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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.

LAST week we drew attention to the resolution which Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. had announced his intention of submitting to Grand Lodge. The resolution provided that the annual grant by Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should be increased from £500 to £1,000 in respect of the Male Fund, and from £300 to £600 in that of the Widows' Fund, "such payments to be borne in equal proportion by the Funds of Benevolence and of Grand Purposes." We enumerated several reasons why, in our opinion, such increase would not only be expedient but just. We pointed out in the first place, that, even in the short space of seven years, the number of annuitants had increased from 120 to 155 Males, and 88 to 160 Females, the number of Widows in receipt of a moiety of their late husbands' annuities being about the same. There had, in consequence, been an increase in the amount paid away to the annuitants from £7,054 to £12,240, while the total expenditure was about £14,700 as against £9,050 in 1875. Per Contra, the Permanent Income had increased from £2,110 to £3,673, and the Festival of 1881 may be said to have yielded in round figures about double what it did seven years since. We then compared notes as between the current year and the year 1858, when Grand Lodge made its last addition of £100 each to its Grants to the respective Funds of the Institution, raising them to £500 in respect of the Old Men, and £300 in respect of the Old Women. Thus, for the long period of twenty-three years the grants of Grand Lodge had remained at the same figure, and yet in 1858 there were only forty-six Male, and twenty-five Female Annuitants, whereas there are now 155 and 160 respectively. In 1858 the total expenditure was £1,700, in 1881 it is £14,700. In 1858 the Permanent Income was £1,400, now it is £3,673; while, on the other hand, the subscriptions were £2,500 to the two Funds together, and now they are £15,000 in round figures. Then, too, the ratio of Permanent Income to Expenditure was as three to four, or 75 per cent., now it is only as one to four or 25 per cent.

The above is a *résumé* of the reasons we adduced in our article of last week in favour of Brother Raynham Stewart's motion, and without arrogating to ourselves too much, we think the views we then enunciated have not been without their effect on the members of Grand Lodge. It has been said that facts and figures may be made to prove anything, but there is no gainsaying the accuracy of the particular facts and figures we have given above. There are four and a half times as many annuitants as there were 23 years ago, and the sum they receive among them amounts in the aggregate to more than ten times as much. The permanent income is somewhat more than double what it then was, the subscriptions being sixfold. No wonder under these circumstances that Grand Lodge adopted the resolution, subject to one modification. Bro. Stewart's motion provided for the payment of the grants "in equal proportions by the Funds of Benevolence and of General Purposes." The resolution, as adopted, left the

"additions to be borne by the Fund of General Purposes," a very proper modification, considering how great is the pressure on the resources of the Fund of Benevolence, a pressure which, as our readers are aware, has necessitated an inroad upon its accumulated balance to no less an extent than £3,000.

Ours, however, were not the only reasons which actuated Grand Lodge in its adoption, in a modified form, of Bro. Stewart's motion. It was pointed out that at the time Grand Lodge made its last increase to the grants there were in round figures only 600 Lodges, whereas there are now some 1800. Each Lodge is entitled to two votes as a *quid pro quo* for the amount paid to the Institution; nor is it more than a matter of the simplest arithmetic to deduce from this the immense increase in the set-off received by the Lodges. Further, the votes now given by the Institution represent a money value of £1,300 as against the £800 received, so that it was no more than a bare act of justice on the part of Grand Lodge to accept the proposition that was made. However, there are more ways than one of doing what is just and proper, and Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on having met the proposal with the utmost possible grace.

We may add that the report agreed to at the special meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution, on Wednesday, the 9th November ultimo, at which certain alterations in the Rules and Regulations were adopted—subject to the approval of Grand Lodge—was submitted and approved. To this report we shall take occasion to refer later on.

THE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENTSHIP OF
THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

CONSIDERABLE surprise was manifested in Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, at the way in which the election of Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence was conducted, and although we do not for one moment wish to infer that the appointment of Bro. Lambert was unpopular, yet symptoms of unmistakable discontent were manifested. The fact, as shown by the agenda paper for the December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, of Bro. Lambert being nominated, apparently to contest the office with Bro. Joshua Nunn, was of itself subject of comment, and it was pretty generally expressed among members of the Order who had known Bro. Nunn, and who respected him for his exertions in the office he has so ably filled of late that the brethren assembled in Grand Lodge would by their vote show him unmistakably how he was appreciated. The resignation of the President of the Board was never contemplated, and while we must of course give all concerned in the matter the credit of having acted straightforwardly, we cannot help coinciding in the plainly-expressed opinion of Grand Lodge that a surprise had been sprung upon its members, and we feel that some intimation ought to have been given to the members of the Craft generally, which would have afforded them the opportunity of exercising the privilege conferred

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

on them by the Constitutions, in being allowed to elect the Vice-Presidents of the Board. It may have been that Bro. Lambert would have been elected to the office all the same, and in that case he could have accepted it with grace, but being now placed in it by what we will term an error of judgment on the part of his friends, we most respectfully submit that he is the recipient of an empty compliment, and one which he can most certainly feel no pride in accepting. There are many men who, if placed in a similar position, would have courted some other expression of opinion, but this does not appear to have been the case with Bro. Lambert, who we hope will enjoy the honours of his new office. There is one consolation left to him and the Craft; the appointment is for one year only, and at the corresponding meeting of Grand Lodge next year he, his friends, and the Masons of England generally, will be able to form a pretty correct opinion of the popularity of the appointment now made. There is ample time for Bro. Lambert to show that his appointment was a suitable one, so far as the requirements of the office are concerned, although it was not made by the unanimous voice of Grand Lodge, and we hope he will avail himself of the opportunity, remembering that his re-appointment will rest entirely on his so doing. We cannot conclude without expressing our heartiest approval with the remarks of the Acting Grand Master in reference to Bro. Clabon, the retiring President, and we feel convinced that the thanks he so ably conveyed to that brother, and the remarks he made respecting his ability in his late office, are really the sentiments of the entire Craft, by whom Bro. Clabon will long be remembered as a worthy Mason, and one who most conscientiously carried out the trusts of the high office conferred upon him by the Grand Master. We can only regret that he has found it desirable to tender his resignation, and express a hope that he may long be spared to enjoy the well-earned respect of his brother Masons.

Obituary.

BRO. D. DRYSDALE P.M. No. 211.

IT is with a regret which will be shared by every member of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, and the large circle of friends and acquaintances to whom he was known, that we announce the death of our worthy and Worshipful Bro. Douglas Drysdale, twice Master of the Lodge with which he was associated, and for the long period of thirteen years—from 1866 to 1878—its zealous and indefatigable Secretary. Bro. Drysdale was elected a joining member of No. 211 as far back as 1846. In 1847 he filled the office of Inner Guard, and the year following that of Junior Warden. In 1849, he was installed Master, and was again chosen to serve in that capacity in 1864. He fulfilled the duties of Secretary, as we have said, from 1866 to 1878, and in the latter year tendered his resignation, not only of that office, but of his membership of the Lodge. So highly, however, were his services and ability appreciated that, when it was found he could not be prevailed upon to withdraw his intention of retiring from the Lodge, he was unanimously elected an honorary member, and Bro. W. W. Morgan, the Secretary *pro tem*, was requested to convey to him an intimation of this slight testimony to his worth, and to express a hope that whenever his engagements permitted he would kindly honour the Lodge with his presence. In 1869 a resolution was unanimously agreed to, to the effect "that the best thanks of this Lodge are due and hereby given to the Worshipful Bro. D. Drysdale P.M. for his valuable advice and assistance rendered to many successive W.M.'s, thereby contributing materially to the welfare and good report of the St. Michael's Lodge." At the time of his death Bro. Drysdale was the Senior Past Master and member of the St. Michael's Lodge, and his loss will be all the more deeply lamented from his association with it for 35 years. We will add that the death occurred, very suddenly, on Saturday, the 26th ultimo. He had spent the previous evening in a Lodge of Instruction—a fact which demonstrates the enduring interest he took in the Craft, and which fully justifies our statement that he may be said to have died in harness. On quitting the Lodge he returned home, supped and played cards with his wife, and had retired to his bedroom, when he was seized with an apoplectic fit, and never spoke again. The funeral took place last Friday. To his widow, to his friends, and to his brethren of the St. Michael's, we offer our sincerest tribute of sympathy.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

New Modern Toy Books. London: Dean and Son, 160a Fleet-street, E.C.—Of all times of the year Christmas is the season for the production of novelties in the shape of Toys, Toy Books, Picture Books, Story Books, and the like, and the firm of Dean and Son have long enjoyed the reputation of being among the most successful caterers for the public in respect of this class of specialities. We have received several specimens of their new Shilling and Sixpenny Toy Books, among the former being "Currant Buns for Daughters and Sons," "Olden Rhymes for Modern Times," and "Buckle my Shoe, or One, Two, Three, who a Dance Would be?" among the latter, "The Pig Bought with a Silver Penny," "The Babes in the Wood," "Robinson Crusoe," "Cock Robin," and "The Wonderful Adventures of the Ten Little Niggers." The letter-press, which is printed in good bold type, calls for no special comment, but the illustrations are capitally executed, being both well-drawn and well-coloured.

Routledge's Christmas Number contains a series of nine Christmas stories, with eight full-page plates and numerous smaller illustrations. Madame De Witt *née* Guizot contributes an admirable account of "An Anabaptist Wedding in Alsace," and Lord Brabourne a well-told story of "The Little Gentlemen," with an illustration by Ernest Grisot. "The Snow-White Poodle," translated from the German of A. Godin, by W. Beatty Kingston, has two illustrations, and there is also a story of "Greystoke Hall," by Mrs. F. Lockyer, which will serve to wile away a leisure half-hour very pleasantly. The full-page Plates, from designs by R. Caldecott ("Ride a Cock Horse to Banbury Cross"), L. Delort ("My First Fox"), Gustavo Doré ("A Great Mistake"), and others, are printed in colours by Edmund Evans, and will no doubt be appreciated as they deserve.

Snow Time and Glow Time. Being the *Little Folks Annual* for 1882. (Cassell, Petter, Galpin & Co., London, Paris, and New York.) This is an admirable collection of short seasonable stories and poems, with a "Little Folks Calendar" and "Puzzles," profusely illustrated. We have pleasure in specifying "Some Fireside games," "Life's Christmas Carol," "A Christmas in the Arctic Sea," "Silent Stories and Shadow Pantomimes," and "Father Christmas's Welcome," the words and music by Charles Bassett, while the illustration serves as a very artistic frontispiece, the figure of Old Christmas being particularly jovial.

The Steadfast Aim. Christmas number of the *Quiver* for 1881. (Cassell, Petter, Galpin & Co.) The contents include a series of eight stories, all of which possess so high an order of merit that we do not hesitate to specify them in the order in which they appear:—"Tom Yorke's Legacy," by Edward Garrett; "The Root and Offspring of David," by the Right Rev. Ashton Oxenden, D.D., late Lord Bishop of Montreal; "A White Christmas Flower," by F. M. F. Skene; "He's Gone Yonder," by the Rev. P. B. Power, M.A.; "No Room," "A Christmas Carol," "Two Christmasses," by Christian Redford; and "The Whole Mill Wheel," by Mrs. Linnæus Banks. Many of these names are well-known to readers of periodical literature, and are a guarantee of the excellence of their several contributions. The illustrations, which harmonise well with the letter press, are by R. Barnes, A. Hopkins, H. Barnard, M. L. Gow, G. Clausen, W. J. M. Row, &c., &c. The music of the Carol is by Sir G. J. Elvey, Mus. D., Organist of the St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

The *Quiver*, Part 193 (Cassell, Petter, Galpin & Co.) contains, among other readable papers, "Carlyle at Hurstmonceaux," by the Rev. E. Venables, M.A., Canon of Lincoln; "The Church of the First-born," by the Rev. John Stoughton, D.D.; "Equal to the Occasion," by Edward Garrett; "Christ the World's True Light," by the Rev. H. Allon, D.D.; and the usual assortment of "Short Arrows." The illustrations are both numerous and well done.

