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ROYAL ARCH MASONRY: ITS DISTRIBUTION AND PROGRESS.

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IN our perambulation of the Provinces we succeeded last week in reaching Oxfordshire. We now pass thence into Somersetshire, of which Colonel Adair is Prov. G. Superintendent. It has nine Chapters, of which the Avalon, No. 446, Wells, is of recent constitution. As there are twenty-two Lodges, and the City of Bath alone has more than one meeting within its limits, this is a very fair proportion. The Eastern and Western Divisions of South Wales have each of them four Chapters, but while the former has fifteen Lodges, the latter has only nine, so that there is obviously room for further progress in the Eastern section of the district. Neither Province has a Provincial organization, the vacancy caused by the death of Companion T. M. Talbot, Provincial Grand Superintendent of South Wales East, not being filled up. As regards progress, we note there are two new Chapters in South Wales West since 1874, but no increase has taken place in the sister Province. Staffordshire, to its twenty-three Lodges has but eight Chapters, the only changes that have latterly taken place being the disappearance from the roll of St. Martin's Chapter, No. 98, Burslem, and the constitution of the Marmion, No. 1060, Tamworth. Suffolk, which can boast of the Rev. C. J. Martyn for its Provincial Grand Superintendent, has six Chapters to twenty Lodges, three being located in Ipswich, and one of the six, namely, the Gorleston, No. 1631, being of recent creation. Surrey has an active popular chief in the person of General Brownrigg, C.B., who is both Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Superintendent, but there are only six of its twenty-two Lodges which have Chapters attached to them, and of those the Dobie, No. 889, Kingston, and the Wey Side, No. 1395, Woking, are of new creation. Here again we would suggest that something might be done to strengthen the ranks of Royal Arch Masonry, though as Surrey is a Metropolitan County, the shortcoming may be more apparent than real. Sussex has nine Chapters to its twenty-four Lodges, five of the number, of which Hova Villa, No. 1466, is the newest, meeting in Brighton. Last year Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart, M.P., Provincial Grand Master was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent, and under his auspices it is quite on the cards that further additions may be made to the roll of Provincial Grand Chapter. Warwickshire, as in 1874, has eight Chapters, of which all but two are located in Birmingham. As there are some thirty Lodges, and the Province is one of our most important industrial centres, we might have expected there would have been a somewhat stronger array of Chapters, especially as the popular Lord Leigh is the presiding genius in Arch as in Craft Masonry. Wiltshire is a small Province, with only ten Lodges, but four of these have Chapters attached to them. In 1874 there were but three so circumstanced, the new comer being the Thynne Chapter, No. 1478, of Warminster, so named after Lord H. Thynne, M.P., Provincial Grand Superintendent. Of the eleven Lodges in Worces-

shire, four have Chapters, and two of these are located in Dudley. No addition to the strength of this degree has been made during these last seven years. North and East Yorkshire, which had thirteen Chapters in 1874, has fourteen at the present time, the St. George's Chapter, No. 566, having disappeared from the roll, while the De la Pole, No. 1605, Hull, and the Eboracum, No. 1611, have been added; as there are some twenty-seven Lodges in the Province, the proportion of those having Chapters attached to them is a very fair one. Of the said fourteen Chapters, four meet in Hull, two in Scarborough, and two in York. West Yorkshire has twenty-nine as against twenty-five Chapters in 1874, the four now meeting at Barnsley (No. 1513), Batley (No. 1214), Sowerby Bridge (No. 1283), and Wakefield (No. 1019). Huddersfield, Leeds, and Wakefield have three Chapters each; and Bradford, Dewsbury, Halifax, and Sheffield two each, there being twelve other localities in which Royal Arch Masonry has found a home. Considering how energetic a chief presides over Craft and Arch Masonry, it is not surprising there should be so fair an array both of Lodges and Chapters. In the Channel Islands (Guernsey), Jersey, and the Isle of Man, there are no changes either in the way of loss or addition to note, there being two Chapters in Guernsey, three with a Provincial organisation in Jersey, and one in Man.

We now pass to the Chapters Abroad. Of the stations situated on the Mediterranean seaboard, Constantinople with one Chapter, Corfu with one, and Gibraltar with three, remain as in 1874. Malta now has a Chapter attached to each of its three Lodges, and there are two other new Chapters, one at Tunis and one at Alexandria. China can boast of four Chapters, of which three meet in Hong Kong, Nos. 1165 and 1341 being recently constituted. Chapter No. 501 having dropped from the roll. Japan still has a solitary Chapter, the Yokohama, No. 1092, of Yokohama. Of the nine District Grand Superintendencies, five are to be found in the East Indies, namely, those of Bengal, Bombay, British Burmah, Madras, and the Punjab, and in each case the District Grand Master is likewise District Grand Superintendent. Bengal has fourteen Chapters, being an increase of four during the seven years, the new Chapters being No. 234, Calcutta; No. 1525, Darjeeling; No. 1526, Jumalpoore; and No. 1066, Morar Gwalior. This is a fair proportion, seeing there are some thirty odd Lodges in the District, though as Calcutta has eleven Lodges, we should have thought that more than three of them would have had Chapters attached. Bombay has only five Chapters to four times as many Lodges, the Capital, Bombay, like Calcutta, having a limited number as compared with its Lodges. In British Burmah there has been no addition, and, as in 1874, there are three Chapters, two of which meet in Rangoon. The number of Lodges is nine. Madras has six Chapters to about three times as many Lodges, two of the six being attached to Lodges which meet in the City of Madras. In the Punjab a very marked increase has taken place. In 1874 only five out of seventeen Lodges were fortunate enough to possess Chapters. Now no less than twelve out of nineteen have them, a proportion which is greatly in excess of anything to be found in other Districts of equal importance. The new Chapters are Nos. 1308, Dalhousie, 1394 Delhi, 1722 Dugshai, 1485 Lahore, 1448

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

Murree, 1439 Palampore, and 1413 Rawul Pindee. Singapore and Kandy, in the Island of Ceylon, have each a Royal Arch Chapter, but they do not belong to any of the above District organisations.

In South Africa, which is not constituted into a district or districts, there are eight Chapters, four of which meet in Cape of Good Hope, and one each at Durban, King William's Town, Kimberley, and Pietermaritzburg. These last four are new, while No. 365 of the Cape has dropped from the roll. There are also two Chapters—one, No. 488, a new one—meeting in St. Helena; but considering there are some fifty Lodges in South Africa, we might have looked for more than ten Chapters. In Jamaica there are five Chapters, No. 914, meeting at Port Royal, being of recent creation. These constitute the District Grand Chapter, but the vacancy caused by the death of Comp. Dr. Hamilton has not been filled up as yet. There are besides these, nine other Chapters scattered about the West Indies, while in 1874 there were eight, the new creation being Chapter No. 867, Trinidad. In North America there are three Chapters, two constituting the District Grand Chapter of Montreal or Canada East, and one meeting at St. John's, Newfoundland. In 1874 there was also a New Brunswick Chapter, No. 518, St. Andrew's. In South America there are two Chapters, No. 227, Demerara, and No. 617, Beunos Ayres, the latter having been lately warranted. The progress of the degree in Australasia is very far from being commensurate with that made in Craft Masonry. There are considerably over 200 Lodges, yet there appear to be only some twenty-seven Chapters all told distributed among these Colonies. New South Wales, for instance, has about five or six and forty Lodges, yet only three of the number have Chapters attached to them, two meeting in Sydney, and one at Maitland. Now Sydney alone has ten Lodges, so that we might justly have looked for greater strength in Royal Arch Masonry in this District, especially as it is fortunate enough to have a District Grand Chapter. Victoria, to its seventy Lodges has nine Chapters, four of them being attached to as many Melbourne Lodges, which is thus better off than Sydney. Here, too, there is a District G. Chapter. In Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, there are but four Chapters, two in Queensland, and one in each of the other two. In 1874 South Australia had two Chapters, and consequently the gain of one in Victoria is neutralised by the loss of one in this Colony. Western Australia has not a single Chapter. In New Zealand there is some improvement. In 1874 there are four Chapters to thirty Lodges; now there are ten Chapters, but at the same time we must point out there are a round seventy Lodges. Canterbury, South Island, has two Chapters, one newly constituted; Otago and Southland three Chapters, two being newly warranted, and Westland three, of which two are recent. Wellington, North Island, has two Chapters, both established since 1874, but Auckland has no Chapter, though it can boast some dozen Lodges. However, many of the Lodges are not yet entitled to have Chapters, so that we may look for more progress in accordance with the recognised strength of Craft Masonry in the course of the next few years. If we add that of the six Lodges in Military Corps, one half have Chapters, we shall have completed our survey of English Royal Arch Masonry, and noted all that our readers can wish to know respecting its progress and distribution in the Metropolis, the Provinces, and Abroad.

OUR BANQUET.

BY AN OLD STAGER.

THAT there is "pretty much of a muchness" about the festivities attendant on the Fourth Degree, and that our banquets—at least so far as the post prandial speeches are concerned—are as nearly as possible alike as "two peas," few of my readers, I imagine, will be inclined to dispute. There may be variety as to the extent of luxury of these *réunions*, such as when Grand Lodge or Festival gatherings bring out the eloquence of the great orators of the Craft; but, taking our ordinary Lodge banquets into account, who can say that they present any striking contrasts, or that he who has attended one has not witnessed a sample of all the rest?

Take, for example, an installation meeting, and draw a picture of what one may reasonably expect.

We have left our office or shop, as the case may be, an hour or two earlier than on the usual Lodge nights; for the ceremony, besides being more important, often spreads over a longer time than the accustomed hours of labour. We will pass over the hearty and fraternal greetings which precede the opening of business, when brethren meet, after the month's interval, with a larger number of visitors than ordinarily, and renew those sentiments of good fellowship which are nowhere more profuse than among the brethren of the mystic tie.

We need not here inquire, either as to how the ceremonies have been worked, or who are the Officers that have been adorned with the coveted collars for the year. All this has been done in regular order and with due decorum; the jewels have been put away and the secrets of the Order laid up "in the safe and sacred repository," as the brethren file out into the convenient room, prior to re-assembling for refreshment.

At the banquet table the Worshipful Master is, of course, supported on his left by the Immediate Past Master, who has just blushing escaped from the congratulatory hand-shakes of friends who compliment him upon his perfect rendering of the Installation ceremony. Beyond him are the Past Masters, in all the glitter of their well-earned jewels, and each looking wise and full of paternal pride upon the rising star who has just blossomed into the firmament of Masonic ambition. On his right are the Grand Officers, amidst all the pomp and circumstance of their exalted positions, and each expecting to be called upon to respond to the leading toast with some serious and weighty observations. There are the initiates and visitors, relegated to their allotted seats of eminence, while the rank and file seek out congenial places at the festive board, as conveniently near their bosom friends as possible.

