetings. Both as Past Master and Secretary he had done much to advance the interests of the Metropolitan Lodge. Bro. Scales had given very material assistance, and was deserving the best wishes of the members. Bro. Kingham had worked through the Lodge with a great amount of *eclat*; and since the time that he had filled the chair he had done everything in his power to further the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Willing—the Treasurer—was too well known to need any eulogy. They all regretted his absence from the festivities of the day, but it was unavoidable. The Worshipful Master was very sorry that Bro. Past Master Williams was still unable to attend the meetings, in consequence of ill-health. He was sure he was right in saying that every member of the Lodge wished him better, and trusted that they might, at no very distant date, have him again among them. Bro. Douglas was also absent, his many duties rendering it impossible for him to attend. The brethren could not be unmindful of what he had done for the Lodge. As one of the P.M.'s he was fully entitled to every honour the brethren could confer. He would conclude by wishing the Past Masters, one and all, very good health. Bro. Side was the first to reply. He felt at a loss to know in what terms to sufficiently thank Bro. Stiles and the brethren for the way they had honoured him. As he had previously said in the Lodge, he was highly delighted at having arrived at the position of a Past Master of the Metropolitan Lodge. The way in which the brethren had received him, gave him assurance that he had met their approval in the way he had performed the ceremony of installation. He was sure they need have no fear as to the ability of their present Master. He hoped he might always do his duty in such a way as to merit the approval with which he had been greeted that night. Bro. Michael followed. The Past Master fully endorsed all that Bro. Side had said. As a P.M., he thought the W.M. had scarcely given the I.P.M. all the credit that was due to him. Bro. Side had had an uphill task, and had left the Lodge in a splendid condition. He thought the less experienced brethren would do well if they consulted one or other of the P.M.'s before making any proposition to the Lodge, one in particular, that had been submitted that evening, being singularly unfortunate. A brother had proposed that Bro. Side be made an honorary member, in recognition of his services to the Lodge. Bro. Michael explained

that the effect of passing such a resolution would have deprived Bro. Side of a voice in the management of the Lodge, and forfeited his right to speak in Grand Lodge. The Past Masters had every reason to be proud of the present position of the Metropolitan Lodge. Bros. Kingham and Scales followed, and then the W.M. proposed the Initiates. He had the pleasure that day of receiving into the Lodge five gentlemen whom he was, as Master, glad to welcome. He felt that the brethren must also be gratified at the accessions made to their ranks. Every Lodge, of necessity, required initiates, even if for no other reason than to keep the Officers up to their work. He hoped that all of those initiated that day might be among the members of the Metropolitan Lodge for many years to come, and that, at one time or other, they would attain to the rank of Master of a Lodge. Each of the five new members having replied, the Master proposed the Visitors. To each and all the Lodge accorded the heartiest of welcome, and were proud to be able to extend the hand of good fellowship to so many. The W.M. was especially pleased to see among them Bro. Rimington P.P.G.S.W. Jersey, as he could testify to the admirable way in which Masonry was carried out in the Island, also Bro. Storr, Secretary to the Lodge of Instruction attached to the one in which he was now W.M. to these, and to Bro. Osborn W.M. 1602 and Bro. Lovegrove P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, he would leave the task of replying, feeling that in so doing he had selected fair representative Masons. Bro. Osborn felt that the W.M. had imposed on him a gigantic task, and although he was hardly capable of expressing all the thoughts of the numerous visitors he might safely say they one and all congratulated the Lodge on the way in which it was worked. The reception accorded the Visitors was worthy of every commendation. He had been honoured with invites to many Lodges, and had some experience on which to form an opinion. He could fairly congratulate the Lodge on its general conduct of Masonic affairs. Bro. Rimington felt that the W.M. had given to his name a prominence it hardly deserved. His experience of Freemasonry was really very limited, although he had been a Mason some sixty years; judging by what he knew of the Craft, he had no hesitation in saying that the Metropolitan Lodge was fully entitled to rank as one of the best in the country. Bro. Storr, on behalf of other Visitors, added his thanks. He could but say that the Metropolitan Lodge was greatly prized by him, as therein he usually met most of the friends he had in Masonry. He felt that the Lodge, renowned as it was throughout the village of London, would become more so under the presidency of its present Worshipful Master, who might be relied upon to carry out Freemasonry in its integrity. Bro. Ferguson felt it a very great honour to be allowed to add a few words on behalf of the Visitors. He congratulated the Lodge on its initiates of the day. If they only worked in Freemasonry in the same spirit as that in which they had been received, they must eventually fill high offices in the Craft. Bro. Thomas also replied, after which the W.M. proposed the Charities, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Mason (Collector R.M.B.I.), who, in the course of his reply, urged on the brethren to do all that lay in their power for the Benevolent Institution, which, without some special effort on the part of brethren throughout the country, would next year find itself unable to meet the demands made on its funds. It was a subject of regret to him that the Metropolitan Lodge had no Steward to represent it at the next Festival in aid of the "Old People," but at the same time they had a past to which to refer, a past in which they had done well, and worked hard for the Aged, who were compelled to appeal to the good nature of their fellow Craftsmen. The toast of the Officers followed. We may here remark that both the Senior and Junior Wardens at present fill the chair in other Lodges, so that the rulers of the Metropolitan Lodge for some time to come will have the benefit of past experience in ruling its destinies, whenever they may be called upon to guide them. The toast having been honoured and acknowledged, the Tyler was summoned, and he brought the proceedings to a close. The meeting was in every way a success, the attendance being larger than at any previous meeting of the Lodge; it was a severe tax on Bro. Clemow, the proprietor of the hotel, but he, it need hardly be said, was quite equal to the occasion.

#### ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 900, TEWKESBURY.

THE Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province of Gloucestershire, paid his first official visit to this Lodge on Monday, when he was met by a large gathering of the members of the Province. The Prov. Grand Master was accompanied by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. J. Brook-Smith. The chair was occupied by Bro. E. T. Gregory (of Cheltenham) P.M. Prov. G.D.C. W.M., supported by Bros. F. Moore, R. Chandler, Rev. — Grove, H. S. Crump, T. M. James, Dr. Packer, G. Norman, E. Gandy, E. H. Edgell. Amongst the other brethren present were:—Bros. W. H. Gwinnett, H. Godfrey, N. H. Treasure, Baron de Ferriers, W. Anslow Sole, W. Forth, J. Bubb, J. L. Butler, W. H. James, J. Balcomb, T. Collins, W. L. Bain, W. R. Porcher, F. B. Sellers, E. Lawrence, S. Moss, A. B. Rye, J. Bruton, R. A. Matthews, H. Wilmott, Sweeting, Allard, J. T. Darby, E. Fisher, J. W. Hawkins, Moody, Browett, Freeman, Hodgkins, J. Brown, J. M. James, F. W. Day, &c. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master were received with the customary honours due to their eminent rank by a deputation of Provincial Officers, and with great cordiality by the brethren. The Lodge was held in the Town Hall, and the subsequent dinner at the Swan Hotel.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th October, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. W. Ferguson W.M., J. Early Danks I.P.M., E. J. Blackwell S.W., Richard Dowsett J.W., J. T. Stransom Treas., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., Rev. C. R. Honey S.D., J. H. Hawkes J.D., W. Hickio Organist, W. Ravenscroft Steward, R. C. Prickett I.G., W.

Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Pulley, Flanagan, Margrett, Welsh, Brown. Members—Bros. Knight, Coates, Whitfield, Hukins, Parkes, Weatherhead, Cordrey, Tegg, Collins, Moule, Voules, Sands, Greenaway, H. Ferguson, James. Visitors—Bros. Fisher 340, Horne J.W. 1887, Wilder 1887, Nash 768, Cottrell P.M. and W.M. 278 D.P.G.S.W. Gibraltar, Tarrant 1158, Long P.M. 414, Hillier 696, Tench 1225, Withers Secretary 414. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. After the Lodge was opened in the second, Bro. Sands, a candidate for raising to the third degree, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Sands was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The beautiful ceremony was performed by the W.M. in his usual correct and impressive manner; it was accompanied by instrumental and vocal music, under the able direction of the Organist, Bro. Hickie. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the election of a Worshipful Master took place; this resulted in an unanimous vote in favour of Bro. Blackwell S.W., who in a few appropriate words thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on him, and expressed the hope that he should be supported by the P.M.'s and Officers of the Lodge during his year. The election for Treasurer resulted in the re-appointment of Bro. Stransom, who in felicitous manner returned thanks. Bro. Hemmings was re-elected Tyler, after which the W.M. called the attention of the brethren to a conversation he had had with the W.M. of the Lodge of Union, 414, as to the desirability of obtaining an organ, the cost of same to be defrayed by the contributions of the members of the two Craft Lodges, the R.A. Chapter, and the M.M.M., a discussion arose, and the subject was deferred to a future meeting. The W.M. also alluded to the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Hickie Organist, and proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, and that an Organist's jewel be presented to him, in acknowledgment of his many kindnesses in supplying gratuitously an instrument, and presiding at the same. The S.W. and W.M. elect seconded, and it was carried by acclamation. The W.M., before closing, expressed his grateful acknowledgments to the Officers and Brethren for their kindness and courtesy during his year of office, and congratulated Bro. Blackwell on his election. The duties of Lodge being ended, it was closed according to ancient form.

Islington Lodge, No. 1471.—The members assembled for the first meeting after the recess on Thursday, 13th instant. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Henry Crosswell Sanders, who was supported by Bros. D. P. Holness S.W., E. Blinkhorn J.W., Cook P.M. Treasurer, Henry Cox P.M. Secretary, Halestrap J.D., G. Couchman P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s J. L. Mather, Underdowne Knell, Edgar Bowyer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, &c. Visitors—T. Pendered P.M. 33, H. P. Isaac P.M. 1693, J. H. Hawkins P.M. 693, J. J. Goode P.M. 1288, A. Potter 1580, A. Millward 179, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. There was very little business before the Lodge, so after the minutes had been confirmed, the bye-laws were read by the Secretary. Bro. Couchman was elected Tyler in place of the late Bro. W. Steedman, and after routine work, Lodge was closed. A neat little repast was served by Bro. Baker, who personally superintended, and successfully exerted himself to minister to the enjoyment of the party. On removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the first toast—The Queen and the Craft. Bro. Sanders spoke of the zeal displayed by Her Majesty for the welfare of the nation, and of the interest she took in our Institution. In proposing the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Bro. Sanders spoke of the energy displayed by the Prince of Wales. By his urbanity and geniality of disposition, he had won the respect of every member of the Craft, and it was the universal wish that his association with the Order in his present capacity might continue for many years. The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were next honoured, after which Bro. Millward gave a capital rendering of "Come into the garden, Maud." The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. U. Knell, who spoke eloquently of the ability displayed by the W.M., and referred to an interesting incident that had lately occurred in his family. All things considered, he knew the members would give the toast a hearty reception. After a song by Bro. Potter—"The Midshipmite"—came the reply of the W.M. After thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast, he regretted he had not had an opportunity of exhibiting his capabilities for conducting the ceremonial part of his duties; he trusted occasion might yet be afforded him. With respect to the domestic incident that had so delicately been referred to by Bro. Knell, he had especially to express his appreciation of their good wishes. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. gave a hearty welcome to all, naming each seriatim, and expressing the pleasure the Lodge felt in seeing so many present. After a song by Bro. Scarlett, Bro. Isaac replied, and each of the Visitors added a few words, all expressing their satisfaction at the reception they had met with. Bro. Blinkhorn here favoured the company, and then the Past Masters were honoured. After a humorous recitation by Bro. Hawkins, Bro. Knell responded. Bro. Mather also, as Father of the Lodge, expressed a strong desire and a willingness at all times to promote the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. Bowyer also spoke, fully endorsing the remarks of the previous speakers. At this stage of the proceedings, Bro. Isaac gave a very fair rendering of "Melnotte's Defence." The Treasurer and Secretary were next complimented. Bro. Seamer sang "The Wolf" very effectively, and Bro. Cox replied. Bro. S.W. now contributed "Jack's Yarn," and the Officers came in for their share of praise. The W.M. said the S.W. and J.W. had worked consistently for the advantage of the Lodge, not for personal aggrandisement; their exertions had resulted successfully. Other toasts, &c., followed; good singing was in the ascendant, and all went away gratified at the result of the meeting.