We have also received from the same firm Part I. of the *Cities of the World*, illustrated, and Part I. of the shilling issue of *Picturesque Europe*. As to the latter, its many and beautiful illustrations, together with the concisely written letterpress, are so well known that we need not be at the pains of repeating the favourable opinion we gave in reference to the more expensive issue. We content ourselves with advising our friends not to lose the opportunity of subscribing to a periodical which, of its kind, may be equalled but cannot be surpassed. The "Cities of the World," so far as this number, has created a highly favourable impression on our mind, both as regards the narrative and the many illustrations with which it is embellished. The frontispiece is a well-engraved view of Paris, showing the seven bridges. The price of each monthly part appears to be only sevenpence.

The Chichester St. Peter's the Great Parochial Magazine (Chichester: printed by John William Moore, 39 East-street), contains a description of the "Mutton Bird," several short stories collectively grouped together in a certain "Dawn of Day," a magazine within a magazine. We notice there is also a chess column, comprising problems and notes. We wish it a long continuance of success.

A Masonic Association, to be called the "Upton Lodge of Instruction Masonic Association," has been formed. The object is to obtain for its members life governorships in the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions. At a meeting held on Wednesday, 30th ult., a committee was appointed, and rules, &c., were framed. Bro. Fenner P.M. 1227 is the President, and Bro. D. Moss S.D. 1275 is the Hon. Sec.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, presided. General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Lord Tenterden Provincial Grand Master for Essex acted as Past G. Master. The Earl of March, M.P., Grand Senior Warden and Bro. Justice Cave Grand Junior Warden, were in their respective chairs. Amongst the Grand Officers present were Bros. R. H. Giddy District G.M. Griqualand, H. D. Sandeman Past District G.M. Bombay, Sir Michael Costa, Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Revs. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., C. W. Arnold P.G.C., R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Ambrose W. Hall G.C., J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C. as G.C., Sir John B. Monckton, Bros. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, James Glashier P.G.D., Capt. N. G. Philips P.G.D., Jas. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C., T. Fenn P.G.D., Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., C. W. Spencer Stanhope P.G.C., James Mason and Brackstone Baker. There were also about 700 brethren present. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Dr. Alfred Meadows P.M. No. 4, P.G.S. rose and said: It is my privilege, and I need scarcely add that the privilege carries with it a very great pleasure, to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for re-election as Grand Master for the ensuing year; and as I shall hope to have the honour of proposing H.R.H. at the next Quarterly Communication, I believe I shall best consult the wishes of Grand Lodge if I defer till then what I may have to say in support of this proposition. But I may perhaps be allowed to make this one remark, that apart from any special fitness which H.R.H. may possess for the office of Grand Master, I think that the way in which the duties of the high and responsible office have been discharged by H.R.H. in the past few years, since he ascended the Throne of the Royal Solomon, constitutes, if I may with all respect say so, a claim upon the gratitude of the Craft, which demands at least the recognition that is involved in this nomination. For this, among other reasons, therefore, I have very great pleasure in moving it. Sir Francis Burdett then rose and moved a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late President Garfield. He said: In the name, and on behalf of H.R.H. our Grand Master, I now come before you to ask you to accede to and to pass a vote of condolence to the widow of the late General Garfield, President of the United States. We have all known and heard of him for a considerable length of time, and at the same time we know how he laboured, and how he successfully laboured, for the good of his own country. He stood there before all others, and before the whole world as a man respected by all, and beloved by all those of his countrymen. If he had not been a straightforward, honest, good man, and one of real genuine worth, he never would have been placed in that position by his fellow countrymen, and that was the highest position, and the highest honour they could confer on him in his own country. He was known throughout the world as an honest, straightforward man; he was respected and beloved by every power that had communication with the American Nation. He was at the same time kind, indulgent, and a very good husband; and moreover, we all know, and we have heard that he was among us, that he was a Mason, and, I believe, stood very high in the estimation of his brother Masons in America. We have not only received a great many of the American Masons here, and I believe they have been all very well pleased and satisfied with their reception; and whenever we go to America we always find ourselves hospitably and kindly received. Every brother who goes there is pressed to go again, and when American Masons are invited to this country they find themselves most hospitably and kindly received. I may here state, for the information of the brethren, that Bro. Garfield was initiated on the 22nd November 1861, in the Magnolia Lodge in Ohio, and he was also exalted to the Royal Arch, in Chapter No. 23, Washington. Now we must look upon him as a brother, and a brother worthy to be honoured in every possible way. Therefore, I have, without trespassing upon your time, to propose, according to the words of His Royal Highness, "That this Grand Lodge agree to a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Brother General James Abram Garfield, President of the United States of America, who died on the 19th September last, of wounds received from the hands of an assassin." Lord Tenterden, Provincial Grand Master for Essex, said—As an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Washington, I beg leave to second the motion. I have, at the same time, to call to your attention the fact that our late lamented Bro. Garfield was one of the principal members of the committee which organised that truly remarkable and fraternal reception given by the Freemasons of the United States to our Grand Master the Marquis of Ripon, at which I had the honour of being present, on the occasion of his diplomatic mission to Washington, in April 1871, and I have to testify to the earnest and active part he took in the Craft, and the respect in which he was held in it. The high estimation of his Masonic brethren was justified by his election as President, and has been confirmed by the universal sympathy elicited throughout the United States, and, indeed, the world, by his untimely death. The motion, on being put, was carried unanimously. The Rev. Spencer Stanhope suggested that the vote should be at once sent by telegram to America, so that it would reach all parts of America, according to American time, at the very hour that this Grand Lodge was sitting, viz., half-past seven. This was seconded by the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., and Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox P.G.C. said the present time in America was twenty minutes past two o'clock in the afternoon. Sir F. Burdett said it was necessary that the vote should be first sent to the American Minister in London, as an act of courtesy which we were bound to pay him. Bros. Cox and Stanhope, however, suggested that it might be sent at once, but Sir F. Burdett said he had no doubt Grand Secretary would take the quickest means of forwarding the vote to America. He then informed the brethren that Bro. Clabon had resigned his position of President of the Lodge of Benevolence, being unable longer to perform his duties. The M.W.G.M., however, could not allow the occasion to pass over without expressing his sense

of Bro. Clabon's arduous and energetic services as President of the Board since its reconstitution, and of his regret that Bro. Clabon's connection therewith in that capacity had ceased. The Grand Master had seen fit to appoint Bro. Joshua Nunn as President, and Bro. George Lambert had been nominated as Bro. Nunn's successor. Bro. James Brett was again nominated as Junior Vice President. Bro. G. P. Britten objected that a surprise had been sprung upon the brethren by the nomination of Brother Lambert at the Board of Masters. No one knew Brother Clabon was going to retire and Brother Nunn appointed in his place. If they had they would have been prepared with some other brother in his place of more experience, and more agreeable to the brethren, than the brother who had been nominated. He thought the question should stand over till next meeting. It was explained that this could not be, as the nomination must take place at the Board of Masters in November, and there being no other nomination then, Bros. Lambert and Brett were duly elected. Bros. Charles Atkins No. 27, George P. Britten 183, Joseph D. Collier 1363, John Constable 185, Thomas Cull 1416, Charles Dairy 111, Henry Garrod 749, Charles F. Hogard 205, William Mann 186, James H. Matthews 143, William Stephens 1489, and Edward Francis Storr 22, were the twelve Past Masters nominated to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence, and no others being nominated, they were declared duly elected. The report of the Lodge of Benevolence was then taken, and subsequently the report of the Board of General Purposes. On the motion of Bro. McIntyre Grand Registrar, the application from a body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Free and Accepted Masons," requesting their recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England as a regular Grand Lodge, was refused, the Grand Registrar explaining, that this body had previously applied to Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Grand Lodge of Ireland for recognition, and been unanimously refused. Grand Registrar also explained that there were only 13 Lodges in this new combination, and that if they were recognised as a Grand Lodge, the 86 Lodges under the English, Scotch and Irish jurisdictions, would be irregular Lodges. The report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with the recent alterations in the Laws of that Institution were adopted. Three appeals were explained by Grand Registrar and dealt with accordingly to his advice. Bro. C. J. Perceval P.M. No. 1607 brought forward his motion for altering the plan of taking divisions in Grand Lodge, by appointing two tellers on each side of the question to record the votes as the members pass out, and make their report accordingly. After some discussion the subject was referred to the Board of General Purposes. The motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart Past Grand Deacon for increasing the contribution of the Benevolent Institution to £1,000 a year to the Male Annuity Fund, and £600 to the Widows' Fund, was passed in this form—that the whole should come out of the Fund of General Purposes, instead of being divided between that Fund and the Fund of Benevolence. Grand Lodge was then closed.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Will you allow me, through your columns, to warn all Lodges against a begging Mason, Bro. Lewis, late of the Milton Lodge, No. 1144, Ashton-under-Lyne. He is a man with reddish hair and whiskers. The answer to a telegram sent to Ashton-under-Lyne respecting him is as follows:—

"Unworthy, defaulting member for years. Travels the country ever since, and lives entirely on charity. Able, but not willing worker."

Beggars professing to be Masons are so much on the increase that I would strongly advise all brethren—

1. Never to test an applicant by ordinary rules.
2. Never to relieve without seeing the certificate, and also sending a telegram, answer prepaid, to the applicant's Lodge.

In many cases applicants will be found not to be Masons at all, and in many to be utterly unworthy. If all Lodges throughout the country would adopt these two simple rules we should soon get rid of the nuisance.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG,

D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks.

Moulsoe Rectory, Newport Pagnell,
29th November 1881.

On Tuesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales paid their long promised visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Bath, at Longleat. Their reception at Warminster was of the most enthusiastic description, the town being brilliantly illuminated far into the night, and making general holiday, in honour of the occasion. Sport in the coverts was the order of the day till yesterday, when the County Ball was arranged to take place in the great Hall of the noble host's mansion. Among the guests invited to meet their Royal Highnesses were the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Derbyshire, the Earl of Fife Provincial Grand Master Banffshire, Viscount Mandeville, &c., &c., &c. The Royal visit will terminate to-day (Saturday).

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been graciously pleased to signify his intention to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Queen's Road, Chelsea, S.W. The Festival will be held on an early day in the forthcoming year.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on the 30th ultimo, the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., on the throne. Bro. Major Crombie acted as S.G.W. and Bro. Officer as J.G.W. There was a large attendance of members of Grand Lodge, including the most of the office bearers elect. The Grand Master declared all the elective offices vacant, and then moved that the Earl of Mar and Kellie be elected Grand Master. This was agreed to with acclamation, and the Grand Master elect was then introduced by the Acting Wardens and by the President and Vice-President of the Grand Stewards. Thereafter the Grand Master administered the oath *de fidei* to the Grand Master elect, invested him with his badge of office, and congratulated him on his election. The new Grand Master then appointed the Depute Grand Master and the Substitute Grand Master, and administered to them the oath of fidelity. The Grand Master then conducted the election of the other Grand Officers, the following being the list: Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie G.M.; Sir M. R. Stewart of Greenock and Blackhall, Bart., P.G. Master, Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., Depute Grand Master, R. F. Shaw-Stewart Substitute Grand Master, Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington Senior Grand Warden, Right Hon. the Earl of Breadalbane Junior Grand Warden, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, Rev. James Barclay, A.M., and Rev. W. M. Tulloch, B.D., Grand Chaplains, Major John Crombie Senior Grand Deacon, the most Noble the Marquis of Tweeddale Junior Grand Deacon, Andrew Kerr Grand Architect, John S. Matheson Grand Jeweller, George Fisher Grand Bible Bearer, Major William Hills Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Molyneux H. Nepean, Bart., Grand Bard, James T. S. Elliot jun. of Wolfelee Grand Sword-Bearer, Carl Drechsler Hamilton Grand Director of Music, Robert Davidson Grand Organist, Captain Farquhar Macgillivray Grand Marshal, James Turner President of Grand Stewards, and James Crichton Vice-President.

Grand Lodge ordered that charters should be issued to these new Lodges—Robert Burns, St Leonard's, New South Wales, and St. Andrew's Military, Hamilton. They accepted from Brother Captain Charles Hunter a copy engraving of the Installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master Mason of England.