Whilst the courses of the *menu* are proceeded with, there are the customary genial glances over the generous wine, as invitations to exchange friendly salutations are accepted "with the greatest pleasure, Brother." Then the Master takes wine with the brethren on the right and left alternately, and afterwards "all together;" and a running fire of congratulation continues until the sound of the gavel is heard as a signal for the more serious business of the evening.

All eyes are turned upon the newly-fledged Worshipful Master, as if in anticipation that he may be able to vary the "customary Loyal toasts" with some new flash of brilliancy, or some newly-rounded sentence illustrative of the loyalty which pervades all good and true members of the Craft towards the gracious Sovereign whose name is indissolubly associated with the opening toast. But do we not all know what he is about to say? He informs us, in language quite original and startling, that the first toast in all assemblies of Englishmen is that of the illustrious Lady who is the exemplification of all the virtues of her sex, as a wife, a mother, and a Queen (cheers); and may she long continue to reign over a prosperous, contented, and happy people. As the Patroness of the Craft, she is doubly dear to all its members, who are as unswerving in their loyalty to her as to the beneficent Institution of which they form a part. At which sentiment the brethren rise, go through the points and honours, some worthy Brother taking up the solo of the national hymn, the chorus of which is sung by the entire company, with all the requisite loyalty.

Then comes, of course, the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, since whose accession to the throne of English Masonry the Institution has made such giant strides, and increased both in numbers and popularity amongst all classes of his future subjects. When he succeeds his august mother to the Throne of Britain—which the G.A.O.T.U. grant may be far distant (So mote it be), he will add lustre to the dignity of the realm, as he has done to that of the Craft. (Cheers, followed by a verse of the stanza "God Bless the Prince of Wales,") while all await the succeeding toast of—

"Our Rulers," who are enumerated in stereotyped order, with the mention in detail of their rank, and of the places they respectively fill in the Grand Lodge of England. Though probably the Worshipful Master has never seen one of them (and equally probable he never will) he is perfectly convinced that they one and all discharge the duties of their exalted spheres with the most perfect

efficiency and zeal, and that, so long as they continue to hold office, there need be no fear as to the stability and progress of our Ancient and Honourable Institution—(cheers).

With this toast is associated the name of some Grand Officer who may be present—some ornamental personage, who is invited in order to give colour to the event, and that the toast may be responded to in some sort of fashion. This worthy brother invariably makes the same speech in returning thanks. He is delighted to have seen the admirable working of the Lodge, and the manner in which the Immediate Past Master has acquitted himself whilst installing his successor into the chair of K.S. He has this day proved his interest in, and devotion to, the Craft in general, and this Lodge in particular, and set an example which he hopes all those who follow him will emulate, of installing those who come after him as rulers of the Lodge. To which the Past Masters, who have gone through the same kind of thing before, and who feel a little of the honour now showered upon the Immediate Past Master reflected upon themselves, murmur “hear, hear,” and raise their glasses amidst respectful smirks, as the Grand Officer resumes his seat.

Then up rises the Immediate Past Master, who has been the subject of such honeyed flattery, and who deems it scarcely necessary to *hint* even the toast he is now about to submit to the acceptance of the brethren. It is no less than the health of our newly-installed Worshipful Master (cheers), who, having proved himself a true and zealous Mason in all the minor offices through which he has passed, has now reached the summit of his ambition, and has received at the hands of the brethren the highest honour which it is in their power to bestow upon him. He (the Immediate Past Master) feels conscious of his many shortcomings and imperfections in his rendering of the Installation ceremony (No, no); but though he has passed from that proud eminence to which—though undeserving of it (No)—he was raised a year ago, by the kindness of the brethren, his interest in the welfare of the Lodge remains unabated, and he can only wish for his successor a happy and prosperous year of office (cheers). There are responsibilities connected with that dignity which—had he only known beforehand—would have made him hesitate before accepting it at their hands (Hear, hear, and cheers); but, by the kind assistance of his Officers—and none more so than his worthy brother whose health he now proposes (cheers)—he has succeeded, he hopes, in upholding the prestige of the Lodge, and in handing down to his successor the insignia of the office untarnished, and with its lustre undimmed. Whereupon there are loud cheers and exclamations from all points of the compass, “Worshipful Master,” whilst a brother favours with a song or recitation, so as to give the W. Master breathing time before replying to all the pretty things that have been said respecting him.

As soon as the chorus is finished, the toastmaster exclaims, “Silence for the Worshipful Master,” who rises slowly, and under a sense of the ponderous responsibility which has just been placed upon him, and which evidently oppresses him weightily. He can scarcely find language adequately to express his sense of the distinguished honour which the brethren have conferred upon him, for he feels he has done little or nothing to entitle him to such a mark of their favour (Yes, yes). Indeed, but for the bashfulness of some brother who is more eminently deserving of it, but who has magnanimously stepped aside to make room for him—unworthy as he is—he should have had to wait another year, and probably longer. But, having attained the position at which he has aimed ever since his initiation into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, he pledges himself to devote his utmost energies to the study of those duties which the brethren naturally expect from him, and with which he is as yet but imperfectly acquainted. He is also deeply impressed with the ineffectual attempts he has made to perform even the preliminary functions with which he has just been entrusted (no); but he shall be jealous of the prestige of the Lodge into which it was his happy fortune to have been admitted (cheers), and he hopes that at the end of his year of office he shall have gained the approbation so ungrudgingly bestowed upon his predecessor, upon whose breast he now begs leave to affix a jewel, which has been subscribed for by the whole of the brethren, as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties during the year. Might their excellent Immediate Past

Master live long to wear that memento of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and to add to the illustrious roll of Past Masters who have preceded him, and whom he is glad to see around him in such numbers as he does this evening. He need hardly say he shall do his utmost to emulate the example they have set him, and to follow in the footsteps of those who have shed lustre and dignity upon the annals of the Lodge (cheers).

The Immediate Past Master, as the mouthpiece of those distinguished brethren whose names have been associated with the toast, couched in such flattering terms by their Worshipful Master, must first thank the brethren for the magnificent token they have presented him of their fraternal regard, which he accepts as an expression of their kindness and generosity, rather than any deserved recognition of his humble and inefficient services to the Lodge (No). This is an honour which cannot be purchased with gold, but must be earned by some service—however humble—to the Craft; and he shall hand it down to his posterity as an heirloom of the esteem and regard which have been so glowingly described by the Worshipful Master, and some little of which he hopes he may have deserved (cheers). He can assure the W. Master that, with his brother Past Masters, he shall be most happy to render what little assistance he can during that worthy brother's year of office, as he himself has been grateful for the counsel and aid which have been extended to him by his predecessors (cheers).

The other Past Masters reply *serialim*, each expressing the same sentiments, and assuring the Worshipful Master of their fatherly interest, and promising the benefit of what little aid they can give him as the result of their experience.

Then follows the health of the Initiates—a toast of vast importance on all occasions, not so much for any new light those brethren can shed upon the subject—from the simple fact that as yet they know very little about it—but from an itching desire to pick up a few sentences which fall like childish innocence upon the ear of the initiated. These replies possess, at all events, the charm of originality, for gentlemen who have cultivated the faculty of speaking at length in other assemblies, in which they have gained greater experience, being here so overawed by their new surroundings, and the solemnities through which they have passed, are merely able to stammer out a word or two of thanks for the high honour conferred upon them by having been admitted into such distinguished company, and to assure the brethren that they hope to become apt students of the Art, and to rise at some time to the height and stature of good Masons. At which sentiments there is always applause, while not unfrequently a ripple of laughter is caused by the youngest and most incipient of the initiates proposing “the Worshipful Master's good health in return.”

But of all the toasts that come with genial warmth perhaps the greatest is that of the Visitors, invariably proposed with pardonable pride and gusto by the Worshipful Master. Hospitality is one of the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason's heart, and in all Lodges Visitors are welcomed with the heartiest good feeling. But in this Lodge in particular the welcome is surpassing, and as often as Visitors come—and the oftener the better (cheers)—they will find the same open-handed and open-hearted hospitality extended to them (cheers).

Whereupon, after the toast has been drunk with a full charge, and all the honours, the Visitors' names are read over with emphatic pride, each being received with audible expressions of welcome.

The Visitors rise in a row, amidst loud applause, and they also are generally unanimous in the sentiments they express. They are all delighted with the excellent working they have witnessed in the Lodge, and congratulate the Worshipful Master upon his wise discretion in the selection of his Officers, and upon the faultless precision with which the installation ceremony was performed by the Immediate Past Master. In fact, having visited many Lodges, they must confess they never saw better, if such good, working (Hear, hear). They are pleased beyond measure with the lavish hospitality and truly Masonic greeting with which they have been welcomed; and although this is the first time they have had the gratification of meeting the brethren at the festive board, they sincerely hope it may not be the last.

This heroic sentiment is followed by a succession of “hear, hears,” which are as exuberant as they are well-

intentioned; and the Visitors resume their seats, smiling and bowing graciously, as if they had delivered themselves of a task which, though to some people irksome, had been of extreme gratification and credit to themselves.

More singing follows, and the lateness of the hour is a sufficient apology for the Officers of the Lodge for compressing their thankful replies into the smallest compass, suddenly awaking to the fact—as had been hinted at earlier in the evening—that “brevity is the soul of wit.” However, each and all pledge fidelity to the W. Master, through whose kindness they have been raised to positions of eminence in the Lodge, and to whose interests they will devote their assiduous attention during his year of office.

After more music, the official programme is closed, with the melancholy and pathetic toast by the Tyler, in behalf of “all poor and distressed Masons,” wherever they may happen to be, on land or sea, and a speedy and safe return to their native shores should they desire to do so.