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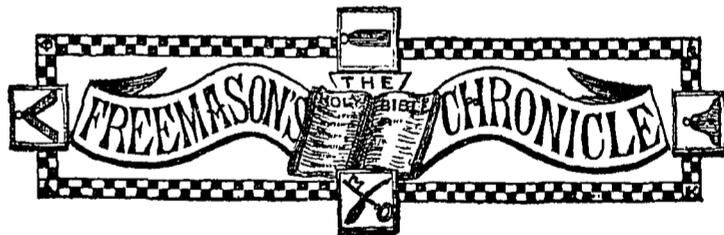
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Consecration of your Chapter, on Royal Arch Masonry. In doing so,  
I ask your attention, whilst I claim your indulgence.

The Book of Constitutions at its outset says, "By the solemn act  
of union between the two Grand Lodges of Freemasons of England, in  
December, 1813, it was declared and pronounced that pure and  
ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more—viz., those of  
the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, in-  
cluding the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

By this declaration the Royal Arch would appear, as we are told,  
to be only the completion of the Master Mason's degree; and yet  
there is a different governing body in the Grand Chapter, another  
establishment beyond his Lodge into which the candidate must be  
admitted, different regalia, and another certificate. Whether this be  
advantageous or not, I will not stop to inquire, as such a dissertation  
might, on the present occasion, be considered out of place. With  
regard to the Ritual of the Degree, every Companion must acknow-  
ledge its beauty. For to us who have emerged from the solemn and  
interesting ceremonials of our Craft mysteries, there seems to come a

light from the temple of truth as we enter the portals of a Royal Arch Chapter, which bids us acknowledge in the strongest sense the Triune Jehovah. We feel that we have entered into the root, the heart, the marrow of Freemasonry. It is more august, sublime, and important than any degree which precedes it, and is the summit and perfection, the *ne plus ultra*, of genuine Craft Masonry. It impresses, as I have said, on all faithful sojourners and true Companions a belief in the being and existence of the Supreme Deity, three persons in one God, without beginning of days or end of years, and reminds us of the reverence due to His holy name. And right heartily do we rejoice, Most Excellent, at your presence here to-day to engraft another branch into the wide-spreading tree of Royal Arch Freemasonry—a branch which, we trust, shall prove as vigorous as any that have sprung from the ancient stock. It is a matter of congratulation also that so worthy and expert a Companion as Bro. Vowles has been selected to preside over this Chapter as its Founder. From a lengthened and varied experience, he is conversant with its ceremonies, and well acquainted with the high value and lasting importance of the Royal Arch Degree, and this makes it needless for the orator to predict a successful and prosperous career for the Commercial Chapter at Nottingham. To all good Royal Arch Companions the progress of their Order, wherever it be, must ever call up feelings of joy and satisfaction. It has been said that “on the empire of England the sun never sets,” an apt and forcible illustration of the extent and power of the country to which we owe our birth; but great, noble, and dazzling as is the acquisition of territory, such victories are sometimes only obtained at cost of thousands of lives, with desolation, ruin; and widows and orphans following in their train. But with regard to Freemasonry, although her domain is even far more extended—although as regards her influence the sun is always at its meridian—she brings no such pangs in her bright career, for hers is the mission of peace and goodwill to all mankind. She stands with a rock for her foundation; honour, truth, and virtue for its superstructure; whilst the three great pillars supporting her noble temple are Faith, Hope, and Charity—thereby implying our faith in the Most High, a hope in salvation, and to be in charity with all men. Our Institution, too, can boast of antiquity, forming the great link between the period when civilization just emerged from barbarism into an age in which it has expanded to such noble proportions. Even in the earliest periods the teachings of Freemasonry were full of veneration of the Deity, and the utmost regard for His supreme wisdom and power. The first tent or tabernacle erected by Moses in the wilderness for the proper and decent celebration of Divine worship, by a singular coincidence, formed the great prototype and ground plan of the magnificent temple built at Jerusalem by King Solomon, which for its extent and regal splendour was at that time considered one of the wonders of the world; but true to the prophecy which was pronounced when rich in its magnificence, the ploughshare of time has passed over its site, and not one stone has been left on another. The glories of Solomon could not preserve this stately fabric from ruin, and the temple that was reared with such industry, skill, and care, has passed away, “like the baseless fabric of a vision, and left not a wreck behind.” But what shall we say of Freemasonry, the Order which King Solomon in all his glory delighted to honour. Has that shared the fate of the temple to which I have just referred? Has it, like the splendid structure of our Royal Master, crumbled to the dust? To these questions we can give an emphatic answer, and say that the great Order of Freemasonry not only still exists, but has gone on increasing in strength, adding every year to its vitality, and like the sapling oak it has grown to a noble and majestic tree, under whose spreading branches the young find shelter and the old repose. And, with regard to Royal Arch Masonry in particular, it may be said that the exercise and management of this sublime Degree of Masonry has been so highly appreciated, and its good reputation so well established, that these considerations alone would have been sufficient to account for the foundation of this new Chapter. But when to these is added the pleasure which every philanthropic heart must feel in doing good, in promoting good order, in diffusing light and knowledge, in cultivating Masonic charity, which is one of the great objects of this sublime Institution, you have, I take it, reasons which cannot be gainsaid for attempting to spread the knowledge of this Degree through the wealthy town of Nottingham and its environs. I will but add my good wishes, Companions, and bid the Chapter about to be consecrated, “God speed.” To use the words of a Royal Arch lecture, “may your Chapter become beautiful as the Temple of Solomon, peaceful as the Ark, and sacred as its most holy place; may your oblations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance; may your hearts be pure as its altar, and your conduct acceptable as its offering. May the exercise of your charity be constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and the helpless orphan; may the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support; may you be endued with every good and perfect gift while travelling the thorny path of life, and finally admitted within the Heavenly Temple to full enjoyment of life eternal.”

At the last meeting of the Dundas Lodge, No. 1255, it was resolved that the sum of five guineas be given to the Huyshe Memorial Fund. This was supplemented by a donation from W. Bro. Charles Godtschalk P.M. P.P.G.D. of two guineas, and two guineas from the W. Master Bro. Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., P.G.S.W. Subscriptions from the other members were not announced. The W. Bro. J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, called the attention of the brethren to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and the W. Master Bro. Admiral Glasse, promised him an early evening to advocate the claims of this Charity.

## THE REASON WHY LADIES HAVE NEVER BEEN MADE FREEMASONS.

FROM THE KEystone.