Grand Lodge then adjourned to the Great Hall, in order to celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew. There was a large attendance of members of Grand Lodge, and other members of the Order. The company numbered about 250, and comprised deputations from the following Lodges, headed by the under-mentioned brethren, being in most cases the Master of each:—Bros. Crichton, Mary's Chapel, No. 1; Bertie, Canongate Kilwinning, 2; Wm. McLean, St. John, Glasgow, 3 bis; Matheson, Canongate and Leith L. and C., 5; Mackay, Hamilton, 7; Wilson, Journeymen, 8; Smith, Dalkeith Kilwinning, 10; Dobie, St. John, Dunkeld, 14; Caddie, St. John, Falkirk, 16; Baird, Ancient, Stirling, 30; Hogg, St. John Selkirk, 32; Christie, St. Thomas, Arbroath, 40; Cranston, St. Cuthbert's, Kirkcudbright, 41; Rolland, Holyrood House, 44; Geddes, St. Machar, Aberdeen, 54; Alice, Alloa, 69; Johnson, St. Abb, Eyemouth, 70; Dakers, St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, 93; Craig, St. James, Edinburgh, 97; Elliot, Jedburg, 104; Shepherd, St. Andrew, Aberdeen, 110; Clark, St. Stephens, Edinburgh, 145; Ronaldson, Edinburgh Defensive Band, 151; Robertson, R.A., Pollokshaws, 153; Falconer, Roman Eagle, 160; Cameron, St. John, Greenock, 175; H. Maclean, St. John, Carnwath, 214; McLean, Lochart St. John, 248; Dr. Falconer, Celtic, Edinburgh, 291; Hogg, St. Clair, Edinburgh, 349; Cairns, Caledonian, Edinburgh, 392; Jas. Smith, Rifle Lodge, Edinburgh, 405; Laing, St. Kentigern, Penicuik, 429; Pearson, St. Andrew, New Pitlago, 518; Murray, St. Leonard, Loanhead, 580; Drysdale, N. B. Railway, 597; Franco, Rosslyn St. Clair, 606; Rev. W. W. Tulloch, The Princes, Glasgow, 607.

The chair was taken by the Grand Master, who was supported on the right by Bros. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, and Whyte-Melville, of Bennoch, Past G. Masters; J. M. Martin of Auchindennane, Rev. W. W. Tulloch, J. T. S. Elliot jun. of Wolfelee, and Dalrymple Duncan. On his left were Bros. Sir Archibald Campbell, R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Hector F. McLean of Carnwath, W. Mann, Rev. J. Barclay, Captain Macgillivray, and other Grand Officers. Apologies were intimated from Bros. the Earl of Haddington Senior Grand Warden, Earl of Breadalbane Junior Grand Warden, the Marquis of Tweeddale Junior Grand Deacon, Earl of Dalhousie, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Peter McLagan, M.P., J. Clark Forrest, J. Wolfe Murray, William Pearce, Sir Molyneux Nepean, Geo. Fisher, Captain G. Russell Colt of Gartsherrie, F. A. Barrow, Col. Macpherson 42nd Highlanders, &c.

After dinner, which was served by Bro. Kay, several toasts were given from the chair.

The Past Grand Master then proposed the health of "The Grand Master." It was, he said, a great pleasure to him to be the first one to propose the health of Brother the Earl of Mar and Kellie as Grand Master, and it had been a great honour and satisfaction to him that afternoon that he had had the pleasure of installing him. He was confident that the new Grand Master would discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and that he would do justice to the Craft. They knew that he was an honourable, high-minded man, and they felt that he would do what he believed to be right, without fear and without favour. He trusted that during the reign of the present Grand Master there would be an inauguration or extension of those matters of benevolence which it was their duty, as well as their creed, to devise and carry into execution. He hoped he might say that now, at the end of those eight years during which he had held the office of Grand Master, he handed down the ritual which was handed down to him by his illustrious predecessors, and he hoped it would be transmitted in the same way—unimpaired—to future years. He said so, because he was of opinion that the Grand Lodge should be a model for all daughter Lodges, and that

there should be uniformity throughout these Lodges. Sir Michael then asked a hearty support to the new Grand Master. He knew it was not always an easy matter to preside over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. They had had a few stormy evenings there. When Scotchmen entered into a subject which they had at heart, they always used the *fortiter in re*, and sometimes they were not quite mindful of the *suaviter in modo*. But he was sure they would accord the new Grand Master the same support as they had kindly given him, and would drink to his happiness and success.

The Grand Master, who was received with prolonged and enthusiastic cheering, thanked the brethren for the reception they had given him, and referred to the responsibility of succeeding such a Mason as his predecessor. However, he would do his utmost to follow the example which was before him; and he asked the brethren to strengthen his hands. Grand Lodge was now in a satisfactory condition, but there was plenty of work to be done. For instance, he thought returns should be obtained regularly from the Lodges in the Provinces, and that Provincial Grand Lodges would do well to act as the Grand Committee had done in sending to inspect the Lodges in the Metropolitan district. There was some grumbling about that at first, but all had escaped scathless except one Lodge, but it had since come to the front again. He mentioned that the income of the Grand Lodge during the past year had been £4,390, and its gross expenditure £2,986, so that the excess of income had been £1,400. That was a satisfactory state of affairs, and they would not be long getting out of debt at that rate. The number of entrants had been 3,883, and he hoped it would go on at the same rate. In concluding, he referred to the presence of Past Grand Master Whyte-Melville, who had worthily presided over the Grand Lodge, and had since taken much interest in Freemasonry.

The Past Grand Master, in replying for the toast of the Past Masters, said that every Mason, old and young, must rejoice to see Past Grand Master Whyte-Melville again among them. He then stated that during the eight years he had held office, since 1873, there had been 127 charters granted to new Lodges, and six old Lodges had been reopened. The entrants had numbered 33,489. The debt of Grand Lodge in 1877 had been annually increasing. In March 1877, it amounted to £11,000; at this moment it was £2,500—so that £8,500 had been wiped off. Sir Michael then reviewed the work of those eight years, and attributed much of what had been done to the care and energy of the Grand Officers, and to the committee and members of Grand Lodge. He had, he said, done what he could, and was now content to take his place among the dowagers.

Past Master Whyte-Melville also replied. A variety of toasts followed, among which were—"The Foreign Grand Lodges," "The Depute Grand Master," proposed by Past Grand Master Whyte-Melville; "The Countess of Mar and Kellie," by Sir Archibald C. Campbell; "The Substitute Grand Master," by Bro. J. T. S. Elliot; and "Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart." The deputations from daughter Lodges were then toasted, coupled with the names of the brethren heading those, who replied, and congratulated the Grand Master on appointment to his high office, and assured him of their loyalty and support. The concluding toasts were—"The Grand Wardens," "The Provincial and District Grand Lodges," "The Grand Chaplains and other Office-bearers of Grand Lodge," proposed by the Past Grand Master—who paid a high compliment to the Grand Secretary for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office—and replied for by Brother the Rev. W. W. Tulloch; and "The Board of Grand Stewards," for which Brother James Turner replied. "The Memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn" having been drunk in solemn silence, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren separated.

The programme was interspersed with songs by several of the brethren, and selections by the band. A panegyric in reference to the change of Grand Masters, composed by Brother Dobie, was also recited by that brother in the course of the proceedings.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE December meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. William Roebuck (in the chair), S. Rosenthal, Charles Saunders, Donald M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, W. H. Saunders, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey, A. J. Duff-Filer, W. Maple, F. Adlard, Raynham W. Stewart, and F. Binckes (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, one purchase candidate was ordered to be admitted to the School in January, and authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for the cost of the enlargement of the Gymnasium, and for the expenses of the Christmas Entertainment to the boys remaining in the School during the holidays. Bro. Binckes read a letter from Bro. Geo. Newton, of Barnsley, requesting that the hundred guineas given by him last year towards the formation of a fund for establishing a Preparatory School might be transferred to the Preparatory School Fund. Authority was given for the transfer. It was resolved to invest £1,000 in Metropolitan Board of Works 3½ per Cent. Stock. Five candidates were placed on the list for election in April 1882, and outfits of £5 each were granted to five former pupils of the Institution.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE No. 72.

An emergency meeting of this ancient Lodge was held on Monday afternoon, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street for the purpose of expediting some important business. The popular W.M. Bro. A. Darch opened the Lodge to the time at which the brethren had been convened. The following were present—P.M.'s J. Daun, T. Hines, T. Dunn, W. Carr, E. Dodson. Officers—Bros. T. Thurston S.W., J. Bate J.W., H. Webb P.M. Treasurer, J. Mann P.M. Honorary Secretary, E. Watson J.D., H. Salter I.G., G. Jenkins D.C., and T. H. Fox Organist. Among other members were Bros. W. Whiffen, R. Williams, E. Williams, A. Tear, C. B. Ford, H. Rees, T. Smith, W. Lloyd, M. E. Stokes, R. Brown, J. Standford, G. Tear, G. Howard, W. E. Abrahams, A. Cox, D. Hamis, T. Chaddock, D. S. Woolf, P. Burgess, J. Kitchen, J. Braham, J. Reid, and W. W. Brand. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. Schmidt P.M. 127, Union Lodge, Margate, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Alderman John Smith P.M. 731 and of other Lodges in Derby, Bros. W. Davey 1512, T. Cox 1512, T. Ward W.M. 1815, J. Jackson 1815, Dr. J. Bedford, J. King P.M. 1269, W. R. Russell P.M., and J. J. Brinton 1329. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed Bros. G. B. Ford, and G. H. W. Tear were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Then Brothers T. G. Craddock and T. S. E. Townsend were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft; upon which followed the initiation of Mr. J. W. Hartley, who had been proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. W. Lloyd. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, the only candidate proposed being Bro. T. Thurston, the S.W., who was, amidst much acclamation, announced by the W.M. to have been unanimously chosen, and this intelligence was conveyed to him in appropriate terms. Bro. Thurston acknowledged the honour conferred in feeling language. Bro. H. Webb was once more elected as Treasurer, and Bros. G. Tear and A. C. Cox were appointed auditors. Routine business was then proceeded with, and after the W.M. had been upwards of three hours in the chair, the Lodge was closed in due form. The W.M. invited the brethren to partake of refreshments with him, in an adjoining room, whither he was followed by the brethren, who found an excellent repast, worthy of this renowned hotel, in readiness for them. On the cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Visitors. He remarked that on all occasions the Lodge had been honoured by the presence of visitors. On that evening there were some distinguished members of Grand Lodge present, and others also who had "made their mark on the scroll of time." He could not forbear mentioning the name of Bro. Bedford, who had attained to threescore years and twelve, and was yet hale, hearty, and happy—"frosty" it was true, but also "kindly." That brother had been, during a long, varied, and useful life, a philosopher in the proper acceptation of the word. He had from time to time published many popular scientific books, chiefly on astronomy. More than a quarter of a century since he made statements in reference to the heavenly bodies which, being novel, were much criticised, and his assertions questioned. He had, however, lived to know that all he had asserted had been accepted; not only so, but in addition had been corroborated by authorities against whose decisions no one now dared to appeal. He, the W.M., was confident that all present would cordially welcome the presence of such a brother, and also would be gratified to see that time had touched so lightly on his shoulders, as he could still wield a facile pen and publish to the world facts concerning the starry heavens which only but few could appreciate or understand, although "their line is gone out through the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Having made reference to the other Visitors, the toast was pledged. Brother Dr. Bedford thanked the brethren for the fraternal manner they had received him, and the courtesy that had been bestowed on him; he proceeded at some length to give an account of his philosophic career, which had been of an ever-changing character. Bro. J. J. Brinton, having been called on, expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in being present on that evening. He had heard of the excellent working of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, and was anxious to be edified by what transpired therein. Having sat for three hours in their midst, he could assert, without any mental reservation, that on no previous occasion had he seen the work done better, or the ritual so ably, appropriately or eloquently adhered to and delivered. He could but have compassion on their respected Worshipful Master, for he merited it unreservedly. He himself had undergone no small amount of mental labour during his pilgrimage, but he was satisfied that at no time had a greater tension been put on his mind than had been put on the mind of their W.M. that evening. There were many young brethren around him. He would strenuously urge upon them to make themselves fully acquainted with the ritual to which they had listened a short time since, a ritual second only to inspiration itself; a ritual, albeit clothed in other language from that they heard from the pulpit, in the Senate, at the Bar. The source whence the inspiration was derived, as a matter of course, was concealed, but all those who had been enlightened knew, and fully appreciated the fountain whence it was imported. The speaker then alluded to the disadvantage under which he was placed at that moment in following the learned Doctor Bedford; were he to attempt to be egotistical he could find no utterance for words; he therefore hoped that what he had advised would be acted upon; he wished prosperity to the Royal Jubilee Lodge. Bros. Davey, Schmidt, and Smith also responded to the toast. Bro. F. Dunn P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. in a neat and pithy speech, which was replied to in a similar manner. The Worshipful Master next proposed the W.M. elect, who in reply made some graceful remarks. The health of the Officers followed, as did also the Past Masters of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast, now given,