At this period the more staid and sedate of the brethren retire, setting an example which might be profitably followed by others. However, those who remain now draw their chairs nearer together, and indulge in friendly chat—a vast relief from the cut and dried utterances which, as I have said, form the staple of nearly all the festive gatherings of the Craft. My object in presenting this sketch is, not so much to throw a slur upon the formalities and the ordinary procedure by etiquette in which our banquets are conducted, or to question the intelligence of the brethren, but to endeavour to elicit if some freshness and more entertaining pabulum cannot be made to be forthcoming at gatherings at which friends in jolliest friendship meet, and which may be made of real service and benefit to the brethren who listen to after-dinner speeches.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, 4th instant, at the Town Hall, Bradford-on-Avon, the receiving Lodge being the Lodge of Friendship and Unity, No. 1271. In the absence, through temporary illness, of the Prov. Grand Master Lord Methuen, the meeting was presided over by the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., who was supported by a numerous gathering of present and past Provincial Grand Officers. Amongst whom were C. F. Marshall P.G.S.W., Alfred Plummer P.G.J.W., Rev. J. A. Lloyd P.G. Chaplain, F. H. Goldney P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Treasurer, William Nott P.P.G.J.W. and P.G. Registrar, Henry C. Tombs P.G.D. P.G. Secretary, T. S. Fitcher P.G.J.D., E. B. Merriman P.G.S. of Works, John Chandler P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D.C., W. S. Bambridge P.G.O., Robert Stokes P.P.G.S.W., T. H. Chandler P.P.G.S.W., E. Turner Payne P.G.D. P.P.G.J.W., T. Graham P.P.G.J.W., John V. Toone P.P.G.S.D., T. P. Saunders P.P.G.J.D., S. Gauntlett P.P.G.J.D., J. J. New P.P.G.A.D.C., J. C. Collie P.P.G.O., Jas. Sparks P.P.G.O., W. H. Brinkworth P.P.G.O., H. E. Bishop P.P.G.P., W. G. Stodart P.P.G.P., and others; whilst amongst the Visitors were Bros. R. M. Worlock P.P.G.S.W. Bristol, T. Ringer P.M. 1308, J. Robinson P.M. 417, &c.

The roll of the various Lodges was called, and all being found to be properly represented, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master having expressed his own regret, which he was sure they would all feel, and which he knew personally was deeply felt by their Prov. Grand Master Lord Methuen, that the latter was unable to preside over them to-day, on account of a severe neuralgic affection, called upon the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Tombs, to read the minutes of the last meeting. These having been read, were duly confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer then read his accounts, which showed a good balance in hand on the general account, the general charity account, and the benevolent fund account. These accounts having been duly audited by Bros. E. Turner, Payne, and Merriman, the former moved that the Treasurer's accounts should be passed, especially approving the inclusion therein of a small sum being the balance of the cost of printing the Wiltshire Masonic Calendar for 1881, after crediting the amounts received for sale of copies thereof. This was seconded by Bro. Stokes, and carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Secretary then read the minutes of a meeting of the Provincial Charity Committee, held that same morning, when, after having had the general charity account, as well as the benevolent fund account, before it, the Committee had resolved to recommend the Provincial Grand Lodge to direct the investment in government stock on the former account of the sum of £100, in the names of the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Treas., and to suggest that a like sum of £100 should also be invested in the benevolent fund account in a different government stock, in the names of the same trustees.

The report of the Charity Committee and its recommendation were unanimously approved and confirmed. The Provincial Grand Registrar Bro. W. Nott then read his report, from which it appeared that the number of subscribing members in the Province was 449, being practically unaltered since the preceding year. The General Working Expenses averaged 14s 9d per member, whilst the expenditure devoted to Charity stood at 4s 5d per member. The Report called attention to the gratifying fact that the amount

of subscriptions in arrear from members of the various Lodges had very largely decreased. The Report also brought to notice the fact that in some cases the names of members had not been included in the Fee and other returns from private Lodges to the Provincial Grand Lodge simply on account of non-payment of their subscriptions, and without such members having either resigned, died, or been excluded. The Prov. G. Registrar's opinion was that the Lodge was, according to the Provincial Bye-laws, bound, in the absence of any one of these causes, to include the names of all members in the Provincial returns and pay dues for them, whether they had or had not paid their subscriptions. He suggested the desirability of the Provincial Grand Lodge expressing an opinion on the subject in order to remove the misapprehension on the point which existed in some quarters. Some discussion took place upon the point raised, the Prov. Grand Secretary reading a letter from the Grand Secretary in reply to a question as to payment of Grand Lodge dues under similar circumstances, which payment it was Col. Shadwell Clerke's opinion should not be made. The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Tombs stated that this opinion had been obtained in consequence of some little difference which had arisen between him and the Secretaries of some of the Lodges last year, and he trusted that, now the question had been raised by the P.G. Reg., some steps would be taken to make the position and duties of the Provincial Grand Officers clear in the matter. Bro. Nott pointed out the difference between Grand Lodge payments, which were in fact payments from the individual member, and entitled him to participation in the benefits of the Fund of Benevolence, and the payments under the Provincial Bye-laws, which were payments from the Lodge itself, calculated according to the number of members composing the Lodge. In support of this view he read the Provincial Bye-laws bearing upon the subject, and suggested that if it were the opinion of the Provincial Grand Lodge that the payments in question should not be made, then that the Bye-laws should be altered. Eventually the Registrar's report was approved, with the exception of the last mentioned portion thereof, the subject referred to in which was referred to the Committee which had to consider the alteration of the Bye-laws. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then called upon Bro. W. Nott, as Charity Secretary, who read the report of the Charity Organization and Benevolent Fund Committee. First, as regards the Charity Organization; the report recapitulated the work done by the Committee during the past year. It stated that almost without exception all the Wiltshire votes had been placed at the disposal of the Committee which had thereby been enabled to very greatly reduce the liability of Wiltshire to other Provinces, although there was still, owing to the exceptional circumstances of the previous year, a very considerable amount of indebtedness remaining. The number of votes the Committee had received for the various Institutions during the year numbered 1176. The report stated that Wiltshire was now on terms of close union with some eight or ten other Provinces, principally in the West of England and Wales, mentioning, as showing the strength engendered by such union, that at the elections for the Boys' and Girls' Schools at the beginning of last month, this confederation was instrumental in carrying two out of the fifteen successful candidates for the Girls' School, and three out of the twelve who were elected for the Boys' School. Secondly, that as regards the Provincial Benevolent Fund, the report stated, the contributions from the various Lodges in the Province and their members during the past year, the first of its existence—after meeting all working expenses—had amounted to £105, and that there was good reason to believe that the receipts would be considerably increased next year by contributions from Lodges which had not yet seen their way to make any vote, and by increased contributions from others. No claim on behalf of any applicant for assistance had yet been brought before the Committee. The report further stated that the Committee had found in practice that certain slight additions to the Benevolent Fund Rules were desirable, and had therefore given notice thereof, as would be seen in the Agenda for the Provincial Grand Lodge. The report was unanimously approved and confirmed.

The alterations of the Benevolent Fund Rules alluded to, were first to give to R.A. Chapters or Masonic bodies of any other degree (as well as to Craft Lodges, who alone had the right under the present rule) the right of constituting any of their officers Life Governors on payment of £50. And secondly, that all investments should be made in the names of three trustees to be appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge, such appointment to be made from time to time as may appear necessary.

These additions were proposed by Bro. Nott, and seconded by Bro. R. Stokes, and were carried unanimously.

It was further unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Bro. Stokes, seconded by Bro. J. Sparks, that the trustees of this fund be the same as those before appointed for the General Charity Fund of the Province, viz., the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Treasurer for the time being.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Committee, appointed at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, to consider the revision of the Bye-laws, stated, that through an accidental circumstance, this Committee was not in a position to report, and asked that the period for exercising their powers might be extended to the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. This was agreed to, the Committee being enlarged so as to make it more generally representative, and for that purpose to consist of the whole of the members of the Charity Organization Committee. To this committee was more especially referred a question, brought forward by Bro. E. Turner Payne, as to the desirability of raising the fees of honour on appointment of Provincial Grand Officers; and another brought forward by Bro. the Rev. John A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap., for the issue of certificates of appointment to office in Provincial Grand Lodge, on payment of a small fee.

The D.P.G.M. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney then stated that he had a pleasing duty to perform. He was glad to find the work of the Province so well and so happily carried out, and he was glad to invest

two of those brethren, who might be called the working bees of the hive, and two of those to whose labours the present condition of the Province was largely attributable. He had to invest Bro. F. H. Goldney, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, with the jewel voted to him last year, as a slight acknowledgment of his munificence in presenting to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and every brother in the Province, his work on Wiltshire Freemasonry, at a cost of upwards of £100. He was sure that work had been highly appreciated, and was greatly to the advantage of the Province, and it was a great gratification to him, speaking of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, both as his son and his brother, to bear in mind the kind expressions used by Lord Methuen last year, and to now invest him with this jewel, as a mark of esteem and affection.

Bro. F. H. Goldney briefly but warmly thanked the Lodge for the compliment.

As regards Bro. W. Nott, Charity Secretary, he, the D.P.G.M., had a similar pleasing duty to perform, viz., to invest him with the jewel voted to him last year, in recognition of his labours in relation to the establishment of the Provincial Benevolent Fund. Bro. Nott was always anxious and willing to promote the interest of the Craft and its Charities, and to him was largely due the success of the efforts of the Committee of the Provincial Charity Organization, in getting Wiltshire candidates elected as recipients of the Charities, and his steady persistent endeavours entitled him to all honour at the hands of the brethren.

Bro. Nott thanked the D.P.G.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren generally for their appreciation of his services, as shown by the honour just conferred upon him.

The D.P.G.M. Sir G. Goldney, in addressing the Provincial Grand Lodge, expressed his regret at the absence of Lord Methuen, whose attendance that day nothing but illness would have prevented, and whose heart was still with them. They all knew the pleasure he took in the work of the Province, and that he was always ready for anything that might advance its prosperity. The D.P.G.M. in glancing at the proceedings of the meeting, expressed his pleasure at learning from the Registrar's report, the substantial sums the brethren of the Province were able to devote towards charity, and also that the amount of arrears of subscription had been very greatly reduced. That the Province had been able to put by such a balance as enabled them to make the investments that day ordered, he considered to be extremely gratifying, for now was the time, when they had no special calls upon them, to put by for a rainy day. In alluding to the successful starting of the Benevolent Fund, the D.P.G.M. announced his intention of making a donation to it, towards qualifying himself as a Life Governor.

He then alluded to the admirable manner in which the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge were managed by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Henry C. Tombs, who made all the arrangements in so admirable a manner, and who, without the assistance of any shorthand-writer, managed to lay before them as correct a record of their proceedings as, he believed, it was possible to make. The great advantage of such a full and complete record as they from time to time heard read by their Provincial Grand Secretary it was impossible to over-estimate, and he thought he should be entirely in accordance with the wish and feeling of every brother present if he proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Tombs, as some expression of their appreciation of his labours. This therefore he did, with the greatest pleasure and gratification.

Bro. E. Turner Payne said, that although there was no necessity for so doing, in order to commend the vote to the meeting, yet as a matter of form he seconded the proposition, and this he did most readily and cordially. The vote was carried unanimously, and with acclamation.

The Prov. G. Secretary expressed his obligation for this renewed mark of approval of his services.