**A**RDUOUS is the task I am now entering upon, and very difficult indeed is it to eradicate opinions which have been so strongly impressed upon the people's mind (and especially those of the fair sex) for ages past. However, the reasons and arguments that I shall lay down I hope will remove those grounded opinions, and trust will prove highly satisfactory to my fair readers, as I am sure, when they consider seriously upon Masonry, and but for a moment reflect that its institution is for the improvement of the mind and morals of mankind, they will allow them to be just.

In the first instance, and it must be allowed a truth beyond the power of contradiction, that no society, or body of men upon earth, can venerate, adore, and esteem the fair sex more than Freemasons do. We cannot but reckon it a very great misfortune that the ladies should be offended at their non-admission into our Craft; and the more so, as they learn with what moderation Freemasons conduct themselves in their assemblies; but without knowing the reasons why they are not admitted, some indeed censure us with all the severity their delicate minds are capable of; others again are as liberal and unrestrained in praise of the society. This, we must beg leave to say, is entirely owing to mistaken prejudice, because a little reflection would convince them, that their not being received into our institution is not in the least singular, as some allege, and whom I understand to have said, “they stand in the same predicament with respect to the priesthood and many other societies, the solemn assemblies of the Ancients, the Senates of Pagan, and the Conclaves of Rome, all national Senates and Ecclesiastical Synods, universities, seminaries of learning,” &c., &c., with which they might with equal propriety be offended.

Others have asserted, that the reason why ladies were excluded our society was, to take away all occasion for calumny and reproach, which those shallow geniuses seem to think would have been unavoidable, had they been admitted. And again, that since woman had in general been always considered as not very well qualified to keep a secret,\* because the woman of *Tamnath*, whom Samson took to wife, betrayed the secret of the riddle which he entrusted her with to the Philistines; † likewise, because Delilah, after repeated stratagems and arts, persuaded Samson to inform her where his great strength lay; which he had no sooner done but she betrayed him to the Philistines, who bound him and put out both his eyes. ‡ I think it exceedingly unjust to exclude the fair sex from benefiting by our societies on account of Delilah's behaviour, because it is not known whether she was one of the daughters of Israel or a woman of the Philistines. Sacred history is silent on the subject, and according to Josephus, she was a mercenary woman, and would do anything for money.§

My fair readers will please to recollect, that in the most early ages of antiquity, women's minds were not so enlightened as in the present age; that they were only considered, in the days of King Solomon, as handmaids, and not as companions and associates to men, employed in so learned, so useful, and so mysterious a society as Masonry, as there are many transactions in the Royal Art, which are far beyond that knowledge which women generally attain. || At the first institution of Masonry, it was thought proper to exclude the fair sex, and as old customs are but too seldom laid aside, their expulsion has been handed down to us. And as we are such strict observers of the ancient manners and customs, so transmitted to us by our forefathers, these, I hope, will be sufficient reasons why that most amiable part of the creation has hitherto been excluded.

Many of the fair sex, I am truly sensible, would be the greatest ornaments to Masonry, did not our laws and institutions exclude them. However, what I shall now advance will be allowed, especially among those of my fair readers who are united in the sacred institution of marriage with Freemasons, who, I flatter myself, are convinced of its truth. And as Freemasons, by the rules of the Craft, pay a far greater attention to the moral and social duties of life than the generality of mankind, they are inspired with a far greater desire and reverence for the most sacred and happy of all institutions, marriage. They of all others best know how to love, to cherish, to value the dear companion of their fortunes, who, by her kind participation and affectionate regard, softens and alleviates every distress and worldly care, and adds sweetness and comfort to all the pleasures of life. She is the most pleasing companion in the gay and cheerful hour of prosperity, and his chief friend and adviser in the dark and dismal day of adversity. She is the tender and careful preserver of his health, and the ever anxious and soothing attendant on his sickness. She is the watchful, cautious, and prudent manager of all his domestic concerns.

We do declare there is nothing which affords so pleasing a prospect of human nature, as the contemplation of wisdom, virtue and beauty; the latter is the peculiar gift of heaven to that sex we call fair; but

\* Some men, I feel confident, are less qualified to keep secrets than the ladies are here represented to be.

† Judges XIV.

‡ Judges XVI.

§ Josephus X 7.

|| The most ancient inhabitants of the east, were little acquainted with the strongest passions of the soul. They never showed the least marks of attention or tenderness for that sex so much courted by the Freemasons of the present age. They considered their wives (and even do at present) rather in the light of slaves than of companions. They did not even suffer them to eat with them always, and had usurped the right of divorcing them, without permitting the indulgence of marrying again. The women then felt themselves born to obey, and submitted patiently to their fate.

wisdom, virtue and beauty are attributes too celestial to be frequently found united in one form. We too often find beauty capricious self-sufficient, negligent of adorning itself with any other ornament than such as are conveyed by the hands of fashion and folly. If the most beautiful part of the creation would but for a moment consider how much their charms are heightened and their empire preserved by an accomplished mind and manners, they would neglect no opportunity of obtaining those more lasting charms, which will be engraved on the hearts of their husbands when the transient flower of beauty is no more.

Whenever a good Mason's fancy and judgment has agreed in the choice of a partner for life, he will support the authority and dignity of a husband, with that wisdom, moderation, tenderness and affection that shall render him honored and beloved; for the Mason, above all others, well knows that if happiness is not found in the narrow circle of his own home, it will be sought for in vain; in short, the fair sex will ever find in a Mason, a warm and passionate admirer, a most sincere friend, an affectionate husband and father; they will ever find a Mason the protector of innocence, and at all times and situations attentive to every delicacy and decorum they so justly claim from all mankind.

I must further add, that in the most solemn and serious moments of the assembled Freemasons in open Lodge, and at the reception of a brother, the ancient and even a part of the modern Freemasons, present the new initiated brother with two pair of white gloves, one pair for himself, and another for a lady, with a strict charge to present them to that female for whom he has the greatest regard; and even in our hours of relaxation from labour, when innocent mirth abounds, we never forget Milton's words, viz.:

Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye,  
In every gesture dignity and love.

And in another place:

So absolute she seems,  
And in herself complete, so well to know  
Her own, that what she wills to do or say,  
Seems wisest, virtuousest, discreetest best;  
All higher knowledge in her presence falls  
Degraded; wisdom in discourse with her  
Loses, discontenanced, and like folly shows;  
Authority and reason on her wait,  
As one intended first, not after made  
Occasionally; and to consummate all,  
Greatness of mind and nobleness their seat  
Build in her loveliest, and create an awe  
About her, as a guard angelic placed.