was the signal for a separation. All passed off most agreeably, the pleasure of the evening being enhanced by the vocalisation of Bros. Tear, Cox, and Ford.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 24th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren and visitors. This is a Banner Lodge, and twenty-four were hanging in the room, adding much to the general effect. Bros. E. Kidman W.M., W. Drake S.W., W. F. Smout J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, W. J. Collins S.D., J. Williams I.G.; Past Masters G. Newman, Pringle, and C. R. Cutmore. Visitors—H. Garrod P.M. 719, J. Stevenson 1579, Klein 1297, Leaman 1707, J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.P. Middlesex, G. Lambert S.W. 720, Garner P.M. 890, J. Dean P.M. 433, E. Shrimpton 1659, J. L. Asprey 534, C. Pugsley P.M. 1586, W. Canter P.M. 141, H. Von Joel 957, Grabham P.M. 19 P.P.G.W. Middlesex, G. V. Deluca 101, T. Webb 1657 567, H. Willey Wright S.W. 1827, C. Handley 475, W. Hatel 771, R. J. Leaman S.W. 1679, A. Sach S.W. 1679, H. J. Thurgood 1585, Hansan 1544, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Clay, Shoobert, and E. Brooks were raised to the third degree, and Bro. J. Ward was passed. Messrs. Botte, Hook, Ransby and Price were, after ballot had been taken, duly initiated into the Order, through the courtesy of the W.M., by Bro. Miller P.M. Treasurer. All the ceremonies were perfectly rendered. Bro. T. Hewit 128 (Scotland) was elected a joining member. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. Bro. W. F. Smart J.W. and W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who performed the ceremony in the presence of seventeen W.M.'s and P.M.'s. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new Master was saluted according to ancient custom. The appointment and investiture of Officers was then made as follows:—Bros. Kidman I.P.M., Drake S.W., W. J. Collins J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, Williams S.D., Le Grand J.D., Ransby I.G., Brooks D.C., Newman P.M. Steward, Johnson A.S. Steward, Reinhardt Tyler. The applause that greeted the new Officers shewed that the W.M. had made a good selection. Bro. Miller P.M. Treasurer gave the concluding addresses in a style it was a pleasure to listen to; he well merited the warm congratulation given him by the Brethren and Visitors at the conclusion of the ceremony. The W.M. on rising said it was one of the most pleasant things a W.M. had for a first duty that of presenting the retiring W.M. with a jewel from the Lodge, for the able manner he had conducted the duties of the chair; he hoped for many years Bro. Kidman might live to wear it, and be with the Lodge in health and prosperity. The I.P.M. responded in suitable terms, expressing his thanks for their valuable gift, and for the kind expressions of the W.M. The resignation of two brethren was announced, and accepted with regret. A member had some time since presented to the Lodge the sum of £20, to be devoted to charity. Unfortunately, this same brother was now in difficulties, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that this sum be returned to him, and an additional amount of £5 5s be presented to him from the Lodge funds. Hearty good wishes were given by the brethren and their visitors, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, sixty-seven in number, sat down to a *recherche* banquet, provided by Bro. E. H. Rand, that gave great satisfaction to one and all. The W.M. briefly and appropriately proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Kidman then rose; for the first time he had possession of the gavel to propose the toast of the W.M. However eloquent he might be, he could not do more than with all sincerity ask them to drink the toast. The W.M. replying, said he felt gratified at having been placed in the chair, and for the hearty greetings he had received from the brethren and visitors. He would do his duty as W.M.; he felt—what every Brother knew—what brotherly love is. He would do the best he could for the interest of the Lodge, and he thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, whom all were pleased to see. He assured them that Freemasonry, conjoined with morality, could defy the attacks of the outer world. Charity was one of the attributes of Masonry. He would ask the brethren to drink the toast of the Initiates, who, he was sure, would do all that would be required of them when they knew more of our noble Order. After the *E.A. song had been sung by Bro. Miller, to a spirited accompaniment*, the toast was responded to, and then the W.M. gave that of the Visitors, who, he stated, were 23 in number. However, the members were all pleased to see them. He would call on Bro. Grabham P.M. No. 19, P.G.S.W. Middlesex, and Bro. Willey Wright S.W. 1821 to respond. The latter Brother eloquently spoke of the working and the hospitality of the Lodge. His humorous remarks were fully applauded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.; the members had seen what they had done, and all appreciated their services. Bro. Kidman had done his duties well, as also had Bro. Miller. These brethren in returning thanks for the toast, after expressing their acknowledgments, promised that all their energies should be at the service of the Lodge. The W.M. then complimented the Officers. The S.W. they all knew, while the J.W. Bro. Collins was a good working Mason, and would eventually reach the chair; he, as well as the Junior Officers, knew their duties thoroughly. Bro. Drake S.W. replied; Bro. J.W. followed; this was his first effort in his present office; he hoped, with the co-operation of the Junior Officers, to do all to conduce to the well working of the Lodge, and to place it in every respect second to none. After a few remarks from Bro. Williams S.D., the Tyler's toast was given. Bros. Garrod, Brown, Leaman, Miller, and Edwards contributed to the harmony.

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LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

THE annual Installation meeting of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 267, was held at Chelmsford, on Thursday, 1st December, and was very largely attended, not only by the members of the Lodge, but by visitors from all parts of the province. This, probably, was owing not only to the well-known prestige of the Chelmsford Lodge, but to the fact that the D.P.G.M. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., had kindly undertaken to perform the ceremony. The proceedings commenced in the Board-room of the Corn Exchange Company, where Lodge was opened about four o'clock by Bro. J. P. Lewin, the outgoing W.M. The W. D.P.G.M. was then escorted to the room by the past and present P.G. Officers, and the ceremony of installing Bro. Ebenezer Shedd P.M. 1543 S.W. 276, the W.M. elect, was shortly afterwards proceeded with. This, it need hardly be said, was conducted by Bro. Philbrick in a very able and impressive manner. At its close, the new W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. P. Lewin I.P.M., W. J. Upton S.W., Arthur Mead J.W., Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 276 P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Frank Whitmore P.M. P.P.G.W. Treasurer, James Nicholls, M.D., P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, F. P. Suthery S.D., A. C. Durrant J.D., H. Bowles Organist, Andrew Durrant P.M. 267 P.G. Treasurer D.C., A. G. Maskell I.G., Bros. Wood and Metcalfe Stewards, T. S. Sarel Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Philbrick for his kindness in attending, and this was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The only other business was the election of a representative to the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and on the motion of Bro. Lewin I.P.M., seconded by Bro. W. J. Upton S.W., the choice of the brethren unanimously fell upon the W.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where between 50 and 60 sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served in a manner which reflected great credit on the new management. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some of the brethren present contributed vocal music to enliven the post-prandial proceedings. Among those present, either at Lodge or banquet, besides those already mentioned, were:—Bros. T. J. Ralling P.G. Sec., W. Richey, J. J. C. Turner, Henry Harper, W. S. Ling, John E. Wiseman, George Harvey, D. J. Wright, Henry E. Dehane, F. M. Williams, Fred. J. Wiseman, Wm. Pissey, J. M. Farr, G. Glasscock, J. Wray, W. V. Willson, R. Clowes, H. Everard, M. L. Sanders, R. Smith, W. Strutt, E. Gowers, J. Stanley, O. Thompson, A. Wolton, and the following members of No. 276:—Bros. J. P. Sarel, A. C. Veley, J. S. Brown, D. M. B. Wheeler, J. W. Hair, W. Metcalfe, W. Hart, C. Williams, F. Shee, John Taylor, J. Tomlinson, W. R. Fuller, and F. Durrant. Much regret was expressed that Bro. J. P. Lewin, the respected and popular I.P.M., was prevented attending the dinner by recent severe domestic affliction.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THE annual gathering of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Saltash, on Monday, the 5th instant. There was a large number of Past Masters present, amongst whom were Bros. J. Pearce W.M. (who very ably conducted the ceremony), R. Pearce, W. Foxwell, J. Rawling, J. R. Lord, J. B. Gover, J. H. Rogers, R. Cawsey, E. Aitken-Davies, J. Gidley, Rev. W. H. Clark, S. Goodman, J. Deeble, J. T. Brooking, B. Elliott, T. W. Sntton. Bro. E. Herring was installed as Worshipful Master, and after the customary ceremonies, he invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. Pearce I.P.M., E. C. Vosper S.W., T. W. Deeble J.W., Foxwell Treasurer, J. Rawling Secretary, W. H. J. Clark Chaplain, G. Burns S.D., E. R. Doucy J.D., W. King I.G., J. Dillon D.C., H. Bowden S.S., R. C. Revel J.S., J. C. Kinsman Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the rooms attached to the Lodge for refreshment. The usual toasts were honoured, and the Visitors complimented the Immediate Past Master on the very able manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation. The dinner was held at Bro. Carpenter's, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when all those present at the installation were cordially invited to attend.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1714.

THE installation meeting of this young, but flourishing Lodge, was held at the Duke of York Hotel, York Town, Surrey, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. Westall W.M. and W.M. elect, Hacker P.M. S.W. pro tem, Tozer J.W., Twort Treasurer, Lindars Secretary, Latham S.D., E. Nichols J.D., Pulley P.M. D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. Lendrim and Olds; also Bros. Nichols, Gregson, Ford, C. J. Nichols, Kelsey, Higerty, Leming, Bunce, Bunting, Price, Mills, Marrs, Payne, S. Nichols, Clement-George. Visitors—Bros. Moody P.M. 1016, Hickley P.M. W.M. 723, Pomerooy P.M. 723, Askham P.M. 1564, Cole P.M. 1424, Payne W.M. 1564, Dorrner S.W. 310, Davis 414, Margrett 414, Creed 1101, Collins 1101, James 1101, Payne 681, Harrison 569, and others. Lodge having been opened in due form and order, the minutes of the last regular Lodge and Lodge of Emergency were read and confirmed, and the Lodge being advanced, the Worshipful Master handed his gavel to Brother Lendrim Immediate Past Master, and the Worshipful Master elect was presented for the second time by Brother Pulley P.M., for the benefit of installation. The usual questions having been answered in a satisfactory manner, and attention directed to the Ancient Charges, the Lodge was further advanced, and all below the degree of I.P.M. requested to retire, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Westall duly installed in the chair for his second year of office. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the customary proclamations and salutes given, under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies. The addresses were delivered in a most impressive manner by the Installing Master, who then presented, in well-chosen language, a valuable P.M.'s jewel to the W.M., in recognition of the great services rendered to the Lodge during the

past year by Bro. Westall. This was suitably acknowledged by the W.M., who then presented the Lodge with a handsome chair for its Master, which was much admired, and a cordial vote of thanks recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his valued gift. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow, viz., Bros. W. J. Lendrim I.P.M., R. Tozer S.W., J. Latham J.W., W. H. Twort Treasurer, J. W. Lindars Secretary, E. Nichols S.D., J. Clement-George J.D., J. Street D.C., G. Miller Organist, R. Nichols I.G., J. K. Bunting and W. Kelsey Stewards, I. Payne Tyler. Bro. J. Clement-George J.D. then requested the Lodge to accept at his hands a very chaste and appropriate banner, upon which was inscribed the name of the province, name and No. of the Lodge, dates of warrant and consecration, and the names of each W.M. with their year of office. This suitable present was received by the Lodge with acclamation, and Bro. Clement-George heartily thanked for his kindness. Other business having been transacted, and Bro. Pulley P.M. having announced his intention to represent the Lodge at the approaching Festival of the R.M.B.I., the Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren, to the number of nearly fifty, adjourned to the banquetting room, where a capital banquet awaited them, and to which ample justice was accorded. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening passed. During the post-prandial proceedings the broken column was passed round, and the contents submitted to the competition of the brethren; they ultimately passed into the hands of Bro. Clement-George for the sum of £5 5s (which was more than double the contents of the column). However, it was decided that this amount should be placed on Bro. Pulley's list for the R.M.B.I. in Bro. Clement-George's name, as a Life Subscriber. Altogether the proceedings were of a most pleasant and successful nature.

LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

THERE was an unusually large muster at the Lodge meeting at the Freemasons' Club, Landport, on Thursday, 17th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Thomas Henry Williams, as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. E. S. Main P.M., whose able discharge of the duty elicited a hearty vote of thanks, while the retiring W.M. received at the hands of the W.M., on behalf of the members, the jewel of a founder and P.M., in recognition of his services in connection with the founding of the Lodge, and in the chair. The banquet, which was well attended, proved an enjoyable affair, and the W.M. was warmly congratulated by several brethren upon the auspicious commencement of his year of office. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Alderman Cudlipp, in feeling and appropriate terms, proposed the health of the W.M., which was received with great enthusiasm. The reply of Bro. Williams, dictated by a modesty and good taste which won all hearts, was cheered to the echo, and the brethren of the Lodge must have been confirmed in the wisdom of their choice. Bro. J. Ridd Hayman, the W.M. of the senior Lodge, the Phoenix, No. 257, proposed, in felicitous terms, the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, made an effective reply, in which the claims of the Institution which he represented were skilfully placed before the brethren. The speaker expressed his satisfaction at finding that the Landport Lodge intended to aid the Institution, and appealed to the brethren to support Bro. E. S. Main, who had accepted the office of Steward for the next Festival. Bro. Terry suggested that the province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, with 38 Lodges and 2,000 members, might do a great deal more than it did for the Institutions, especially having regard to the benefits dispensed in that province. The toasts were interspersed with harmony, to which several brethren contributed. The Officers of the Lodge appointed for the ensuing year were—Bros. C. G. Adames I.P.M., G. T. Cunningham S.W., J. F. Baicalupo J.W., J. G. Niven Treasurer, George Burbidge Secretary, J. M. Foster Asst. Secretary, G. Drake S.D., A. Russell J.D., A. H. Hancock I.G., W. Miles Organist, P. Murch D.C., C. F. Brown and T. H. Casey Stewards.

Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. A very large number of brethren assembled at this Lodge on Thursday, 24th ult., on which occasion Bro. Terry P.G.S.W. Herts, &c., rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation. Bro. Gay had placed the banquetting hall at the disposal of the Lodge, to add due effect to Bro. Terry's working, which it is almost superfluous to say was most impressive and beautiful, the old hall appearing to add dignity to the ceremony, if that were possible. Bro. Hunter P.M. was installed in the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. The W.M. having appointed his Officers, resumed the Lodge in the first degree, when it was proposed by Bro. Cumming Preceptor, seconded by Bro. F. S. Rothschild, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and carried unanimously, that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Terry for his kindness in rehearsing the ceremonies. Bro. Terry, in responding, spoke of the Mother Lodge being one of his foundlings, it being one of 119 Lodges he had been deputed by H.R.H. the Grand Master and the two Past Grand Masters to consecrate. It was always a pleasure to him to come to St. John's Gate. In these Lodge rooms he was made a Mason something like 20 years ago; the place therefore always had a charm for him. It was then proposed by Bro. J. Maples P.M. and seconded by Bro. F. S. Rothschild W.M., and carried unanimously, that the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bros. Henry Tinney and Charles Tinney for their kindness in assisting in the musical department, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Bros. Tuck, Trueman, and Charles E. Tinney were unanimously elected members, and this ending the business of the evening, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

ROYAL ARCH.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A CONVOCAION of this Chapter was held on the 28th ult., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Companions L. Lazarus M.E.Z., Gulliford H., H. P. Isaac J., A. Henochsberg as P.S., M. J. Emanuel S.E.; P.Z.'s L. M. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, H. M. Levy, M. J. Emanuel, Littaur, P. Dickinson. Visitors—Companions G. Smith 189, J. L. Mather P.Z. 174, Eastwood 1237, A. Abrahams (late 188), Eckstein 1196. After the Chapter had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. G. Smith, of Lodge 1706, I.G. 1539; it being unanimously in his favour, he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z. Companion W. H. Gulliford was installed M.E.Z., H. P. Isaac H., I. P. Cohen J., the ceremonies being performed by Companion W. Littaur P.Z., whose working it was a pleasure to listen to. Companion J. Lazarus P.Z. was invested Treasurer, M. J. Emanuel P.Z. Scribe E., J. Davis S.N., A. Henochsberg P.S., G. T. Mann First Assistant, Brooke Second Assistant, Goddard Janitor. The resignation of two Companions was announced, and accepted with regret. The Chapter was then closed till January. The Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings. The M.E.Z., whose ability as President was fully appreciated, proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Companion L. Lazarus I.P.Z. rose to propose the health of the M.E.Z. Whatever duty Companion Gulliford undertook he carried out heartily; he had creditably passed the chair of one of the most influential Lodges, and his duties in the Chapter he had fulfilled to the entire satisfaction of the Companions. The M.E.Z., in replying, said he felt great diffidence in responding to the toast; he had tried to do his duty in the Arch, as in the Craft, and to-night he might say he felt rewarded. He begged to return them his sincere and heartfelt thanks. The M.E.Z. on again rising said, it was a pleasing thing for him to remark that change is necessary in every society; the infusion of new blood was most desirable. In welcoming one who had done good service in the Craft, he was assured their new Companion Smith would strive for the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry. Companion G. Smith, the new exalte, very appropriately responded. Next came the toast of the M.E. Comp. L. Lazarus, who had faithfully performed every duty the Chapter required of him. They had had many good working M.E.Z.'s, but none had done their duties better, both in Chapter and at the banquet table, than that worthy Companion. The P.Z.'s jewel of the Chapter was then formally presented to Comp. Lazarus the Immediate Past Zerubbabel, who in eloquent terms responded to the toast. He had to thank them for their kind expressions. His aim had been for the welfare of the Chapter, and all he could do in the future for its benefit he would strive to accomplish. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and said it must be a source of great pleasure for Comp. G. Smith, 189, to see his father exalted into R.A. Masonry. There were also present Comps. J. L. Mather, Earlswood and Eckstein. The toast of the P.Z.'s followed; the M.E.Z. had to thank them generally for their services, but to Companion W. Littaur his thanks were especially due for the manner he had installed him and the other Principals. Those who had heard him, fully appreciated him; and those who had not, he advised diligently to work so as to be qualified for a future occasion. Comp. Littaur eloquently responded, and then the toasts of the H., the J., and Junior Officers were given. The Janitor in due course was summoned, and the proceedings were closed. Comps. Eckstein, Davis, and Henochsberg contributed to the harmony.

UNITED STRENGTH CHAPTER, No. 228.

THE installation meeting took place on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Present:—Comps. J. Hillhouse M.E.Z., James Terry P.Z. acting as H. (in the absence of Comp. J. While M.E.Z. elect, through illness), R. H. Halford J. (H. elect), C. K. Killick S.E. (J. elect), E. Davies S.N., Pearcey P.S., Timothy First Assistant, Dr. W. J. Hunter Second Assistant, Thomas Janitor; R. Griggs P.Z., Newton P.Z.; also Comps. G. H. Edis, Gibbs, T. Goode, J. Woodman, P. Woodman, Harley, Payne, A. Ross, Randall, Making, Lewis, Flaws. Chapter was duly opened, and the minutes of last Convocation were confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. S. W. Gyer, of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, which proved unanimous, and that brother was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in a very excellent manner. The installation of the Principals was then proceeded with, Comp. J. Hillhouse being installed as M.E.Z. pro tem, R. H. Halford H., G. J. Killick J., E. Davies S.E., R. Pearcey S.N., A. J. Timothy P.S., who appointed Comps. Dr. W. J. Hunter First, and A. W. Fenner Second Assistants. Comps. Stock and Simmonds were appointed Stewards, and Comp. Thomas Janitor. The business being ended, Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet. Grace having been said, the usual R.A. toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The health of the Exalte was proposed by the M.E.Z., in a short speech, which was responded to Bro. Gyer, who thanked the Companions for having received him into their Chapter; he hoped that his conduct would be such as would be a credit to them. He trusted in due time he might make such progress as would enable him to attain the proud position of M.E.Z. Companion Terry next proposed the health of the M.E.Z., and expressed his regret that the M.E.Z. elect was ill, but trusted at the next convocation he should have the pleasure of seeing Comp. While occupying the position of Z.; he also complimented Comp. Hillhouse on the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of Z. He had great pleasure in presenting him with a P.Z.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Companions for his great services and his desire for the well-being of the Chapter, and also an expression of the kindly feeling of the

Comps. towards him. In response, Comp. Hillhouse said he hoped he deserved the flattering terms in which his health had been proposed, but he felt he had not succeeded so much as he could wish, but he thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. He also regretted that Comp. While, their M.E.Z. elect, was not present to respond to the toast of the Z. The Visitors' toast was responded to by Comps. P.Z. Hirst, of the West Yorks, and Sturtevant. The P.Z.'s and Officers' toasts were proposed and responded to. The Visitors were Comps. Hirst of Confidence Chapter (West Yorks) No. 337, and Sturtevant, of the Yarborough (Stepney), No. 556. Comps. Sturtevant, Davies, Ross, Gibbs, and Fenner contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by several capital songs, and the Comps. separated at an early hour, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND,

THE annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland was held in the St. George's Hall, Hinckley, under the banner of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, on Thursday, the 8th inst., when Wor. Bro. George Toller jun. D.Prov.G.M. P.G.S.B. England, presided. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in duo form, a letter was read from the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Earl Ferrers, expressing his regret at being unable to attend the meeting, as also was one from Bro. Major-General Burnaby Junior Warden, and other brethren. The roll of Lodges of the Province was called over, and it was found that each was represented. The minutes were confirmed, and the reports of the Committees of General Purposes and of Charity were read and adopted. The former directed the attention of the Lodge to the question of Provincial dues, on which point, after some discussion, a proposition was passed; and also referred to the want of accommodation in the Leicester Masonic Hall, the discussion of which subject it was decided to postpone for the present. The Treasurer's accounts and Registrar's report were both adopted, and then Brother Robert Waite was re-elected to the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, the other Officers being appointed as follow:—

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| Horace Clough-Taylor Stwd. 1560 | " |
| T. Dunn Tyler 523 | Tyler |
| J. Tanser Tyler 279 | " |

Various representations of P. Grand Lodge having been approved, several items of business were brought forward. Among those was that of the "Hervey Memorial Fund," to which the sum of ten guineas was voted. Lodge was then closed. Previous to this meeting the annual gathering of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, was held, at which Bro. Robert Bradshaw Smith was installed. A more detailed account will appear in our next.

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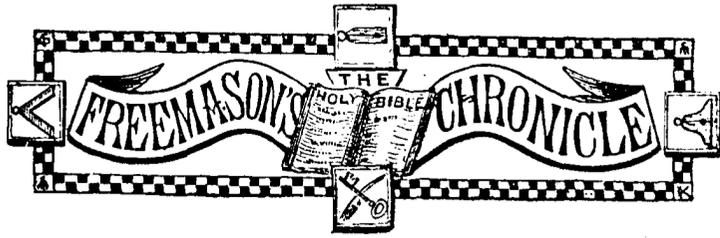
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MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales held its half-yearly communication at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday last, the 6th inst., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker the M.W. Grand Master, when, the business being of great importance, an extremely large number of brethren belonging to the Mark degree, as well from the provinces as the metropolis, attended. The Installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., as M.W. Past Grand Master, was also appointed for this occasion, and doubtless caused an increased gathering. The last communication of the Grand Lodge celebrated the "Silver Wedding" of the Order under its present constitution, and the meeting of the 6th formed a fitting pendant to the former most interesting event. All former arrangements for the reception and accommodation of the Grand Mark Lodge at its half-yearly communications are now of no avail, and so rapidly is the Order increasing that the resources of the Large Hall at Freemasons' Tavern, (formerly the place of assembly of the Craft Grand Lodge), and its spacious ante-rooms are now called into requisition. On this occasion the appearance of the Hall, when the brethren had assembled, and awaited the entrance of H.R.H. the newly elected P.G.M., was extremely pleasing to the eye, and from the diversity of colour in the badges, collars, and jewels worn by members of various rank and distinction in this Order the general effect surpassed even that of a similar gathering in the Craft.