The D.P.G.M. having declared all offices vacant, Bro. F. H. Goldney was, on the proposition of Bro. Robert Stokes, seconded by Bro. Colonel Ford, unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, and invested as follows:—

Bro. F. King 586	Prov. Grand Senior Warden
T. P. Saunders 1271	Junior Warden
Rev. J. A. Lloyd 1533 (re-appointed)	Chaplain
F. H. Goldney 626 (re-elected)	Treasurer
Thomas Ponting 1478	Registrar
Henry C. Tombs 355 (re-appointed)	Secretary
R. S. Edmonds 355	Senior Deacon
J. R. Magrath 1271	Junior Deacon
W. T. Briscoe 626	Supt. of Works
John Chandler 355 (re-appointed)	Dir. of Ceremonies
W. D. Lovell 1271	Assist. Dir. of Cer.
H. Simpson 1271	Sword Bearer
James Sparks 1271	Organist
A. Beavan 1271	Pursuivant
G. W. Collen 626	Assistant Pursuivant
John Savory (re-elected)	Tyler

Before the Lodge was closed, Brother Nott, Charity Secretary, who had, with the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Methuen, superintended the issue of a Calendar for the Province for the year 1881, called attention to the fact that the proceeds from the sale thereof had not met the actual cost out of pocket of printing the same, as they had gathered when the Treasurer's report was before them earlier in the meeting. He now asked whether it was the wish of the Provincial Grand Lodge that this Calendar should be continued next year, expressing at the same time his belief that in a year or two it would be self-supporting.

The D.P.G.M. suggested, as the result of a conversation with Lord Methuen, whether it might not be possible to print the Calendar once

in two or three years, instead of every year; but it was pointed out that as the work in question was as much in the nature of an Almanack as of a Directory, this would be undesirable, and it was unanimously resolved that the Wiltshire Masonic Calendar be issued for the year 1882, and that Bro. Nott be requested to again kindly undertake the office of editor thereof, any deficiency in the expenses of printing, beyond the amount received for sale of copies (at one shilling each), to be borne by the Provincial Grand Lodge funds.

This ended the business of the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Lodge being closed, the brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and warmly responded to. In addition to the brethren present at the Lodge, Bro. Walter H. Long, M.P., who had been delayed on the railway, was present at the banquet.

SODA WATER MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES.

ON the three intermediate days of last week was held, in the Lower Berners' Hall, Agricultural Hall, the tenth annual exhibition of soda water machinery and appliances, and the show, without doubt, may be set down as an unqualified success. The weather on the second and third days was unfavourable, but this in no wise detracted from the merits of the display. The Hall was fully occupied with exhibits, the general excellence and usefulness of which were beyond question. Among the most attractive stalls was that of Messrs. Dows, Clark and Co., of Compton House, 46 and 47 Frith-street, Soho-square. The reputation of this firm is so well established that to mention with praise any among the machines and appliances they exhibited would seem to be much of the same kind of thing as gilding refined gold. Still, it may be as well to note sundry among the patents for which the firm has attained so well-deserved a reputation. Foremost must be mentioned the improved patent "lightning" bottle washing machine. The chief points in its favour are its extreme simplicity, and the rapidity with which it does its work. It can be worked by foot, water, or steam power, while the revolving brushes or scrapers, composed of rubber, are so made as to fit champagne, egg-shaped or flat-bottomed bottles, those used in cleaning champagne bottles being an especial feature. By this machine the cleansing process is done most completely. Another exhibit attracted our attention, namely, Mrs. Barker's Patent Bottle Filler. It is constructed on a new principle, the great object aimed at being to regulate the pressure and prevent breakage of the bottles. Another most ingenious apparatus was the new Turnover Bottling Machine, adapted for filling all kinds of bottles. This, too, has the advantage of being very simple, complete in all its parts, and reasonable in price. A similar machine, but upright and somewhat more costly, was also exhibited, but there is one slight drawback in this case, that it is not applicable to all kinds of bottles, whereas the Turnover is. Notice should be taken of another invention in the shape of a "Patent Acid and Liquid Syphon," which is not only a great improvement on the apparatus formerly used for handling oil of vitriol and acids of various kinds, but has the further advantage of thoroughly protecting from injury the hands, eyes, and clothing of those working it. Then we saw a Patent Syrup Measuring Tap, by which any quantity of Syrup can be measured at will from half an ounce to four ounces, without the trouble of having extra glasses for each quantity to be measured. Other machines included an "Improved Horizontal Generator, with bottling Cylinders," a "complete outfit or plant for making Aerated or Soda Water, and more particularly adapted for an exclusively bottling trade." The materials used in the construction are of the very best, and having regard to all circumstances of the prices charged, must be described as moderate. The "Improved Vertical Generator" is equally serviceable, but as it involves a less elaborate amount of work, it is less costly than the Horizontal. In addition, should be mentioned Messrs. Dows, Clark and Co.'s Aerated Water Draught Stand with Cooler, the patent Syphons fitted for use on counter or sideboard, and having a connection for pipe for supply of soda or other waters; syrup and soda water apparatus with two or more taps; syrup taps; ice cutters, and every description of article that could possibly be required in connection with these beverages either in private or in public establishments. We must not omit to notice an aerated beverage called "sparkling Theine," one of the ingredients of which is Theine, or the extractive principle of tea—hence the trade mark. It is most wholesome, refreshing, and palatable, and stands out prominent among the non-alcoholic stimulants of the day. We must also draw attention to the "golden russet Champagne Cider," which is bright and sparkling as well as refreshing, and may be taken with impunity at all times. It has been carefully analysed by eminent chemists, all of whom bear unqualified testimony to its admirable properties. In conclusion, the exhibition, we repeat, has been a great success. The quality of the articles shown, whether taken singly or collectively, was quite up to the average, while the courtesy of the officials, of whom Bro. A. Clark was president, gave every satisfaction.

The Earl of Fife, Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire, will be shortly entrusted by Her Majesty's Government with a special mission to Dresden, in order to invest the King of Saxony with the insignia of the most noble Order of the Garter.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lt.-Col. Creaton, J.P., V.P. Grand Treasurer (in the chair), C. G. Dilley, John Bulmer, Chas. Godtschalk, Richard Herve Giraud, C. A. Cottebrune, Thomas Cabitt, Thomas W. C. Bush, Charles Lacey, William Stephens, Charles John Perceval, George Jones, John G. Stevens, G. Bolton, A. F. A. Woodford, S. Rawson, Raynham W. Stewart, C. H. Webb, J. A. Farnfield, C. G. Rushworth, John L. Mather, J. R. Gallant, Charles Daniel, G. F. Storr, J. J. Berry, and James Terry (Secretary). Bro. Terry reported the death of three annuitants. The draft agreement with Grand Lodge for the offices was read and approved, and the Report of the Committee on the laws of the Institution was read and received. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for annuities coming due, and the Secretary was authorised to transfer £2,000 from the deposit amount at the Bank to the General Account. Nine candidates were placed on the list for the Election in May; and the Committee then adjourned.

When present recently at a colonial dinner in London, his Grace of Manchester, in replying for the House of Lords, narrated an experience that occurred to him during his visit to Queensland. One day, he said, when travelling up country, he was accosted by a free selector, who asked him if it was not true the Duke of Manchester was coming that way. "I am the Duke of Manchester," said his Grace; to which, in derision, the free selector at first replied, "You git along now;" but at length, becoming satisfied the Duke was really standing before him, the man walked deliberately round him, critically examining him from every point of view, and then exclaimed, "Well, I'm blowed; you a duke? Why you might go from here to Barcos and no one would take you for anything but a bushman." Let us change the scene from "up country" in comparatively benighted Queensland to the enlightened Masonic Province of Norths and Hunts. Let us picture to ourselves R.W. Bro. the Duke of Manchester, Grand Master of the said Province, wandering "promiscuously" as it were in the vicinity of a town where one of its Lodges is on the point of meeting. Suddenly he is accosted by one who proves to be a brother and member of the said Lodge. "I am told the Duke of Manchester, our Provincial Grand Master, is about to honour our Lodge with a visit." "I am the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G. Master Norths and Hunts." To which at first, as derisively as a Mason is capable of speaking in that vein, "Be as merciful as you can, Sir, with your chaff." Then suddenly becoming convinced it was the Duke he was speaking to, the brother corrected himself and said: "Why, your Grace, if you were to pass the rest of your days in wandering about your Province, no one would imagine you were about to visit one of the Lodges you have been appointed to rule over." Would his R.W. Grace of Manchester be as ready to record such an episode in his Masonic Career. Unlikelier experiences have happened to most of us.

The hope is entertained that His Royal Highness Prince Leopold will visit Wakefield on the occasion of the opening ceremony connected with the Wakefield and West Riding Scientific and Fine Art Exhibition.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., was born in October 1784, and is consequently in the 98th year of his age. Sir Moses was Sheriff of London and Middlesex in the year 1837, the year of the Queen's accession, and was knighted on the 9th of November of that year, in honour of Her Majesty's first visit to the City. His patent of baronetcy was conferred upon him in 1846.

Earl Percy, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, has been appointed one of the Trustees of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The fortieth birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was celebrated with the usual manifestations of rejoicing on Wednesday.

At Sandringham and Windsor there was the customary merrymaking. In the morning the Prince and his guests had some shooting, and in the afternoon the labourers had their annual dinner, the Prince and Princess being present during a portion of the time.

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.

REVIEWS.

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The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1882. Twelfth year of Publication. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen-street; 1, 2, 3, and 4 Little Britain; and 197 Aldersgate-street. Liverpool: 2 Monument-place; Manchester, 47 Bridge-street; Glasgow, 9 West Howard-street.

We heartily welcome the twelfth issue of this most useful of Masonic Calendars, and congratulate proprietor, editor, publisher, and all concerned in its production on the excellent manner in which they have fulfilled their several parts. As we have before drawn attention to the leading features which characterise the "Cosmo," we need do little more than remark that they are reproduced in this edition with equal success. Indeed, the greater accuracy attempted in giving the days of meeting of the different London Lodges, &c., &c., is, of necessity, more conspicuous than it was last year. It was tried last year for the first time, and the trial has been so far successful that a far greater number of Lodges have been charmed by the Editor's persuasive invitations into furnishing him with the required information as to the months as well as days when they assemble. One slight addition must be noted. The Lodges, Chapters, and Mark Lodges are ranged according to Provinces, as well as in numerical order. That portion of the Calendar which contains particulars as to Freemasonry in other countries is wonderfully exact, as far as our means of forming an opinion permit of our judging, while the information is as voluminous as any English Mason can possibly desire. In short, the "Cosmo" for 1882 more than upholds the character for completeness and accuracy it has so deservedly acquired during the past eleven years of its publication.

Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, was among those present at a public meeting in Gloucester, convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the desirability of establishing a centre of the St. John's Ambulance Association for Gloucester and the neighbourhood.