No better proof is required of a Mason's admiration for the fair sex than the Masonic song:

We're true and sincere  
And just to the fair,  
They'll trust us on any occasion;  
No mortal can more  
The ladies adore  
Than a Free and Accepted Mason.

A Masonic writer of reputation observes, that though men are more reserved and secret in their friends' concerns than their own, women, on the contrary, keep their own and friends' secrets better than men. Modesty in a woman supposes all other virtues; immodesty all other vices. Women generally take greater care of their reputation than men do of theirs; why, then, do we account them the weaker sex? Hence, virtue makes a beautiful woman appear more beautiful, so beauty makes a virtuous woman really more virtuous.

In many countries ladies have been admitted to sundry parts of our ceremonies, such as laying the foundation stones of public buildings, private or public orations, at one of which the ladies in particular were addressed thus by the orator\*:

"You have heard, ladies, our grand principles explained, with the instructions given to the brethren, and I doubt not at other times you have heard many disrespectful things said of this society. Envy, malice and uncharitableness will never be at a loss to decry, find fault, and raise objections to what they do not know. With what respect, superior esteem and regard are we to look on every lady present, that has done us the honour of being present on this occasion. To have the sanction of the fair is our highest ambition, as our greatest care will be to preserve it. The virtues of humanity are peculiar to your sex; and we flatter ourselves, the most splendid ball could not afford you greater pleasure, than to see the human heart made happy, and the poor and distressed obtain present relief."

\* Thomas Dunckerly Esq., Provincial Grand Master for Essex, Wiltshire, and Dorsetshire, England.

**St. Aubyn Royal Arch Chapter.**—The annual meeting was held on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport. In a meeting of Installed Principals, amongst whom were Excellent Companions J. R. Dugdale Z., T. Heath H., J. Redgate J., T. Goodall P.Z. P.P.G.O., J. Baxter P.P.G.A.S., C. Watson P.Z., W. H. Cawsey P.Z. 230, W. Blackell P.Z., J. H. Harris H. 230, T. Scarle H. 230, the Excellent Companions J. R. Dugdale was installed as Z., Thomas Heath as H., J. Redgate as J., and the following Officers were appointed and invested:—J. Osborn S.G., J. Crossley S.N., J. Baxter Treasurer, T. E. Gay P.S., J. Joliffe 1st A.S., H. Gay 2nd A.S., N. Raymond Sword Bearer, H. Best S.B. The Treasurer reported the Chapter to be in a good financial position. The Companions retired to the refreshment-rooms in the building, when the usual Logal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

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## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED AS UNDER:—

At the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, at the Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, on Tuesday, the 25th instant, at 6 p.m. precisely. Bros. R. Durell W.M., W. Musto S.W., Smith J.W., Candick I.P.M. First Lecture:—Bros. Loane, Watkins, Barker, Johnson, Musto, Calver, and Candick. Second Lecture:—Bros. Hopkins, F. C. D. Fenn, Pavitt, Smith, and Stephens. Third Lecture:—Bros. Stewart, McDonald, and Myers. Bros. W. Musto Preceptor, E. T. Worsley Hon. Sec.

At the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. Barnes W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., H. Fors J.W., W. Wallington I.P.M. First Lecture:—Bros. A. Clark, Dignam, C. Smyth, Edwards, M. Christian, Webb, and H. Fors. Second Lecture:—Bros. T. Clark, Fieldwick, F. Brasted, C. Lorkin, and E. Allen. Third Lecture:—Bros. F. Carr, J. Lorkin, and W. Wallington. Bro. J. Lorkin Hon. Sec.

At the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate, E., on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. D. Moss W.M., J. Andrews S.W., A. Clark J.W. First Lecture:—Bros. F. Perl, T. E. Horley, R. W. Pearcy, Wooding, Taylor, Barnes, and J. Andrews. Second Lecture:—Bros. A. Clark, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Pringle, and Stephens. Third Lecture:—Bros. I. P. Cohen, A. W. Fenner, and J. A. Powell. Bros. A. W. Fenner Preceptor, C. J. Free Hon. Sec.

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## MASONIC IMPOSTORS—A WARNING.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to my letter under this heading, and which you kindly inserted for me on the 1st inst., I have had a communication from a brother of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, Havant, stating that an application was made to him by a "Charles Southwood, of No. 954, St. Aubyn, Devonport," who he believes to be the person to whom I referred, and whose real name is Charles H. Couch. My correspondent describes him as "having dark hair and complexion, something the matter with his feet, that is, he walks very tenderly, height about 5ft. 5 or 6 inches." When Charles H. Couch applied to me I did not take notice of these particulars, but, generally, they agree with my impression of the individual. As he had written to me for an interview, I sent on his note to my correspondent at Havant, and am favoured with this reply, "The Almoner informs me that he is sure the handwriting is the same as the individual Charles Southwood showed him."

This man Couch, who is now so imposing on the members of the Craft, has a history at Devonport, which, through personal friends (non-Masons), is now well known to me, and it is not a creditable one. In the interests of the Order I sincerely hope that this "warning" may be the means of stopping his career of imposture. I have now lost him, between Havant and Portsmouth. If he should again attempt to use the name of the respectable Lodge, "The St. Aubyn," in which he was unfortunately initiated, I hope it may be to some brother who may read this letter, and that I shall be informed of it. As far as I can individually do so I shall take all necessary pains to bring him to account, and "stop his little game."

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

Clapham, 13th October 1881.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have expressed a wish to stand godparents to the infant son of Lord Napier of Magdala. The child will receive the names of Albert Edward.