At the appointed hour the procession of Grand Lodge entered the Hall, and the M.W. G.M.M. Bro. Lord Henniker at once proceeded to open the Grand Lodge. There were present the following Officers (past and present) in support of the Grand Master, viz.—

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany; R.W. Bros. Hon. W. H. Giddy Prov. Grand Master South Africa as D.G.M.M.M., Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey, Montague Guest, M.P., Provincial Grand M.M.M. Dorset, R. C. Else, J.P., Provincial Grand M.M.M. Somerset, W. A. F. Powell Provincial Grand M.M.M. Bristol, Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Provincial Grand M.M.M. Cheshire, John Bevan Provincial Grand M.M.M. Westland, New Zealand, Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Grand Senior Warden; C. F. Matier P.G.W. as Grand Senior Warden; General J. Stadholme Brownrigg, C.B., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Capt. N. G. Phillips Past Grand Wardens. V.W. Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre Grand Master Overseer, E. C. Mather Grand Senior Overseer, H. R. Cooper Smith Grand Junior Overseer; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., T. B. Whythead, Richard Eye, Magnus Ohren, William Roebuck, Past Grand Master Overseers; J. F. Tweedale, R. D. M. Lawson, Thomas Cubitt, Reginald J. Mure, Past Grand Senior Overseers; Alexander Spears Past Grand Junior Overseer, Lieut.-Col. J. Crosland Hay Past Grand Overseer, Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Rev. H. G. Morse Grand Chaplains; Augustus A. Bagshawe, W. Mortimer Heath, Ambrose W. Hall, T. F. T. Ravenshaw, W. Staunton Moses, C. W. Spencer Stanhope, C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplains; Frederic Davison G. Treasurer, H. C. Levander, M.A., G. Registrar, Edward Baxter Past Grand Registrar, Frederick Binckes (P.G.W.) Grand Secretary, Donald M. Dewar (P.G.M.O.) Grand Assistant Secretary. W. Bros. Hickman Deputy Provincial Grand Master Mark Masons Hants and Isle of Wight, T. Y. Strachan Deputy Provincial Grand Master Mark Masons Northumberland and Durham, C. Stephens Deputy Provincial Grand Master Mark Masons Berks and Oxon, Major Frederic R. Sewell Deputy Provincial Grand Master Mark Masons Cumberland and Westmoreland; T. Jell Pulley, A. Thrale Perkins, Grand Senior Deacons; S. S. Partridge Grand Junior Deacon; S. Mattison, Alfred Williams, J. Lewis Thomas, T. W. Ramsay, M.A., Captain Thomas Hargreaves, George J. McKay, Past Grand Deacons; Henry Lovegrove Grand Superintendent of Works; Colonel William Wigginton Past Grand Superintendent of Works; Robert Berridge Grand Director of Ceremonies; S. Rosenthal Past Grand Director of Ceremonies; T. C. Walls Grand Sword Bearer; T. W. Coffin Past Grand Sword Bearer; James Stevens (P.G.J.O.) as Grand Standard Bearer; Wilhelm Ganz Grand Organist; E. M. Lott Past Grand Organist; J. H. Spencer Past Grand Inner Guard; George Clarke jun., W. J. Meek, H. J. Lardner, C. L. Mason (Dep. Prov. G. M.M.M. West Yorkshire), Edwin Gilbert, Grand Stewards; William Watkins, W. Trunhall Clarke, George Yaxley, James Smyth, T. J. Armstrong, John Barker, Edward Margrett, P. de B. Collin, J. C. Mason, R. L. Loveland, O. H. Pearson, H. Massey, T. W. Murley, F. W. Koch, A. Haynes, T. W. Adams, Charles Pulman, A. Greatrex, M.D., Past Grand Stewards; C. T. Spight Grand Tyler.

W. Brothers W. J. Hickman P.G.S.B. Hants and I. of W., John W. Gibson P.G.S.W. Middx. and Surrey, Charles Harding P.G.J.W. Middx. and Surrey, H. H. Riach P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey, H. H. Hodges P.G.M. Overseer Berks and Oxon, N. T. Hewens P.P.G.S.O. Leicestershire, Henry George P.G.J.O. Lincolnshire, G. Westall P.P.G.J.O. Berks and Oxon, Rev. W. Valentine P.G. Chaplain N. and E. Yorks, Rev. F. H. Richardson P.P.G. Chaplain Leicestershire, William Lake Past Provincial Grand Registrar Cornwall, W. T. Lamouby P.G. Secretary Cumberland and Westmoreland, W. Glasspool P.G.A. Secretary Berks and Oxon, G. Kennedy

P.G.A. Secretary Kent, G. Ker P.G.S.D. Kent, Henry Hone P.G.D. of C. Hants and I. of W., George Lilley P.P.G.D. of C. Middx. and Surrey, Henry Baldwin P.P.G.D. of C. Middx. and Surrey, C. W. Duke G.P.D. of C. Sussex, George Ellard P.G.S.B. Northumberland and Durham, Robert Osborne P.G. Organist Hants and I. of W., H. Brett P.P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon, H. W. Homaun P.P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon, Thomas Brooke P.G.S. Monmouth, J. K. Pitt P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey, and the W. Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and members of numerous private Lodges.

Grand Mark Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the Grand Lodge held on the 31st May, in London, and the Moveable Grand Lodge held at Sheffield on the 22nd September last, were read and confirmed. The Grand Master then informed the brethren that the newly elected Past Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Albany was in attendance for the purpose of Installation, and deputed a number of distinguished Officers to attend on His Royal Highness, and escort him into Grand Lodge. On their return, accompanied by their illustrious charge, the Duke was received most enthusiastically, and being placed before the Grand Master was addressed by him in most cordial terms of welcome as another of the scions of the Royal House of England who so well supported the Masonic Order. The Grand Master, also in well chosen language, congratulated the Duke of Albany on his approaching marriage, which, he trusted, as he knew all his brother Masons trusted, would prove felicitous to both his exalted bride and to himself. The Grand Master's address was frequently interrupted by loud tokens of assent, and at its conclusion hearty cheers testified to the sympathy of Grand Lodge with its sentiments. The obligation of a Grand Master was then taken in the usual manner by His Royal Highness, who was then invested with the regalia and jewel of highest rank, and inducted into the chair on the left of the Grand Master, amidst general acclamation, and receiving a Masonic salute. After a while the newly installed Past Grand Master briefly, but very heartily, thanked Grand Mark Lodge for his reception, and particularly for the hearty good wishes expressed by the Grand Master in view of a forthcoming event in which he was so deeply interested. The Grand Master then proposed that a vote of condolence, in terms which he would arrange at an early date, should be forwarded to Mrs. Garfield, the widow of the late Bro. Garfield, President of the United States, and this was resolved by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany P.G.M., and unanimously resolved.

The Report of the General Board stated, *inter alia*, that the number of Certificates issued in the six months to 30th September 1881 was 650, the total of Registered Advancements being 15,398.

During the same period 13 Warrants for New Lodges were granted, viz.—

No. 279	Pinnacle	...	...	...	Simla.
" 280	Newton	...	...	...	Newton, Auckland, N.Z.
" 281	Beverlac	...	...	...	Beverley.
" 282	Derwent	...	...	...	Workington.
" 283	William Pearl	...	...	...	Mysore, Madras.
" 284	High Cross	...	...	...	Tottenham.
" 285	Kirby	...	...	...	Saidpur, Bengal.
" 286	Cheena	...	...	...	Nynee Tal, Bengal.
" 287	Carlo Eduardo Coffey	...	...	...	Syracuse, Sicily.
" 288	Port Natal	...	...	...	Darban, Natal.
" 289	Dalhousie	...	...	...	Kyneton, Australia.
" 290	Tudor Lodge of Volunteers	...	...	...	Wolverhampton.
" 291	Drifelt	...	...	...	Driffield.

And 92 Certificates in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, with three Warrants for New Ark Lodges.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the same period, after including items of abnormal expenditure in connection with the Grand Mark Masonic Hall, and the Festival in May last, showed—Investments to credit of General Fund £1,700, Benevolent Fund £1,500, and Educational Fund £700; with Banker's balances—General £115 Benevolent £366, and Educational £115.

The Report was received, and grants from the Benevolent Fund having been voted in accordance with the recommendations thereof, was adopted. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker was nominated as Grand Master for the ensuing year. The Charity Jewel of the Order was then presented to the respective brethren who had officiated as Stewards at the last Benevolent Fund Festival. In the course of the evening's proceedings, eulogistic remarks were made in reference to the enthusiastic reception given to Grand Lodge on the occasion of its meeting in Sheffield, remarks which were cordially received and applauded. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and shortly after, the brethren again assembled in the Crown Room to banquet, the M.W. G.M.M. presiding. After the cloth had been cleared, and the usual Loyal toasts had been honoured, Bro. W. A. F. Powell Prov. G.M. Bristol proposed the health of the M.W. G.M.M.M. Lord Henniker, and in the course of his remarks, made allusion to the extremely admirable and forcible address which had been delivered to their newly-installed and illustrious Past Grand Master, and particularly emphasised the good wishes for future happiness and prosperity, which had elicited so much sympathy and applause in Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, having suitably acknowledged the compliment, proposed the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters. His lordship said he considered the Order had every reason to be highly gratified by the acceptance of the rank of Past Grand Master by His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany. He was assured from the remarks which had fallen from His Royal Highness, who had unfortunately been compelled to leave at an early period of the evening, that he was himself well pleased with the position he had assumed, and was greatly impressed with the manner in which he had been received and installed. It was unfortunate that the illness of Bro. Portal and the engagements of the other Past G.M.'s prevented him from associating any one of them with the toast. Nevertheless, he was assured those present would receive it with all honours as cordially as if they had been able to attend. Bro. Rev. F. H. Richardson P. Prov. Grand Chaplain Leicestershire, proposed the health of Lord Kintore D.G.M.M.M. and the Grand Officers,

remarking that it was imperative on him to notice one feature in connection with the Mark degree, namely, that promotion to Grand Office was subject to no adventitious aid, but depended solely on a brother's merits. He further expressed the hope that the accession to the rank of P.G.M.M.M. of Prince Leopold would prove an incentive to the younger members of the Order to endeavour to still further enhance its reputation. Baron de Ferrières, M.P., P.G.M.O. responded briefly but appropriately. The toast of "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund" was proposed by Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W., who congratulated the brethren on the events of the evening, and particularly on the success which had attended the working of the Fund, so that the Auditors had been in a position to verify the large balances in its favour. With the toast was connected the name of Bro. Binckes, to whom Bro. Matier paid a high tribute of praise for his exertions on behalf of the Fund, and who acknowledged it at some length. The nature of our worthy Brother's remarks may almost be anticipated, but one of them deserves reproduction in its entirety. Said Bro. Binckes—"At the installation, in 1875, of the Prince of Wales as (Craft) Grand Master, His Royal Highness observed that the watchwords of the Order were Loyalty and Charity. He (Bro. Binckes) need say nothing as to the former, but he felt it incumbent on him to note that the Prince of Wales had himself set in respect of the latter a glorious example, which his brothers the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold had followed with the utmost readiness." Bro. F. Davison Grand Treasurer having proposed the health of the Visitors, Bro. John Bevan Prov. Grand Master Mark Mason for Westland, New Zealand, responded, thanking them for their cordial reception of him and his brother visitors, and expressing a hope that the great accession of strength they had received that evening would still further advance the interests of the Degree. The proceedings were enlivened throughout by the musical contributions of Bro. W. Ganz Past Grand Organist, who presided at the pianoforte, and Bros. Eve, Walls, and others.

THE TREFFRY MEMORIAL.

UNVEILING CEREMONY AT FOWEY.