Sir Baldwyn Leighton, Bart., M.P., was present on Saturday at the ordinary monthly meeting of the Shropshire Chamber of Agriculture.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, have fixed the 12th and 13th December for their visit to Manchester. They will be the guests of the Mayor on the occasion.

The Earl of Dalhousie, it is believed, will be honoured by Her Majesty with the Thistle rendered vacant by the death of the Earl of Airlie.

It is understood that Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Grand Master Mason of Scotland, will instal Bro. Maclellan Martin as Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire, and that the ceremony will take place on or about the 17th instant. A deputation from Grand Lodge will support the Grand Master on the occasion.

The Marquis of Hartington, Provincial Grand Master Derbyshire, presided at the meeting on Friday last of the Yeovil Agricultural Association.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson P.G. Deacon, to whose munificence we are indebted for the presence of Cleopatra's Needle on the Thames Embankment is about to have the honour of knighthood conferred upon him.

It is with very great regret we announce the death, on Thursday morning last, of the Dowager Countess Mount Edgcumbe, the sad event occurring at Mount Edgcumbe, near Devonport, the seat of her son, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G. Master Cornwall.

Bro. A. Stavely Hill, Q.C., M.P. and Mrs. Hill returned to Oxley Manor, on Tuesday last, after their long tour through the Dominion of Canada, especially through the Far West of that portion of North America.

We congratulate Bro. Hedges on the announcement he is enabled to make in his letter we publish elsewhere in our columns. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, apart from the prestige attaching to his high rank, makes an excellent chairman, as was shown when His Royal Highness presided at the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, in 1878.

The members of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, will hold their annual banquet, at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on Wednesday next. The meeting will assemble at 6.30.

Bro. H. A. Brassey, M.P., presided at the annual dinner of the Maidstone Agricultural Association, held at the Star Hotel, Maidstone, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is with very great pleasure I have to inform you that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has been pleased to consent to preside at the Ninety-fourth Anniversary Festival of this Institution in May next, on which occasion I trust His Royal Highness will be supported by a large Board of Stewards.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. R. W. HEDGES.

Freemasons' Hall, London, 10th Nov. 1881.

WOMEN IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with a great deal of pleasure Bro. Whytehead's very able paper on this subject. I trust he will not think I am intrusive if I suggest, that his sketch would be still more complete if he added a few words in recognition of the hearty sympathy exhibited towards the Craft by one of the most benevolent and beneficent ladies of this or any age. I allude to the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, whose father, the late Sir Francis Burdett, the distinguished politician of the earlier years of this century, was a member of our Society, and whose cousin, the present Sir Francis Burdett, is one of our most distinguished chiefs, being Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Middlesex; Prov. G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey; a Member of the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite, being Inspector-General of the South District, &c. It is not, however, on account of her father's and cousin's services to Freemasonry that I should rest the claim of the Baroness to rank amongst the few distinguished ladies whose names have been more or less intimately connected with our Order, but because of the generous kindness with which she has ever regarded the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, which was founded in 1869, and received her express sanction for adopting her name as part of its style and title. As showing the interest she felt in the new Lodge she presented to it a handsome copy of the Volume of the Sacred Law, which doubtless will be most carefully and religiously guarded by the Lodge so long as it has the good fortune to retain its place on the roll of the Grand Lodge. Some few years later she presented a complete set of chairs for the Worshipful Master and Wardens of the Lodge, and the permission of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having been accorded for the purpose, the Baroness, accompanied by her cousin R.W. Bro. Sir F. Burdett, was received by the brethren, fully clothed and assembled in Lodge, and the chairs were formally bestowed by her ladyship, a few suitable remarks being offered on her behalf by Sir Francis. Following on this was the reception by the Baroness, at Holly Lodge, Highgate, of the members of the Lodge and their lady friends, while, as apart from these distinctive marks of her interest in the Lodge, and her approval of the principles of the Craft, it may be stated in general terms that she is continually making inquiries as to the progress of the Lodge, and evincing a kind and earnest wish for its continued prosperity.

As it is most probable the Baroness Burdett-Coutts is the only English lady who has ever been present in a Lodge of Freemasons—the brethren having, of course, been called off during her presence—I trust Bro. Whytehead will accept my suggestion that her ladyship's name should in future figure in connection with his able paper.

Fraternally yours,

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Bro. J. E. Shand W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, will rehearse the ceremony of installation, at the Albion Lodge of Instruction, John-street, Berkeley-square, W., on the 20th inst. The Lodge meets at seven o'clock.

The Annual Installation Meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, was held on Thursday, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, when Bro. Rev. C. Darby Reade was installed as W.M. A report will appear in our next issue.

His Royal Highness's tradesmen dined together, as usual, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, under the presidency of Bro. Herbert Dicketts (Messrs. Skinner and Co.) Among the guests present was Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master Middlesex.

Alderman Ellis, the new Lord Mayor of London, was highly favoured on Wednesday by the Clerk of the Weather, the consequence being that the streets traversed by the Show were thronged with eager sight-seers, all bent

on giving his new Lordship a hearty cheer on his road to Westminster to take the oaths of office. The Show was of the usual character, barring the men in armour, who were conspicuous by their absence. In place of these, however, was the "Stars and Stripes" of the United States of America, which was heartily cheered all along the line.

We hear that Lord Mayor Ellis is the Worshipful Master Elect of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, of which, it will be remembered, ex-Lord Mayor Sir F. W. Truscott was W.M. during two consecutive years.

As a souvenir of the visit the Prince of Wales is about to pay to the Duke of Portland at Welbeck, a grand book, containing the history of the place from its earliest records down to the present time, is being compiled for presentation to his Royal Highnesses.

R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master Hampshire and Isle of Wight, as a Vice-President of the North East Hants Agricultural Association, was among those present at the annual dinner, which took place at Alton, on the 1st instant.

The Directors of the Alhambra have the pleasure to announce that they have secured the use of Her Majesty's Theatre during the three weeks the Alhambra will be closed for alterations, and the "Bronze Horse" and the grand ballets, together with the whole of the artists, will on Saturday (this day) be transferred to Her Majesty's Theatre, for positively three weeks only. The Alhambra will re-open, newly decorated, &c., on Saturday, 3rd December, with the grand fairy spectacular opera "Black Crook."

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.30, YOUTH.

HER MAJESTY'S.—At 8.15, BRONZE HORSE. At 10, IN A STAR.

STANDARD.—At 8, HAVERLY'S MONSTER TROUPE OF REAL NIGGERS. Thursdays and Saturday at 2 and 8.

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.

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, LES HUGUENOTS. On Monday, IL TROVATORE. On Tuesday, IL BARBIERE DE SIVIGLIA. On Wednesday, LES HUGUENOTS. On Thursday, MARITANA. On Friday, DINORAH.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, AS YOU LIKE IT.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, FOR LIFE. At 9, NINE POINTS OF THE LAW, &c.

COMEDY.—At 8, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLE, and PATIENCE.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, THE CAPE MAIL. At 8.45, HOME.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, QUID PRO QUO. At 8.30, PRINCESS TOTO.

CRITERION.—At 8, WITHERED LEAVES. At 8.45, BRIGHTON.

COURT.—At 8, 15, TWENTY MINUTES UNDER AN UMBRELLA. At 8.45, MIMI.

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

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—This day, THE TICKET OF LEAVE MAN, CONCERT, &c. Open Daily.

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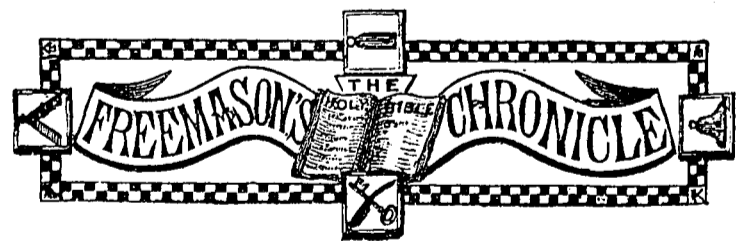
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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland
was held in Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 3rd inst., the
Grand Master Mason Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart on the throne.
Bro. Major Crombie Junior Grand Deacon acted as Senior Grand
Warden, and Bro. W. Officer as Junior Grand Warden. The Grand
Master was supported by the Earl of Mar and Kellie Depute Grand
Master, Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart.,
Substitute Grand Master, and Bros. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary,
David Kinnear Grand Cashier, Rev. James Barclay Grand Chaplain,
Andrew Kerr Grand Architect, J. S. Matheson Grand Jeweller,
H. Y. D. Copland Grand Sword Bearer, G. Fisher Grand Bible
Bearer, Major Hills, James Caldwell, Alexander Hay, Dr. Falcover,
James Turner, &c. Apologies for absence were intimated from the
Earl of Haddington Junior Grand Warden, Bros. R. F. Shaw-
Stewart Senior Grand Warden, James T. S. Elliott jun. of Wolfelee,
F. A. Barrow Past Grand Warden, G. F. R. Colt, of Gartsherrie, Wm.