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**Montagu Guest Lodge, No. 1900.**—The first meeting of this Lodge, since its consecration, took place on Wednesday, 12th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-Fields. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Dean W.M., who was assisted by Bros. G. P. Festa S.W., F. R. W. Hedges J.W., J. D. Collier P.M. Sec., H. J. Capon S.D., H. Slyman J.D., W. H. Gardener I.G. There were also present as Visitors Bros. E. J. Petts I.G. 209, H. Massey P.M. 619, W.M. 1928, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, J. E. Shand W.M. 1563, J. Docker P.M. 1687, and Capt. J. J. Lane 1872. Bros. Francis Travers P.M. 137, P.S.G.W. Dorset, and Samuel Brooks P.M. 1608 were elected joining members, and Messrs. Edmund Mohan Doble, Charles Monkhouse Tate, William Hartley Staff, Edward Ellis Ogston and Dr. Geoffery Stead were balloted for, elected, and ultimately initiated by the W.M. Bro. Dean then invested Bro. P.M. Brooks with the collar of D.C., Bro. Staff with that of Organist, and Bro. Doble with that of Steward. The name of Bro. Petts was given in as a candidate for joining, and Bro. Festa having, on behalf of Madame Festa, thanked the Lodge for their vote of thanks to her for having presented them with their banner, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. This was served in a first-rate style, and at its conclusion, the usual toasts were given. Bro. Collier gave that of the W.M. He had pleasure in submitting this toast to the Lodge for the first time since the day of its consecration. Bro. Dean was not a young Mason, but one well skilled in the noble science. He had already filled the office of Master, and had performed the duties most creditably, in his mother Lodge. Bro. Dean, in reply, thanked the brethren. He wished he was but half as good a Mason as his brother Secretary had described him. It had always been his endeavour to do his duty in Freemasonry, and he should strive still further now that he was Master of the Montagu Guest Lodge. It would be his endeavour to see the duties of the Craft carried out in their integrity. They had, at the head of their Lodge, Bro. Guest, an excellent Mason, and one well acquainted with the work of every office. As a Provincial Grand Master there was none better suited to the office, while at Grand Lodge he was a frequent attendant. The Master felt the brethren would not be doing far wrong if they endeavoured to follow the example set by him, and that eventually their Lodge might attain a position in the Craft worthy of the name it bore. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiates. He was sure the brethren would all join heartily in honouring the toast. It was the desire of every Lodge to have Initiates, but more especially was this the case with new Lodges. The Founders of the Lodge were pleased at the accession that had been made to their numbers that night. The addition made was really of great advantage to the Lodge, and he hoped that it, in like manner, might prove an advantage to the Initiates. They had that night seen the first part of Freemasonry, and he hoped that they would continue their researches, and would find that Freemasonry was not only a name, but that it should be acted up to, and its teaching practised in every walk of life. Bro. Doble, in reply, regretted that his oratorical power was not such as to allow of his responding as he should wish. He was quite sure the Initiates would all do their best to carry out those maxims which had been so forcibly pointed out to them by the W.M. that evening, and he felt that in so doing they would become not only good Masons, but likewise good men. Each of the others having spoken to the toast the Master proposed that of the Visitors. Masons were always delighted at the presence of Visitors in their Lodges. In the Montagu Guest Lodge it would always be the endeavour of the brethren to receive Visitors and welcome them in that manner which should at all times characterise Freemasons. In coupling the name of Bro. Docker with the toast the W.M. desired to specially thank him for his assistance that evening in the office of P.M. of the Lodge. Bro. Docker tendered his thanks. He had watched the progress of the Lodge since its foundation, and might say that he deemed it all but impossible for a Lodge to start under more favourable auspices. Bros. Shand and Petts followed, and then the Master proposed the toast of the Officers. He was very proud of them, and referred to each in the kindest of terms. The several brethren having tendered their acknowledgments, the proceedings were brought to a termination with the Tyler's toast.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Bro. F. Brasted W.M., Smyth S.W., Catling J.W., Jones S.D., Christian J.D., Cushing I.G., J. Lorkin P.M. Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, also Bros. Bunker, Carr, Edwards, Forss, Gosling, Dallas, Clark, Allen. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edwards acting as candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its Masonic duties was opened in the second degree. Bro. Carr, a candidate for raising, was entrusted; Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. Carr was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Edwards assisted Bro. Forss to work the fourth section of the lecture. Bro. Lamb, of Lodge No. 860, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Smyth was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday the 25th, at seven o'clock, when Bro. P.M. Barnes will preside.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on 11th October. Bros. Myers W.M., Pavitt S.W., Moss J.W., Smith S.D., Watkins J.D., McGeorge I.G.; also Bros. Hirst, Willoughby, Day, Roddam, &c. Lodge being regularly opened, Bro. Hirst, as candidate for passing, answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., in his usual perfect manner. Afterwards, assisted by the brethren, the W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the

lecture. Lodge closed to first degree, and Bro. Hirst was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction.

On 18th instant. Bro. Pavitt W.M., Smith J.W., Ives S.D. and Acting Secretary, MacGeorge J.D., Bailey I.G.; also Bros. Day, Willoughby, Howe, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Willoughby candidate. Bro. Smith, assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. Howe, of Faith Lodge 141, was elected a member. Bro. Myers gave notice of motion for Tuesday evening, 1st November, in reference to disposal of Lodge Funds. On Tuesday next, 25th inst., commencing at six p.m., the Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Durall, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, will preside. Bro. Musto P.M. 1346 S.W., Smith W.M. 860 J.W. We hope to see a good muster of brethren on this occasion.

**Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.**—The members met at Bro. Swallow's, Goat and Star, Swallow-street, Piccadilly, W., on Wednesday, 19th inst. Bros. Willson W.M., Forrest S.W., Fendick J.W., Breary P.M. Treasurer, Swan P.M. Secretary, Richman S.D., Green J.D., Hunter I.G., Docker, Shand, W. C. Smith, Sigismund. Lodge opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, the Lodge advanced to 2nd degree, and Bro. Boyell was entrusted. Lodge opened in 3rd degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Docker P.M. worked the 1st section of the lecture. Bro. Millson, assisted by the brethren, worked the 3rd section of the lecture. Lodge resumed to 1st degree, and closed in harmony. We beg to remind brethren that the inauguration banquet of this Lodge of Instruction takes place at 7 o'clock on Wednesday next, under the presidency of Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.M. P.G.P., J. E. Shand (W.M. of City of Westminster) S.W., J. B. Docker (P.M. Rothesay) J.W. We trust that Companions will support these brethren, and hope there will be a large attendance.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—On Thursday, 13th instant, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. W.M., E. C. Porter S.W., G. Coop J.W., H. E. Tucker Treas., J. Wells Sec., A. Jones S.D., C. Bellerby J.D., H. Youens I.G., A. J. Burr P.M.; Visitor—Bro. Bullerwell, Zetland Lodge, No. 655, Sydney; T. Smith, J. Green, J. Clarke, E. T. Brown. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The audit committee presented their report on the accounts of the Lodge, this was received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