THE memorial windows which have recently been added to the Church of St. Fimbar, Fowey, in memory of the Rev. Dr. Treffry, were unveiled on Wednesday, 30th ult., when a sermon was preached by the Rev. W. E. Barter, B.A., of Redruth. There are nine windows, one of which was contributed by the Masonic brethren. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Fouracre and Son, Stonehouse. Prior to the ceremonial, Dr. Davis, Bro. Emra Holmes, and others met at luncheon, and, in drinking "to the pious and revered memory of the late Dr. Treffry," Dr. Davis, the Chairman of the Memorial Committee, remarked that Dr. Treffry had frequently expressed a wish that those windows should be filled in, and, therefore, when the movement took some tangible form, it was decided by Bro. Emra Holmes, and himself, that the two-story windows should be those filled in to his memory. As Treasurer to the Fund, he was able to tell those present that there was somewhere about £148 or £150 in hand. The windows would cost about £140, but some little sum would be required to defray the cost of the lattice work, which would be put before the windows as protectors. The church, it may be stated, possesses many good features of window decoration, in addition to the memorial windows just introduced. For example, in the east window the arms of the Mother Church of Fowey—Tywardreath, whose patron saint is St. Andrew—are represented. These are the saltire, or cross of St. Andrew, and the *fleur-de-lis*. This window was placed in the church by the late Mr. Gibbs, of London, and represents the arms of the Cardinbams, who are supposed to have been the founders of the church in the tenth century; a ship at sea, the arms of the borough, and the arms of Warwick, the king maker, who was Lord High Admiral of England in the reign of Edward IV., and assisted the people to re-build their church in 1457, after the town had been burnt by the French. The window is of five lights, and symbolically represents the burial, baptism, resurrection, ascension, the prayer in Gethsemane, and the Lord's supper. The western window of this ancient church is by Heaton and Butler, London, and is supposed to be a very fine specimen of staining in glass. It is in memory of the late Mr. William Rashleigh, and the Hon. Mrs. Rashleigh, his wife. If any further reference was required in respect to the Treffry windows, it might be stated that Saint Patrick and Saint David are said by the oldest historians to have visited Cornwall about the fifth century in order to convert the heathen. They were followed by a large number of Irish and Welsh saints, depicted in the windows, really the representatives of the ancient British Church, which is said to have been in existence in England centuries before the time of Augustine. The windows are intended to show in that way the continuity of our Church from the earliest times. Prior to the commencement of the ceremonial, the following Freemasons, attired in full Masonic Craft clothing, by special dispensation from the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, proceeded to the church:—Bros. Dr. A. A. Davies W.M. 977, Fowey; Emra Holmes P.P.G.R. and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, G. Varcoe, H. W. Durrant, A. K. Stevens, A. S. Clunes, B. Parsons, F. B. Williams P.P.G.S.B., W. Tonkin P.P.G.S.B., A. P. Davis, R. Roach, T. Richards, W. Sweet, J. George, R. Toms, W. Phillips, J. Wellington, T. W. Beale P.P.G.T., J. H. Knight (St. Martins 510), and Tregaskis (St. Andrews). There was a large congregation. During the singing of the opening hymn, Dr. Davis, chairman of the Committee, and Mr. Emra Holmes, the Hon. Sec., proceeded to unveil the windows on one side of the Church—the windows on the other being uncovered simultaneously. The service was then proceeded with, the first lesson being read by the Rev. H. D. Nicholson, of Devonport, and the second by the Rev. A. Lawrence, St. Ewe. A hymn, commencing as follows, was afterwards sung:—

"Hark! 'tis the watchman's cry;
Wake, brethren, wake!

Jesus, our Lord, is nigh;
Wake, brethren, wake!
Sleep is for sons of night;
Ye are children of the light;
Yours is the glory bright—
Wake, brethren, wake!"

The Rev. W. E. Barter preached from St. John i. 40 and 41. "One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." He said it would be out of place for him, a stranger amongst them, to praise to their face one they knew so well as the Rev. Dr. Treffry. Their mutual action in the matter of those beautiful windows was a testimony to the respect with which they honoured the memory of him to whom they were inscribed. It was for those who knew him best, and who were best able to judge of what he was, to remind one another of the genial character which their late friend represented. Without any farther reference to his name, he would ask them to consider the subject suggested by the text. But let him say one more word before doing so. He heard there was a small sum of money required to complete the work—£20—and as that was an object of parochial interest he would ask them to contribute to this amount. After comparing the religious ardour of former ages of the Church, to whose pious memory those windows to some extent indicated, he asked where such enthusiasm was to be found now. He was afraid that many who called themselves Christians failed to realise their responsibility in this respect. How else could they account for the ignorance and unbelief for ever around them. In olden times thousands were brought in one day to Christ, but now they could be counted by units—very rarely in tens. Those were the days when they took their brothers by the hand and brought them to Jesus. Those were the days when men did not look for glory alone to spread the truth. They went forth in an army full of enthusiasm, and their teachings spread like the fire on a mountain. It was time the Church and her members laid aside their carelessness, and realised that they were their brother's keeper. It was time they went forth, each one as a brother of righteousness, not by word only but by deed. It was time they had "found the Messiah." It was time they went into the highways and hedges to try to compel men to come to Christ. Men of Fowey! When all England was stirred by the news of the approach of the Spanish Armada—in those days their ancestors stood like men, and said, "England needs us, and we go, be it slavery, be it death, that is before us." In those days, as they knew, because history told them so, beacons were set on every hill to pass the word of warning from the Land's End to other parts of the country—to pass the word on, by fire on the mountain tops—until the news spread from tower to tower, from hamlet to hamlet, and from town to town, and all England knew. And so in the fire of centuries the word had been passed. Should they, the heirs of those ages, refuse to pass it from their hearts to others—the words which had been passed from countless millions to themselves? Were they to neglect to pass on that flame which had passed from age to age until the end of ages should have come? God forbid. Should their cry not also be, "We have found the Messiah?"—A collection was made at the close. It may be added that Dr. Davis was Chairman, and Bro. Emra Holmes the Secretary, of the Memorial Committee.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

THE history of the Royal Arch has been given so often, and so much has been written about it, from Dr. Oliver's time downward, that I consider it best to give an article by travelling on a road, which possibly has not been heretofore much trodden, and therefrom, to furnish some few illustrations, which by the time I finish may be found both instructive and interesting. I have prepared this article stripped of words of silver and unbedizened with gold, and brought it I trust, within the understanding of all.

I have selected the Egyptian theory for my main supply of thought, believing that to it are we mainly indebted for some of our most prominent symbols in the Holy Royal Arch.

It may, in the prelude, not be inapposite to premise that among the ancient priests, the Brahmins, Egyptians, Druids, and the innumerable others we read of, an exoteric form of religion and interpretation prevailed. The one constituted the religious belief of the vulgar classes or masses, and the other the secret teachings of a philosophical association, who entertained the higher faith to which none but candidates fully prepared in mind and body were admitted.

What we now designate and call the Mysteries was but another name for religion, and an allegorical exposition of what they consisted, and we can readily trace the intimate connection thereof, as forming a parallel with the rites of Masonry. Among all the ancient nations which have been distinguished, and of whom we have a knowledge, thanks to the researches of the Egyptologists from Herodotus to Champollion and Belzoni down to the present day, of Wilkinson and other co-explorers and writers, there is no country worthier of investigation by the Masonic student than Egypt. If not the birthplace, it was at least the early protector and patron of the sciences, and cherished every species of knowledge which had been—was known, or was cultivated in times anterior to and with its rise and progress. To it the Grecians, colonized from Egypt, turned for the foundation of their information, arts, sciences, education, mysteries and theology: and after all the revolutions and progress made during the existence of Greece as a powerful and conquering nation, advanced as it was, we may still trace the stream of our knowledge and advancement to the banks of the Nile. Whatever the Masonic student may think of the Egyptian Mysteries, and how through them

the principles of morality were inculcated and enforced by the most terrific scenical representations of the torments of the wicked on one hand, and of the most pleasing spectacles of the happiness to be found in the future life on the other; he cannot by any process disguise the fact, or ignore it; that we as Masons to some extent copy them in the Masonry we practise in the symbolic degrees, as well as in the Holy Royal Arch, as we know it under the American system.

Many suppose, nay entertain the belief, that the Ancient Mysteries of Egypt were merely pagan rites, containing nought within them than the profit to the priests, and the enslavement of the minds of those initiated by them. All writers agree on the subject, and to the one fact, viz.: that the Mysteries—the greater one—those of Isis, taught the doctrine of one supreme Being, the ever existing and Eternal I A M, and that polytheism was an error, although the doctrine that the Sun, Moon and Stars were minor divinities under the superintendence of the One Supreme was used.

It is nevertheless most true that the belief in Hero-Gods became ultimately so engrafted on the minds of the people—the ignorant multitude—that had an open promulgation of a doctrine in opposition to that faith been attempted, it probably would have led to violent disturbances in the state, produced anarchy and great evil, and possibly brought about revolution. The consequence, therefore, became inevitable, viz.: to confide only to a few of the most intelligent, the higher mysteries I have referred to, after they had been fully tried and proved under severe probation, and found worthy by their initiation in the lesser.

Symbols and allegories were the chief devices resorted to in order that not only the initiates but also the multitude might be instructed thereby, and while the true intent and meaning were easily understood by those from whose eyes the veil had been removed, the masses comprehended them not, but *believed all* in which they were instructed.

To this day the same line of procedure prevails, and we have not far to go to perceive the realization and fruits thereof; I refer to the Catholic and Greek churches. All eastern nations, in fact, followed the self-same method of showing one thing to imitate others, and they styled it allegory. Some writers believe that when Abram went down into Egypt no idols were there. In the book of Exodus, as written by Moses, we find that Pharaoh used the name of the one God as if the sum of all the Egyptian religion was the reverence paid this acknowledged divinity. To corroborate the fact that in Moses' time, probably, only the belief in the one God existed in Egypt, all explanations seem to verify the same, and the earliest temples had not upon them the likeness of anything on earth or in heaven. Neither had they figures of gods, goddesses, nor worship of kings. The revelation which God had given to Ham, the alleged founder of Egypt, up to that time was apparently undisturbed.

It was, probably, only when the nation became depraved, and the desire for a visible deity manifested itself, that the idol-worship, or lesser mysteries, was instituted. The creature became more than the Creator, and as these forms of God's energy were innumerable, men gradually and imperceptibly lost the sense of UNITY.

The Sun, the glorious orb of day became to them a servant of GOD (good), and the visible God of the heavens. At high noon he was Ra, at night Atum, or as producer and fructifier of all life, he was Kleper.

And so throughout the whole system of later Egyptian cosmogony, theogony and theology, do we find the systems imbued with the self-same and other multitudinous allegories. There are writers, however who think the contrary, as to the epoch when this dual or triune theory was inaugurated.

Time will not permit me to discuss the question in a short article.

Baron Von Humboldt, in one of his profound works, uses the following language: "Knowledge of the natural characters of different regions of the world is an essential part of the history of the human race and of its culture."

Moses, who as the Bible informs us was "educated in all the learning of the Egyptians," conveys to us the idea that he not only was a priest of Heliopolis, and had been initiated in the then higher mysteries, but that he also was well and thoroughly acquainted with all the routine of civil as well as ecclesiastical Egyptian government.

We see throughout his whole career, from the night when he went forth out of Egypt as the leader of the Hebrews and the mixed multitude which accompanied them, that his thereafter government was a close imitation of the system which he had been educated and reared in.

Had even his followers been all Hebrews, they in the many years which had effluxed from the time Jacob went down to Egypt to reside while Joseph was ruler, had necessarily lost much if not all the traditions and faith of the house of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and had to a great extent, if not fully so, become imbued with those of the land of Goshen. The condition of slavery to which they had been reduced by the rulers who had forgotten Joseph would naturally, in that long period, produce the result.

Moses, as a leader desirous of establishing a new nation who should worship God in His unity, made that form of faith as the primary of his laws, embodying therein the original faith of the Egyptians, as founded by their alleged first priest, Ham, and as followed by Enoch and accepted by Abram.

There is not in the Decalogue one idea but is the counterpart—a paraphrase of the dogmas and ethics among the Egyptians long anterior to the time of Moses and Aaron.

If the language used and set forth be not the same, it is the essence of the laws of the early sages of the East with but slight modifications. The Book of Leviticus is an almost imitation of the laws used by the Egyptian priesthood. The Book of Deuteronomy is supposed to be an almost transcript of the laws of the land from which he, Moses, had departed. The Ark; Vail of the Sanctuary; Cherubim; Slaying of the Ram; New Year at the Autumnal Equinox; the various feasts, except that of the Paschal Lamb, unless Moses indeed ordained it in imitation of its use at Heliopolis, where the sacred lamb was sacrificed as the symbol of Aries (the Ram)—then the sign of the Vernal Equinox—whose flesh was eaten as the Israelites did at their newly instituted Passover as ordained by

Moses, differing only from the Egyptians, who touched his head and feet to theirs and knelt upon the fleece.