Hay Past Grand Architect, &c. Bro. Caldwell presented his commission as representative from the Grand Lodge of Wyoming. A vidimus was submitted of the income and expenditure for the quarter ending 22nd October, which showed an income of £627, and an expenditure of £116, leaving a balance of £211. There had been during that period nearly 800 entrants to the Craft. Another quarterly statement showed that during the three months ending 26th ult., the Committee on the Fund of Masonic Benevolence had made grants to the amount of about £110. Presents, being Reports of their Proceedings, were received with thanks from the Grand Lodges of Nevada, Sweden, Prince Edward Island, Belgium, National Mother Grand Lodge of Prussia (The Three Globes), New York, Tennessee, and Massachusetts. It was unanimously resolved to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the widow of Brother General Garfield, late President of America. Charters were ordered to be issued in favour of the following new Lodges:—Wairu, Blenheim, New Zealand; Southern Cross, Alexandria; Sir Colin Campbell, Balmain; Concord, Albury, New South Wales. A petition was submitted from the promoters of the reposal of the Lodge Carron, No. 139, stating that they had utterly failed to obtain a suitable place in which to carry on Masonic work in the village of Carron, and praying that the Lodge be authorised to meet at Grahamstown; and this was granted. In compliance with the wish of the Province, Bro. John Maclellan Martin jun., of Auchindennan, was appointed Provincial Grand Master in room of Bro. Smollett, of Bonhill, deceased. Bro. P.M. James M'Callum was appointed representative to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, in room of Bro. G. S. Blackie, M.D., deceased. Grand Committee reported that a memorial had been submitted to them from three Past Masters and 30 other members of Lodge Canongate and Leith, No. 5, repudiating the act of the Lodge which led to its suspension, and praying that the charter should be delivered to the petitioners, with authority to meet and elect office-bearers, and otherwise reorganise the Lodge, under such conditions as the Grand Lodge might in its wisdom impose. They had remitted the matter to a special committee which now reported that, after careful consideration, they recommended that this old Lodge be restored to its working: but that, after what had occurred, they were unanimously of opinion that the warrant should be granted on the conditions that the brethren who had been the means of bringing the Lodge into its present unfortunate condition should not be allowed to speak or vote or hold office in the Lodge until 1st January 1885, by which time it was hoped that all dissensions would be healed and forgotten. This report was adopted by a majority, against a proposal that the suspension should be remitted as to the present office-bearers, and only continue for one year. The bye-laws were approved of a Lodge in Aberdeenshire, which embraced the following rule:—"Every member of this Lodge is strictly forbidden to use any of the emblems on his sign or in connection with a business advertisement unless such advertisements be strictly for Masonic purposes." In a report by Grand Committee it was stated that Bro. W. M. Bryce had resigned the offices of Grand Tyler and Hall Keeper, on account of failing health and long service. He had been elected Joint-Grand Tyler in 1847, Grand Tyler in 1855, and Grand Tyler and Hall Keeper in 1859, and had thus been thirty-four years in office. Grand Committee recommended that a pension, to the amount of £52 a year, be granted to Bro. Bryce; and had remitted to a committee to consider the matter of appointing a successor or successors. This report was adopted.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination of office-bearers for next year. It was reported from Grand Committee that Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., had intimated that he was of opinion that the time had arrived when it would be for the interests of Grand Lodge that there should be a new Grand Master, and that he would decline to be again nominated. He added that the Grand Committee were aware of his feelings of friendship and gratitude to them individually and collectively. It had been suggested in committee that the Grand Master be respectfully asked to reconsider this decision, but Grand Secretary stated that he had the authority of Sir Michael for saying that, however highly he valued the honour, he had made up his mind to decline re-election; and Grand Committee thereupon now recorded on their minutes their deep sense of the invaluable services rendered to Grand Lodge and Freemasonry by Sir Michael during his occupancy of the throne. This report having been received, the Grand Master nominated as his successor the Earl of Mar and Kellie, and in doing so said he made the proposal with the greatest pleasure and confidence. From the manner in which his Lordship had attended to the Grand Lodge business for a great many years, and the fact that he was conversant with the business and devotedly attached to the interests of Freemasonry, he was sure he would well discharge all the duties of his high office. The nomination was enthusiastically agreed to; and the Grand Master-lect, in thanking the brethren for their reception of the proposal of the Grand Master, and for the very feeling and fraternal manner in which he had proposed it, said that he had always had the greatest pleasure in acting under Sir Michael, and thought it one of the highest honours he could have to support him. He assured the brethren that he would do his utmost to discharge aright the duties of the high office to which they had been pleased to nominate him. His Lordship then named as Deputy Grand Master Sir A. C. Campbell of Blythswood, and, as Substitute Grand Master, Bro. Robert Shaw-Stewart. The following brethren were then, on the recommendation of Grand Committee, nominated for the other offices:—The Earl of Haddington, formerly Junior, to be Senior Grand Warden; the Earl of Breadalbane, formerly Senior Grand Deacon, to be Junior Grand Warden, the Rev. James Barclay, Edinburgh, and the Rev. W. W. Tulloch to be Joint Grand Chaplains, Major Crombie Aberdeen, formerly Junior, to be Senior Grand Deacon, the Marquis of Tweeddale to be Junior Grand Deacon, Andrew Kerr, Edinburgh, Grand Architect, John S. Matheson, Leith, Grand Jeweller, Geo. Fisher, Glasgow, Grand Bible-Bearer, Major W. Hills, Edinburgh, Grand Director of Ceremonies. Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., Grand Bard, James T. S. Elliot jun. of Wolfelee, Grand

Sword-Bearer, Carl Drechsler, Hamilton, Grand Director of Music, and Captain Farquhar M'Gillivray Grand Marshal. The Grand Stewards were also re-nominated, James Turner to be President, James Crichton Vice-President, and J. M. Laren Superintendent, of Locomotive Arrangements. Bro. Officer then proposed that G. Lodge should order to be recorded an expression of its deep, grateful, and most heartfelt thanks to Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, remarking that he was sure he only gave utterance to the unanimous feeling which they all entertained when he said that he left the Masonic throne carrying with him not only the regard, but the deep and grateful affection of the members of the Craft. This was seconded by Major Crombie, who said they all knew the invaluable services which Sir Michael had given to the Craft in Scotland. The evidence of it had been before them in the past, and he was sure that in the future they would see the result of his handiwork in the prosperity of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, who was received with enthusiastic and prolonged applause, thanked the brethren, and assured them that for anything he had been able to do for Grand Lodge he was sure he had been more than amply repaid by the kindness, consideration, and friendship which he had invariably received from the members of the Grand Lodge, and that he would never forget, but would always remember with affection, the Masons of Scotland and the Grand Lodge for which he had acted so long. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

THE Annual Assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland was held in Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh, on Friday, the 28th ult. In the absence of the Most Illustrious Sovereign the Earl of Kintore, who was detained in Forfarshire, owing to the indisposition of Lady Kintore, and the Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, Captain Charles Hunter, who was detained in Wales, the throne was occupied by Very Illustrious Sir Knight Major John Crombie Grand Senior General. The minutes of General Grand Conclave and Executive Committee were read and confirmed. The following were the Officers appointed for the ensuing year, viz., Captain Charles Hunter Grand Viceroy, Major John Crombie Grand Senior General, James Crichton Grand Junior General, George Dickson, M.D., Grand High Chancellor, James Carmichael, M.D., Grand Treasurer, R. S. Brown Grand Recorder, William Edwards Grand High Almoner, J. H. Balfour W.C. Grand Marshal, J. Dalrymple Duncan Grand Sword Bearer, Colonel J. Todd Stewart Grand Standard Bearer, and Sir Molyneux H. Nepean, Bart., Grand Chamberlain. The following Sir Knights were elected to office in the Grand Senate, viz., the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, B.D., George Miller C.A., John M. Martin jun., of Auchindennan, Captain J. Proudfoot Dick, J. H. M. Bairnsfather S.S.C. and John Fleming. A charter to a new Conclave in Glasgow, to be named the St. Helena, No. 10, was granted. The usual routine business having been gone through, and the General Grand Conclave closed, the Sir Knights sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by the proprietor of the Hotel. Sir Knight Grieve and Major Crombie presiding, with Sir Knight J. Crichton as Croupier. The usual loyal and chivalric toasts were given and responded to. Several excellent songs were sung, and a pleasant evening was passed.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. (in the chair), Richard Tyrrell, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Donald M. Dewar, Alfred Williams, William Mann, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. F. Matier, H. Massey, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., Leopold Ruf, W. Maple, S. Rosenthal, F. Adlard, W. H. Saunders, George Motion, W. Paas, George Cooper, John L. Mather, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and it was resolved to purchase £1000 Stock; also to transfer £500 from the General Fund to the Sustentation Fund, and 100 guineas, given nearly two years ago by Capt. Wordsworth, towards establishing a Preparatory School, to the Preparatory School Fund. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for nearly £1500 in payment of accounts; five new candidates were placed on the list for the April election next year, and outfits were granted to four former pupils of the Institution. The agreement with Grand Lodge for the new offices was submitted to the Committee, and referred by the brethren to the Institution solicitor, and the Committee then adjourned.

FREEMASONRY IN YORK.

MONDAY and Tuesday next are Masonic days in the good old city. On Monday, the Installation ceremony of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, comes off at 3 p.m., in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, to be followed by a banquet at 6 p.m. On Tuesday afternoon, at 3 p.m., the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be received by the York Mark Lodge (T.I.), to be followed by a banquet at 6 p.m. We hear that many visitors are expected to stay over night for the double event.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

THE annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Congleton, on Wednesday, 2nd inst., under the banner of the Warren Chapter, No. 533. The Companions of this Chapter—the latest addition to the roll of Cheshire Chapters—had made most complete and satisfactory arrangements for the event, the whole of the proceedings being carried out within their commodious and well-appointed rooms at the Masonic Hall, and it was generally remarked by the Companions in attendance that the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire was never seen to better advantage than on the present occasion. Notwithstanding the fact of Congleton being somewhat difficult of access from the greater part of the Province, there was a very fair muster of Provincial Grand Officers, Principals of Chapters, and lay members from the 19 Chapters in the Province, all with three exceptions being represented.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened shortly after three p.m., by the Most Excellent Provincial Grand Superintendent Companion Lord de Tabley, Grand J. of England, as Z., Companion T. Marwood as H., and Companion H. Bulley P.P.G.H. as J. The M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent having been saluted in ancient form by the assembled Companions, the roll of Chapters was called by the Provincial Grand Scribe E. Companion G. W. Latham, and the minutes of the last annual Convocation held at Stockport twelve months ago, read and confirmed.

The report of the committee appointed to inspect Chapters and regulate the procedure in reference to Royal Arch Masonry in the Province was read, and on the motion of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, ordered to be printed for distribution amongst the Chapters of the Province, and the thanks of the Provincial Grand Chapter were accorded to the members of the committee for their labours.

The M. E. Provincial Grand Superintendent then addressed the Companions at some length, and expressed his pleasure and gratitude at being ably once more to meet them in Provincial Grand Chapter, and more especially so under the banner of a Chapter which he had so recently consecrated to the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry. He paid a well-deserved compliment to the Companions of Congleton for the excellence of their arrangements, and referred to the satisfaction he felt, as head of the Province, in seeing the disposition evinced by members of the Craft to dissociate Freemasonry from taverns. Nothing afforded him greater pleasure and satisfaction than to hear of brethren and Companions of the Order carrying out the business and duties of Masonry away from taverns, and he hoped the excellent example set by the Masons of Congleton in this respect would be followed in other parts of the Province.

The P.G. Treasurer, Companion F. Jackson jun., submitted his statement of the Prov. Grand Chapter funds, which showed a balance in hand of over £15. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, the accounts were passed, and Companion Jackson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year—viz., Companions R. Beales 533 H., W. S. Sutton 537 J., G. W. Latham 321 S.E., Wallace Lumb 321 S.N., W. Johnson 721 P.S., S. F. Goslin 533 1st A.S., W. Pritchard 323 2nd A.S., J. Hibbert 361 Registrar, L. D. Bradbury 322 Sword Bearer, W. Blackshaw 533 Standard Bearer, H. Finch 323 Director of Ceremonies, E. Cuzner 425 Organist, F. Jackson jun. 595 Treasurer, M. Allcock 941 Janitor.

The newly-appointed Officers having been proclaimed and saluted, under the direction of Companion Finch P.G.D.C., the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent announced his intention of holding the next P.G. Chapter at Chester, and the P.G. Chapter was closed in ancient form.