On Thursday, 20th inst., Bros. A. Jones W.M., J. Green S.W., C. Bellerby J.W., H. E. Tucker Treas., J. Wells Sec., A. J. Burr P.M. S.D., J. Le Grys J.D., T. A. Smith I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Kasner, C. Andrews; also Bros. Cunningham, Fernee, J. J. Clarke, E. C. Porter. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Cunningham candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. The Lodge was opened up to third, and Bro. Andrews P.M. put the questions in the Master Mason's degree. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. J. Green was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

**Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.**—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, 13th October. Among others there were present Bros. Laurence W.M., J. Rothschild S.W., J. Simmonds J.W., Hunter S.D., E. Howe I.G., R. Cummings Preceptor, H. Halliday Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. Goode, acting as candidate for passing, answered the necessary questions, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was then opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Laurence vacated the chair of K.S. in favour of Bro. Simmonds, the retiring W.M. of the mother Lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The ability displayed augured well for its repetition on the 19th instant. Bro. J. Rothschild was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. This ending the duties of a very pleasant evening, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned.

## 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.

ADELPHI.—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.

GAIETY.—At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.30, BUBBLES. At 8.30, WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT.

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

STRAND.—At 7.15, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, OLIVETTE.

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

LYCEUM.—This evening, LA FIGLIA DEL REGGIMENTO. On Monday, DON GIOVANNI. On Tuesday, IL TROVATORE. On Wednesday, LA FIGLIA DEL REGGIMENTO. On Thursday, FAUST.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.15, QUID PRO QUO. At 8.30, PRINCESS TOTO.

CRITERION.—At 8, WITHERED LEAVES. At 8.15, BRIGHTON.

ALHAMBRA.—At 8.15, BRONZE HORSE. At 10, IN A STAR.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, CONCERT. Open Daily. Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &c.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—This day, INGOMAR, INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION, &c. Open Daily.

## 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, 22nd OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

## MONDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

- 29—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
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)  
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
1499—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, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn  
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  
1632—Stewart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Inst.)  
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield

## TUESDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.  
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. (Emergency)  
554—Yarborough, 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)  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
1166—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
1349—Friars, Livei pool 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  
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.  
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)  
117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
290—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton  
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
K.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill Leeds

## WEDNESDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
533—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poupin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
1017—Montelliere, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1273—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
1283—Finsbury Park, Alwyns Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
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, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 9 (Inst.)  
1530—Chancer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
1539—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
7 63—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury  
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester  
1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull  
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

## THURSDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
66—Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford  
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)  
1158—Southern Star, 108 Blackfriars-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford  
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)  
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)  
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road  
1830—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)  
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)  
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex  
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
345—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
1450—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester  
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
R.A. 421—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.  
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields  
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.  
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)  
834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)  
833—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, Alwyns Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1612—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8. (In.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (In.)  
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
1393—Hammer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle  
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
R.A. 212—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1766—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
1162—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—A meeting was held on the 18th instant, in lieu of the regular meeting,—which should have taken place on the 3rd instant,—under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. R. Baker; L. M. Myers S.W., J. Benjamin J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Albert P.G.P. Sec., Dewsnap as S.D., Beau as I.G., A. Dodson P.M. D.C., J. Davis Steward, Wall A.D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Organist; P.M.'s M. Alexander, H. M. Levy, L. Alexander, S. Hickman, A. Dodson, L. Lazarus, O. Roberts. Visitors—Bros. W. Cuff W.M. 1608, Dr. Maculay, No. 1, Calcutta, John Huy 180, H. Stow 1922, J. Myers 205, W. Lyon 185, Baker 180. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. E. Coombe was passed to the second degree, and Bro. G. M. Lion was raised. The ceremony was performed in a perfect and impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. Baker consented to act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, and a notice of motion was given by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. that the sum of £10 10s be voted from the funds, to be placed on his list. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, sixty in number, sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. In speaking to the toast of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge, the W.M. announced that Bro. Stransky had given £1 5s, and Bro. Campen £5 5s to that fund. Bro. P.M. Alexander returned thanks for the toast. This brother, before resuming his seat, proposed the health of the W.M.; all who had seen Bro. Baker in the Lodge and at the banquet table could judge of his ability to perform the duties required of him. In every way he had conduced to the comfort of the members, whom he (the speaker) called upon to honour the toast. The Worshipful Master, who was enthusiastically received, said he could hardly find words to express his gratitude for the manner in which the toast had been proposed. He had to thank, not only the Past Masters, but every brother for able assistance and co-operation. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. He wished them to understand that all were pleased to see them. This night was no exception; the Lodge always had a fair attendance of visitors. Bro. Cuff W.M. of the Kilburn Lodge, Bro. Dr. Maculay, John Huy 180, and others responded. Bro. Cuff, in an able speech, spoke of the working of the Lodge, and of the mode in which charity, the true characteristic of our Order, had been exemplified in every respect by the brethren. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s. They were a goodly array; they had all done their duty in every way. He would call on Bro. M. Alexander. After Bro. Alexander had acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. gave the health of the Secretary and Treasurer, and the Senior Warden and Junior Warden, with which latter toast he coupled the names of the Junior Officers. Bro. L. Myers S.W. returned thanks; he was followed by Bros. Benjamin J.W., Blanks, Davis, and A. Dodson P.M., who said, although he held a minor office, he was always ready to assist the Junior Officers. They had a Lodge of Instruction connected with the Lodge, that meets every Thursday evening, at Champion's Hotel, at 7 o'clock; there they can receive any instruction they may require. The Tylers' toast was given. An excellent concert was provided by the W.M., under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, Organist of the Lodge. The artists included Misses Florence Dysart, Doré, Devignes; Bro. Arthur Thomas and Mr. Coleman.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 15th instant. Present:—Bros. Gillham W.M., Perl S.W., A. Ferrar J.W., Percy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., A. Tuck J.D., Stroud I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, C. Lorkin, Parkes, Marks, Catlin, A. S. Morling, A. Gribbell, Gibbs, Weeden, Green, Richardson, H. T. Godolphin, W. W. Morgan, Fysh, C. K. Killick jun. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. C. Lorkin answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin acting as candidate; the traditional history was also given. Bro. Percy worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. Percy worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Tuck. Bros. H. L. Godolphin, of the Friars Lodge 1349, A. Gribbell, of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge 1535, and A. S. Morling, St. Barnabas Lodge 948, were elected members. Bro. Tuck was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge adjourned.