Then the burnt offerings; sin offerings; scape-goat; Thummim and Urim; priest's robes; mitre; incense; pouring of wine and oil on the altar; examining the entrails of the victim, giving it the death blow and repeating the prayer, "May any evil hanging over us rest on this head;" the altars of incense and of burnt sacrifices; table of shew bread; were all used in Egypt, centuries anterior to the birth of Moses, or the time when he was initiated into the mysteries, and educated as a priest at Heliopolis. The temple of Neith at Sais was the greatest there, and like the Druid temples in after centuries was open to the sky. It bore the inscription, "I am, that was, and is to be." "No man hath lifted my vail." "The first I brought forth is the Sun."

Such an immense impression was made on the descendants of Jacob while sojourning in Egypt, by the instructions they received and what they daily saw there, that they even carried therefrom some of the songs used for a victorious king, and which was not unlike the "Lift up your heads, O ye Gates! The King of Glory shall come in." "Who is the King of Glory?" demanded the priests; "The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory." "Moses, closely copying from the Egyptians, also ordained that all days of rest should be holydays." The new religion which he taught, copying and imitating that of the priesthood in which he had been educated, set forth to the very fullest extent the theory of exclusiveness, and he appears to have borrowed in all their varied ramifications, the many theories pre-existing anterior to his mission, and to have solidified them into one common rule of government. While he admixed therewith the most valuable of the principles known to him therein, as well as to Jethro, his priest father-in-law, he as a wise and astute leader was no doubt constrained to place around his ecclesiastical laws such a mystification as would for the then time, the forty years in the wilderness, lead his people by gradual degrees to the worship of the one Eternal God, and at the same time restrain them from exercising the dual or triune worship known to them before the exodus.

Yet, we find that said adoration was never entirely eradicated, even at the time of the Essenes, in whose pure theories and practices St. John the Baptist and the Evangelist, the aids and helps of the Saviour, seem to have been educated. Josephus informs us that in constructing the tabernacle in the wilderness, which possibly gave the model for Solomon's Temple, Moses applied his knowledge of symbolism to its various parts. Following and closely imitating the Triune theory of Egypt, he divided the tabernacle into three parts, thereby representing the three great divisions of the Universe, land sea, and air. The two exterior parts were accessible both to the priests and the people, and symbolized the land and sea, and were open to all people alike, while the interior or third division was the Holy of Holies, over or across whose threshold no mortal except the High Priest dare pass, as it was especially dedicated to God, and symbolized heaven. This very plan of the said tabernacle was to a really great extent a close imitation or counterpart of an Egyptian temple, more especially the third division, the holy of holies or sanctum sanctorum, into which the High Priest entered only once a year, amidst loud noises and a dense cloud of incense which possibly rendered him invisible to the congregation, and which duty, according to tradition, was to enable him to hold communication with God, and prevent the Omnic Word from being heard. The Egyptian High Priest did the same, under the same rule, and for the same purpose. He, and he alone, was authorized to pass behind the vail. The very vails of the tabernacle as first constructed by Moses, copied by Solomon, and used in Royal Arch Masonry, represented, as I will presently show, the four elements, but Moses transposed, as Josephus informs us, the Egyptian allegory. But it is not to the priesthood forms, rules or system, which have been handed down to us, that the parallel must alone be drawn. We owe to the Egyptians some of our symbols in the Holy Royal Arch, and are indebted to them for all the tools we use, viz., the point within the circle; the triple-tau; the square; the level; the pentalpha or five pointed star; the triangle; the ladder; the trowel; and in fact many others. Neither were the Egyptians deficient in those claims on humanity which we as Masons teach, even if the language be not precisely the same.

(To be continued.)

THE THEATRES, &c.

- DRURY LANE.—On Boxing Day, ROBINSON CRUSOE.
- COVENT GARDEN.—On Boxing Day, LITTLE BO PEEP, LITTLE BOY BLUE, AND THE LITTLE OLD WOMAN THAT LIVED IN A SHOE.
- STANDARD.—At 7.30, BETSY.
- 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, CUT OFF WITH A SHILLING. At 8.40, IMPRODENCE, &c.
- 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, MARRIAGE BELLS. At 8.15, THE HALF-WAY HOUSE, &c.
- HAYMARKET.—At 7.45, PLOT AND PASSION. At 10, A LESSON.
- PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.
- NEW SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7.45, PEEP O' DAY BOYS.
- COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8.15, THE MASCOTTE.
- SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLE, and PATIENCE.
- ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, THE CAPE MAIL. At 8.15, HOME.
- OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.15, QUID PRO QUO. At 8.30, PRINCESS TOTO.
- CRITERION.—At 8, WITHERED LEAVES. At 8.45, BRIGHTON.

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, 10th DECEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1416—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

MONDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
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
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1325—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1480—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—Killmorr, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kings'and, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.30. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dowsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
940—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Meddleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
24—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Rridge, Boston.

- 281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baillon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Annual Supper)
892—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, 148 Bow-road, Bromley
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
R.C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salom-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1960—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Levises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandiloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandiloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gilion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
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.)
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, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1159—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1247—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, 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
 345—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)
 1290—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
 R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley
 K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

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

6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (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)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Bolgrave, 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.)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 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, Granger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
 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

SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zealand, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on the 5th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. R. Baker W.M., L. M. Myers S.W., J. Benjamin J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, G. Dodson P.M. D.C., J. Davis Asst. D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Organist, Botibol and Wall Stewards; P.M.'s L. Alexander, O. Roberts, L. Lazarus, M. Alexander, A. G. Dodson, H. M. Levy, M. Hyams, S. Hickman. Visitors—W. Lister P.M. 145, J. Hughes S.W. 1816, G. B. Fletcher 180, R. Garrett 272, D. D. Henderson 1366, H. A. Stunt I.G. 1641, W. S. Lyon 185, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, M. J. Emanuel P.M. 205, J. M. Myers 205, Lewis, H. P. Isaac 1693, and W. G. Jennings. After preliminaries, Bro. Coombe was raised to the third degree, the ceremony being performed perfectly and impressively. Bro. L. M. Myers S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing year, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, and Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Five brethren were elected to serve on Committee of Board of Management, and eight on the Joppa Benevolent Fund. A sum of five guineas was voted towards presenting the retiring W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. This will undoubtedly prove a nucleus for a testimonial worthy of Brother R. Baker's acceptance; it was liberally subscribed to by the brethren. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and one for joining. The resignation of two brethren was accepted with regret, while a distressed brother was relieved with the sum of two guineas. The Lodge was then closed. This being an off-night, the brethren sat down to light refreshments. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. and President returned thanks for the toast of the Benevolent Fund; he stated that Bro. Cox had given the sum of two guineas, while in future the W.M. will be President of that fund. The W.M. said he had risen to give what he might say was the toast of the evening, that was the health of the W.M. elect. The Lodge might congratulate itself on its selection; Bro. Myers will be the right man in the right place. He had worked on every round of the ladder, and had reached the top. He (the W.M.) was sure he would perform the duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. Bro. Myers in reply thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the manner the toast had been received. He hoped on leaving the chair he might hear the same kind expressions; as far as laid in his power he would do all he could to gain the confidence of the Lodge. Bro. H. Hyams I.P.M. had now great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M. However eloquent he might be, he could scarcely find words. They had seen how admirably Bro. Baker had done his duty; he had not been

excelled by any Master, and his gentlemanly bearing in the chair and at the banquet had shown his capability. All could with great sincerity wish him health and long life. The W.M. thanked the members for their enthusiasm. What he lacked in words he felt in heart. On retiring from his proud position it was with feelings of pleasure and regret. Still he had the knowledge that he had a good successor. He always had the welfare of the Lodge at heart, and had never been but once absent from the Lodge. He thanked them all for the support they had given him. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 eloquently responded. For the P.M.'s Bro. L. Alexander responded, and then the Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and Officers were severally complimented. Finally, the Tyler's toast was given. Bros. Benjamin, Lister, Dodson, &c., contributed to the harmony.

Lodge of Harmony, 156.—At the meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, the 5th inst., Bro. W. H. Pike was unanimously elected Worshipful Master, and W. Bro. H. F. Hearle P.M. Treasurer. The day for installation was appointed for the 16th December.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers', on Saturday, the 26th November, present—Bros. Giller W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., Wolf J.W., C. K. Killick jun. acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, F. Brasted S.D., Weeden J.D., Gribbell I.G., also Bros Trewinnard, Houghton, Snare, C. Lorkin, A. Ferrar, D. Moss, Forge, Fysh, J. Robinson, R. W. Galer, Kent, Strond, Davis, &c. The usual formalities were complied with, and then Lodge opened in the second degree. Brother Galer answered the questions in a satisfactory manner, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very careful manner. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Fenner, who rehearsed the ceremony of Installation, Bro. Forge acting as W.M. elect. Bro. R. W. Galer, of the Highgate Lodge, 1366, and John Robinson, of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1525, were elected members.

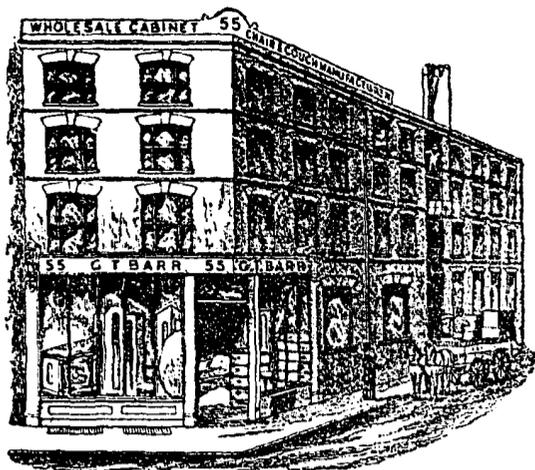
On Saturday, the 3rd instant, present—Bros. G. Ferrar W.M., Wolf S.W., Glass J.W., Percy P.M. Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Brasted S.D., Snare J.D., Houghton I.G., also Bros. Serjeant, A. Mullord, R. Defriez, A. M. Marks, R. M. Jones, D. Moss, A. Hickman, C. Lorkin, H. Hall, Fysh, Gribbell, Richardson, Weeden, Giller, Killick jun., A. Ferrar, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. M. Jones being candidate. Bro. Percy worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge advanced a degree, and Bro. H. Hall answered the usual questions leading to the third degree. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the Traditional History being given, Bro. Hall acting as candidate. Both ceremonies were ably rendered by Bro. Ferrar. Lodge resumed, and Bro. Wolf was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being completed, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Monday, 5th inst., Bros. E. H. Sugg P.M. 452 W.M., T. Brooks S.W., Rowle J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Cotton J.D., Nicholson I.G., Duffin Tyler. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taplin candidate. The questions leading from the 1st to the 2nd degree were answered by Bro. Taplin, who is but an E.A. Bro. Andrews P.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bro. T. Brooks S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 2nd December, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Fred Botley W.M., Goss P.M. S.W., Tucker Treasurer J.W., C. E. Botley Hon. Sec., Bockett S.D., Maton J.D., Sperring I.G. Past Masters Bros. Andrews Preceptor, E. H. Sugg, Cummins, Jefferys, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Cummins as candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, and the ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, with Bro. Bockett as candidate. Bro. Goss was appointed W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge closed.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—On Thursday, 1st inst., at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. W. Seward W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., T. Smith J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary, E. J. Acworth S.D., J. Green J.D., C. O. Walter I.G.; Nicholson, Cotton, C. Andrews P.M., E. C. Porter. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Nicholson candidate. The Lodge was opened up to third degree, and the W.W. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Wells candidate. The Lodge was resumed to first degree; Bros. Nicholson and Cotton, of Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, were elected members. Bro. Bellerby was elected W.M. for the meeting on Thursday, the 15th inst. Lodge was closed in due form.

On the 8th inst. Bros. J. Green W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., C. Andrews P.M. J.W., J. Wells Secretary, W. Seward S.D., Cunningham J.D., J. J. Clarke I.G.; H. Stephens, T. Smith, J. C. Roe P.M. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother Cunningham candidate. The same brother was then entrusted. The Lodge opened in the second degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. After routine work, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, 15th inst.



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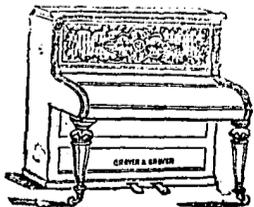
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