The Companions afterwards dined together, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The state of Lord de Tabley's health did not permit of his remaining to the banquet, but his place was most ably and genially filled by the senior Officer, Companion Dr. R. Beales Prov. G.H. The Companions separated about seven o'clock, after enjoying one of the pleasantest meetings ever held in connection with the P.G. Chapter of Cheshire.

St John Chapter, No. 70.—The annual Convocation was held on the 3rd, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, and there—in a Board of Installed Principals amongst whom were Comps. Jas. H. Keats, J. B. Gover, F. D. Westcott, Samuel Jew, Richard Pengelly, James Gidley, H. Cameron—Comp. J. Russell Lord P.H. was installed as Z., A. E. Lean as H., and J. G. Kevern as J. After the installation, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—J. H. Keats I.P.Z., L. D. Westcott Treas., Richard Pengelly S.E., Leonard J. Webber S.N., W. Odam P.S., Yeo 1st A.S., G. Scrcombe 2nd A.S., E. Tout R., T. King sen. D.C., W. H. Symons A.D.C., J. D. Barker P.G.O., R. C. Uglow S., W. H. Phillips Jan. The usual business consequent on the yearly Convocation was satisfactorily completed, and the Companions adjourned for the annual dinner to Harvey's Hotel, where, after the admirable catering of Companion W. H. Symons, and under the presidency of the newly-installed, the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were duly honoured.

St. John's Chapter, No. 327, Wigton.—The annual convocation of this Chapter was held on Saturday last, at the Chapter rooms, Lion and Lamb Hotel. The Chapter was opened soon after eleven o'clock by M.E. Comps. Joseph Pearson Z., H. Bowes P.Z. as H., and J. Lazonby J., assisted by E. Comps. Robinson P.Z., John Gate P.Z., and John Bowes P.Z. P. Prov. G.S.N. The remainder of the

Companions, including a representative from Whitehaven, were now admitted, and the minutes of the last Convocation read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. having invited E. Comp. Bowes to take the chair as Installing Principal, Comps. Bewes, Lazonby, and McMechan were respectively installed in the chairs of Z., H., and J. The Royal Arch having been securely cemented, the remainder of the Companions were re-admitted, the subordinate Officers invested, and the usual proclamations made. Subsequently Comp. Bowes again took the chair, and exalted Bro. J. Isted, the duties of P.S. being efficiently discharged by the newly installed M.E.Z. After some routine business had been transacted, and a proposition received, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned for refreshment. The dinner was provided by Mrs. Martin, the obliging hostess of the hotel, and gave every satisfaction. The toasts embraced the usual Loyal and Masonic ones, and concluded with a vote of thanks to the Installing Principal of the day, whose services are at all times highly appreciated at Wigton, as elsewhere in the province of Cumberland and Westmoreland.

MARK MASONRY.

Huyshe Lodge, No. 91.—The brethren held their annual meeting on 7th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport. A candidate was advanced. The installation of the W.M. elect, W. Bro. R. Ellis, was then proceeded with. W. Bro. Ellis was installed into the chair by the I.P.M. W. Bro. J. H. R. Harris, W. Bro. T. Searle P.P.G.A.D.C. conducting the ceremony, with the following Installing Board:—W. Bros. H. Miller, John Lynn, A. Rowe, E. J. Knight, W. Allsford, F. Littleton, W. J. Trevan, John Baxter, J. R. Dugdale. The W.M. invested the following brethren as the Officers for the year:—J. H. R. Harris I.P.M., H. Miller S.W., R. J. Goodyear J.W., T. Towan M.O., E. Coleman S.O., A. Rowe J.O., John Lynn Treas., J. R. H. Harris Secretary, A. Maddock S.D., W. Coath J.D., W. Joll I.G., John Rogers Tyler.

HILDA CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.

A MEETING of this body was held at York, on Friday evening, the M.W.S. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presiding. The election of M.W.S. took place, and Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis H.P. was chosen, and returned thanks to the members. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.S. was re-elected Treasurer. A resolution expressive of sympathy with the Masons of America in the loss of their late brother the President was passed, and ordered to be forwarded to the heads of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the United States.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, held at the Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., on the 17th instant, by the Preceptor, Bro. Geo. King, P.M. of the Old Concord Lodge.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM BAILEY.

ON Friday last there died, at the residence of his son, 54 Frenchwood-street, at the age of 77, an old and much respected inhabitant of the town of Preston, Brother William Bailey. He was for a quarter of a century in business in Fishergate as a printer and stationer, and, on the repeal of the stamp duty, commenced a weekly paper under the title of the *Preston Standard*, which was, however, discontinued the following year. Bro. Bailey was an enthusiastic Freemason when the Craft was not so popular as it is now, and was a P.M. of three Lodges—viz., the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 155, now held at Liverpool, but formerly at Preston; the Lodge of Concord, No. 343, Starkie-street, Preston; and the Clifton Lodge, No. 703, held at Blackpool. Of the last he was one of the founders, and was the first W.M. He succeeded in tiding the two former Lodges over a very critical period of their existence, and, with the assistance of a few other ardent members, laid the foundation of their present prosperity. About eighteen months ago Bro. Bailey returned to Preston to spend the remainder of his days, and although better known to a generation now fast passing away, the death of "Judge" Bailey, as he was familiarly termed, from his fine commanding presence, and the firm and decisive manner in which he gave utterance to his convictions, will be learned with deep regret by not a few of those now foremost in the battle of life.—*Preston Herald*.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Marc-street, Hackney
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
59—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
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
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.

- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
202—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
392—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, 8.30. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
597—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
599—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
685—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hamley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1471—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 9 (Inst.)
837—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1014—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1367—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Colfe House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

- 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.

- 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1096—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrer, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesen, Hill Hotel, Llangefni
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

- Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
140—St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
893—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1014—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1279—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Marc-street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, W.
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1391—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
67—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. Johns Wood
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Little-gate hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stagate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1287—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1611—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street

1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 313—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 315—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
 R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley

FRIDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd., N. Kensington, at 8. (In)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 593—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 M.M. 123—Callender Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

THE Installation Meeting of this new and flourishing Lodge, comprised principally of the members of the musical profession, was held on the 3rd inst., at No. 11 Mandeville-place, under the Presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. A. Hammond, J. H. Stark Mus. B. Oxon., Rev. B. Hunt J.W., Garvel Treasurer, J. Stedman Secretary, E. J. Hoare S.D., Bradbury Turner J.D., G. F. Hammond I.G., A. W. S. Turner W.S. Visitors—E. Farwig P.M. 180, J. E. Shand W.M. 1563, C. Brander 1563, Jas. Stevens P.M. 1426, T. Poore P.M. 720, H. Massey W.M. 1928 P.M. 619, C. Moser 19, E. Rogers S.W. 1746, H. Taylor, Lochner 1612, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Carl. M. Brander 1563 was, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the third degree in a perfect and impressive manner. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Bro. Stark S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge by Bro. E. Farwig P.M. 180, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring Master Bro. J. Hammond, in a manner that reflected great credit on him for so young a Mason. After the customary salutations the W.M. invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. J. A. Hammond I.P.M., Rev. V. Hunt S.W., Stedman J.W., Gabriel Treasurer, J. A. Hammond I.P.M. Secretary, E. J. Hoare S.D., B. Turner J.D., G. Hammond I.G., B. Lane Organist, F. Carr Director of Ceremonies, S. Hoare W.S., Harrison Tyler. The W.M. said one of the most pleasant duties that had devolved on him since his occupation of the chair had now to be undertaken; this was the presentation of a jewel to the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Hammond. This gift of jewels was, in some Lodges, looked upon almost as a part of the routine work; this would not be the case in the Trinity College Lodge. It was not the intention to present jewels unless they were fairly earned. The I.P.M. was fully entitled to a jewel, and he hoped he would regard it in a twofold light. First, it had been voted for the able manner in which Bro. Hammond had discharged the duties of the chair; and secondly, as a token of the members' respect and appreciation of his worth. Bro. Hammond I.P.M. responded in eloquent terms; he hoped to reciprocate

the feelings so kindly expressed by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed till February. The brethren partook of an excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Withers and Englefield. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The glee, "In Autumn we should Drink," was sung by Bros. Hodges, Taylor, Wallace Wells, and Stanley Smith. The toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master was given. The "Magic Hour" was sung, the W.M. accompanying on the piano. After the Grand Officers' toast, Bro. J. Hammond I.P.M. rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Stark was one of the Founders of the College, as well as of the Lodge, where all thought he was the right man in the right place. Bro. Plant Martin then sang "He and She." The W.M., in reply, felt great pleasure in responding to the toast proposed by Bro. Hammond. In carrying out the duties required of him he knew he could rely on the co-operation of the Officers. If at the expiration of his year he could realize that he had given them satisfaction, he should indeed consider himself fortunate. For the Visitors Bros. Stevens P.M. 1426, and E. Farwig P.M. 180 responded. Bro. Shand W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge thanked the W.M. for his courtesy in administering the third degree to a member of his Lodge, wherein he hoped to have the pleasure, on a future occasion, of greeting him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Hammond I.P.M. All knew the circumstances under which he took the chair of the Lodge, which he now leaves in strength and prosperity. Bro. Hammond, in eloquent terms, responded; he felt the jewel that had been presented to him was a mark of their appreciation. He regretted to say two of the Past Masters had resigned the Lodge; he had frequently heard it said that the Past Masters were the backbone of a Lodge; if this were so, he was proud to be one them. If they required his services they were always at command. For the toast of the Masonic Press Bros. Massey and H. M. Levy responded. Then came the toast of the Officers, coupled with the name of the S.W. This having been responded to, the Tyler's toast was given. Several glees were sung by Bros. Hodges, Taylor, W. Wells, and Stanley Smith, and the evening was rendered doubly enjoyable by the ability displayed by these artists.

CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1769.