**Whittington Lodge, No. 862.**—The first meeting of the season of the above Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday evening last, Worshipful Brother R. P. Tate occupying the chair. After the election of Officers for the ensuing twelvemonths, and other routine business had been proceeded with, the brethren adjourned to the Old Bell, Holborn, to a banquet. Amongst the numerous brethren, including visitors, who sat down, were W.M. Bro. Tate (in the chair), Bro. S. Godden I.P.M., and Bros. J. Weaver and T. Kingston P.M.'s of 862, the W.M. elect Bro. J. S. Brown, occupying the S.W. chair. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Irvine Harle I.P.M. 1780, and P.P. G. Pur. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, W. H. Marston P.M. of Nos. 55 and 1599, A. E. Gladwell W.M. of No. 172. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, were enthusiastically honoured, and the toast of the Visitors was ably responded to. During the evening various excellent songs were sung, Bro. Harle presiding at the pianoforte. It would be but bare justice to remark that the banquet was served in a most excellent manner by the respected proprietress of the hotel, Miss Banyer, to the entire satisfaction of the whole of the brethren, the dessert being of a specially *recherché* description.

**King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.**—The first regular meeting of the season was held on the 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Henry Stiles; Bros. H. Higgins S.W., L. Solomons J.W., J. J. Michael P.P.G.P. Kent Treasurer, F. Saintsbury Sec., L. Jacobs S.D., C. B. Putland I.G., B. Kauffmann D.C., Fletcher W.S., W. R. Yates Steward. P.M.'s J. T. Briggs, T. W. Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent, W. M. Stiles; Visitors—B. Ellis 1209, A. Shippey 1107, J. E. Edmonds 1507, J. Mason P.M. 1567 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Side W.M. 1507, J. Storey P.P.G. Superintendent of Works Kent, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries, Bro. C. S. Mote was passed to the second degree, and Mr. W. Chilverd was balloted for, unanimously accepted, and duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., whose working was a pleasure to listen to. Great credit is also due to the Officers for their able assistance. Bro. L. Solomon J.W. announced his intention to act as Steward at the next Annual Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Briggs I.P.M. stated that he served as Steward at the last Festival for the Girls' School, and he was proud to say, that through the contributions of the brethren, the Lodge was a Life Governor of that Institution. Heartly good wishes were given by the brethren and Visitors and then Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, provided in Bro. Clemow's best style. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the Loyal and patriotic toasts. Bro. Briggs I.P.M. rose, with much pleasure he had to bring before their notice the W.M. This he considered was the toast of the evening, for the W.M., since he had occupied the chair, showed he was the right man in the right place. Masonry is a progressive science; during the last nine months the W.M. had progressed. Still, however eloquent he (Bro. Briggs) might be, he could not find words more than to ask them to drink the health of their Master. The W.M., who was enthusiastically received, thanked the brethren for the kind manner they had received the toast. This was the first meeting held since March; he was gratified in seeing the manner in which the toast had been received. During the recess he had gone on a tour; he was pleased to be with them all again. Before resuming his seat he had to thank Bro. Briggs I.P.M. for his kind assistance. He would also call on the brethren heartily to drink his health. Bro. Briggs rose to reply. After thanking the W.M. for his kind acknowledgments, he expressed his gratification at the way the brethren had honoured this toast. He trusted all would progress like the W.M. The Initiates were next honoured—Bros. Chilverd and Mote—the latter was initiated at the last meeting—whom all were proud to see with them. Brother Mote said he hardly considered himself an initiate; he was unable to be present at their last gathering. He had been associated with Freemasons in various parts of the world, and he was sure he should never regret his association with the King's Cross Lodge. Bro. Chilverd had to thank Bro. Michael and the W.M. for his introduction into this Lodge, which he was sure he should never regret. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Bros. Side, H. Mason and H. M. Levy. Bro. Mason spoke eloquently of the R.M.B.I., and thanked the Junior Warden for consenting to act as a Steward. Bro. H. M. Levy followed; he was pleased to hear the remarks of the last Brother. The Boys' and Girls' Schools had an election twice a-year, and perhaps it might be beneficial if the poor old men and women should be equally dealt with. He hoped steps would be taken to bring this about. Bro. Briggs had now permission of the W.M. to propose a toast; it was the Provincial brethren of Kent, whom they were proud to see among them; two of them were members of the Lodge, while Bro. Storey was a visitor. The Province of Kent was known for its good working, and its association with the Charities, and they were pleased to see their friends from Kent not only on this, but on all occasions. Bro. J. J. Michel P.P.G.P. Kent, in an excellent speech, responded. He was followed by Bro. J. Knight P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. Storey Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works. Bro. Mason also added a few words. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s; he would couple with it the name of the worthy Secretary, Bro. Saintsbury; he need not say how it was due to their assistance that the Lodge had flourished. After this had been suitably acknowledged, the Officers were complimented, and then the Tyler gave his toast.

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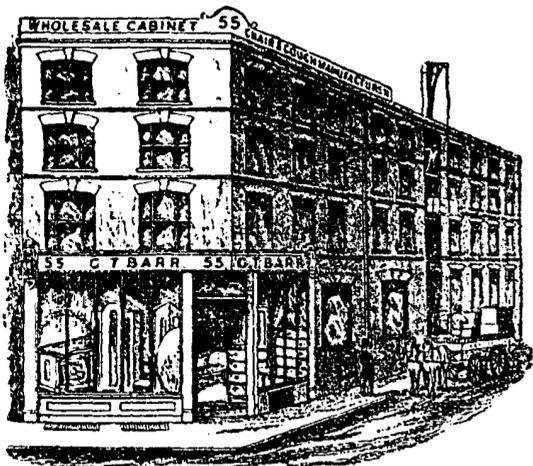


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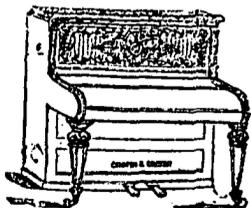
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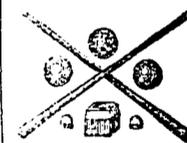
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