THE annual Installation meeting of this young but prosperous Lodge, which is just commencing the fourth year of its existence, took place on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, where there was a large attendance, especially of Visitors. The brethren assembled shortly after five o'clock, and at half-past Lodge was opened in accordance with the time-honoured formalities under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas Grove, who was supported by his immediate Past Master Bro. James Cooper, Charles Thompson S.W. and W.M. elect, T. W. Mayes J.W., John Stanley P.M. Treasurer and Acting Sec., John Soper S.D., George Croxton J.D., J. C. Thomas D.C., J. B. Linscott I.G., E. Abercrombie, W. Goldsmith, C. Thomas Tyler, and others. Amongst the Visitors were:—Bros. P.M.'s F. B. Shepherd 276, H. C. Soper 704, J. T. Robertson 55, J. C. Dwarber 55, W. T. Farthing 55, G. E. Snow 55 P.P.G.S.W. Kent, J. Henry Smith 279 P.P.G. Chaplain Leicester, T. P. Lewin W.M. 276 P.G.S. Works Essex, H. E. Dehane 1543 P.G.S. Essex, H. Turner 1589, James Andrews 1799, Thomas C. Nunn 1531, H. White 1671, Maurice S. Rubenstein 1642, T. Ernest Pocock 1891, H. Foskett 1642, J. Healey 1348, John Cottonson 862, Robert H. Johnson 1348, D. Strond 55, Thomas E. Wright 55, W. Robinson 55, &c. Lodge having been advanced in accordance with the customary formalities, Bro. Charles Thompson was presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and having assented to the interrogatories, and signified his willingness to accept the responsibilities of office, a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. Charles Thompson was installed into the chair by Bro. Charles Cooper P.M., who performed the ceremony in a most creditable manner. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Wor. Master was proclaimed, saluted, and greeted with the usual honours, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. Thomas Grove I.P.M., T. W. Mayes S.W., John Soper J.W., John Stanley P.M. Treasurer, George Croxton S.D., J. C. Thomas J.D., J. B. Linscott Director of Ceremonies, E. Abercrombie Inner Guard, C. Thomas Tyler. Some formal business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-hall, where a sumptuous repast had been provided by Messrs Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangement, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills, gave unqualified satisfaction. At the conclusion of the repast the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the health of the new W.M. being received with especial cordiality. In responding, Bro. Thompson thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and assured them that he should exert his utmost efforts to promote the welfare of the Lodge. In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, he spoke of the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his term of office, and begged his acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge. The toast was most cordially received, and Bro. Grove, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, thanked the brethren for their generous gift, and promised to render all the assistance he could to his successor during the time he should rule over the Lodge. Several other toasts were honoured, and during the evening an attractive selection of vocal and instrumental music was given, Bro. Cantle P.M. lending efficient aid as accompanist on the pianoforte. The following was the programme:—Grace, "For this and all Thy mercies;" "God Save the Queen;" "God Bless the Prince of Wales;" recitation, "The Glove and the Lions," Bro. W. G. Reynolds; song, "The Death of Nelson," Bro. Arthur Thomas; song, "The Schooner"

on the Sands," Bro. J. Ion Cattle; song, "The Intoxicated Fly," Bro. James Kift; recitation, "Doncaster St. Ledger," Bro. W. G. Reynolds; duet, "Excelsior," Bros. W. G. Reynolds and J. Ion Cattle; song, Bro. M. C. Rubenstein; song, "La Danza," Bro. Arthur Thomas; song, "Hurrah for Rosy Wine," Bro. J. Ion Cattle; recitation, "Hans Brietmann on Smoking," Bro. W. G. Reynolds; song, "Inverted Proverbs," Bro. James Kift. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was passed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday last, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. A. Ferrar W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., C. Weeden J.W., Brasted acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Giller S.D., Thompson J.D., Forge I.G.; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Marks, Snare, Gribbell, Houghton, W. Williams sen., W. Williams jun., Gillham, Crawley, Fysh, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin acting as candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gribbell candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Ferrar worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. G. Ferrar was elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The chair was taken by Bro. John Waters W.M. Among those present to support their chief being Bros. Usher Back S.W., W. E. Young J.W., W. Radcliffe I.P.M., C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. P.M. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, F. J. Hentsch S.D., T. H. Peirce J.D.; Past Masters G. Drysdale, Laver, Lavers, Parsons, Lindsaell, Green, Withers, &c. There were also present Bro. C. Atkins P.M. 27, White P.M. 177, J. Mason P.M., C. Greenwood jun., Clynds, and Kenningham, as Visitors. Lodge having been opened and minutes of last meeting, and of an emergent meeting, read and confirmed, Mr. Francis N. Frohawk, who had been regularly balloted for and accepted at a previous meeting, was initiated into the mysteries of the first degree by the W. Master, who played his part very ably and impressively. Mr. R. C. Douglas Bradley was then balloted for, the result being favourable to his admission into the Lodge. Such other business as remained having been disposed of, Lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was in all respects worthy of the fair fame of this noted hostelry. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Waters gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, to each and every one of which the brethren paid the usual honours. The toast of the Worshipful Master fell to Bro. W. Radcliffe I.P.M., who, in proposing it, paid a just compliment to Bro. Waters for the assiduity and zeal he exhibited in the discharge of his duties, and congratulated him on the evidence he had afforded them in the course of that afternoon of his ability in working the ceremony of initiation. The toast was very warmly received, and the W.M., in his reply, expressed his hope that he should continue to merit this applause, and should during the remainder of his term of office be as numerous and loyally supported as he had been hitherto. The health of the Initiate was also duly honoured, Bro. Frohawk acknowledging the compliment, and expressing the hope that he would be found worthy of the honour they had done him in admitting him into their Lodge. The Visitors severally replied to the toast with which they were associated, each offering a few remarks in recognition of the heartiness with which they had been received. The rest of the toasts having been worthily honoured, the Tyler was called upon to contribute his part to the proceedings, and this having been done, the brethren rose and separated, after having spent a quiet but very enjoyable evening.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on the 4th instant. Present:—Bros. F. Botley W.M., Gunner S.W., Blasby P.M. J.W., C. E. Botley Secretary, E. H. Sugg P.M. S.D., Monson J.D., Andrews P.M. Preceptor, Sperring I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Gomm and Goss; Bros. Maton, Beckett, N. Wotton, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. N. Wotton candidate. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was gone through, Bro. Beckett candidate. Bro. Gunner was elected W.M. for the 11th instant, on the occasion of the Annual Banquet. Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 8th instant. Bros. Catling W.M. T. Clark S.W., Wardell J.W., Edwards S.D., Dignam J.D., Larter I.G., J. Lorkin P.M. Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Brasted, Baker, Robinson, Christian, Jones, Glass, Boyce, Allen, C. Lorkin, Bunker, Goling, Lamb, and others. All formalities were observed, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin gave the lecture on the second tracing board. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third and fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Acacia Lodge, No. 1214.—The regular meeting was held on the 8th inst., at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent. Bros. J. Harvey W.M., W. Carrington S.W., Bond J.W., A. Avery P.M. Treasurer, E. Coste P.M. Secretary, J. E. Harvey S.D., Keyes J.D., Gibson I.G.; P.M.'s S. Carrington, Seaman, and Wyer. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. After the ordinary business had been transacted, several propositions for initiation were handed in, and

the Lodge was closed. A very excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Sutton. The W.M. ably presided, and proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. S. Carrington I.P.M., in eloquent terms, gave the health of the Worshipful Master, who, he regretted to say, had no opportunity that evening of showing his working and Masonic ability. There were several visitors present.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—Held at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal-green Junction, on Wednesday. Present:—Bros. Brittain W.M., Ward S.W., Clark J.W., Sturtevant S.D., Anderson I.G., Musto P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Barnes P.M., Chitson, &c. Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Stewart answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Stewart candidate. Bro. Stewart answered the questions leading to the third degree. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the third degree, and worked the ceremony of raising. The Worshipful Master resumed the Lodge in the first degree, when Bro. Ward was elected W.M. for next week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned till Wednesday next. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on 23rd November, on which occasion Bro. Webb P.M. will preside; he will be supported by Bros. Barnes P.M., Musto P.M., Wooding, and many other eminent brethren.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—On Thursday, at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, W. Bros. C. Andrews P.M. W.M., J. Green S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., J. Wells Sec., W. Seward jun. S.D., A. Jones J.D., Cotton I.G., P.M. Rickwood; Bros. J. J. Clarke, E. C. Porter, T. A. Smith. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened up to third degree, and then resumed to first degree. Bro. T. A. Smith answered the questions, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. T. A. Smith candidate. The Lodge was resumed to third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. E. C. Porter candidate. Bro. J. Green was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., on Monday, 31st October, at half-past eight. The installation ceremony was ably and effectively rehearsed by Bro. Speedy, the W.M. of the Kennington Lodge, 1381. Bro. P.M. Cohen, of the Israel Lodge, acting as candidate, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. There were a great many brethren present, amongst whom we noticed Bro. P.M.'s Tillet, Gillham, Hickman (of the Joppa), Fenner, Killick, Trewinnard, Pearcey, Killick jun.; Bro. J. Osborn (W.M. of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge), Forge, Harthaw, Marks, Schwersee, Wolf, Woodman, Hall, &c. The W.M. Bro. Cohen having been duly saluted in each degree, invested Officers. The Lodge was then advanced. Bro. Killick offered himself as candidate to be raised, and answered the necessary questions. Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising ably rehearsed. The Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, the votes of the members of the Lodge were taken for Bro. Harthaw, of the Kensington Lodge; P.M. Cohen, of the Israel Lodge; P.M. Hickman, of the Joppa Lodge, who were unanimously elected as members. The usual vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Speedy for the able manner he had rehearsed the ceremony of Installation, also to Bro. Cohen, the same to be placed on the minutes of this Lodge of Instruction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1792.—At the Adam's Arms, Hampstead-street, Fitzroy-square, on the 6th inst. Bros. N. P. Valentine W.M., B. Kauffmann S.W., J. Elvin J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Secretary, L. Jacobs S.D., J. Edwards J.D., J. Guyer I.G., J. Hemming Preceptor. The work comprised the rehearsing of the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising, which the W.M. conducted most creditably. The third section of the lecture was worked by the brethren. Bro. B. Kauffmann was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge of Instruction then closed.

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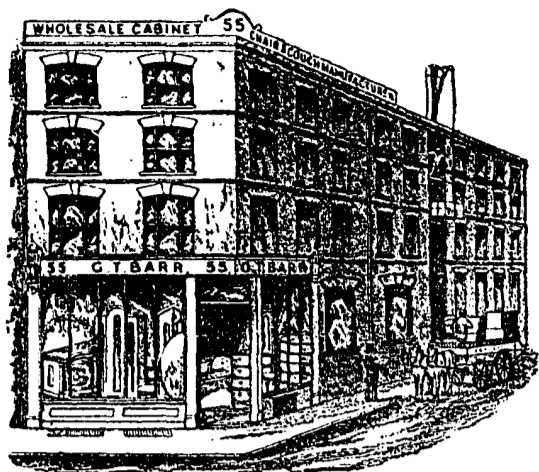
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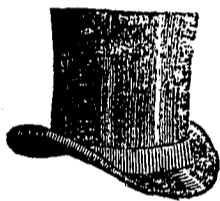
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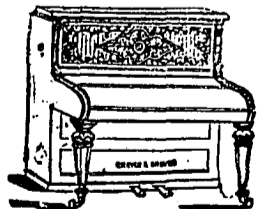
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