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FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

FROM the intelligence received from the medium of the Philadelphia *Keystone* it would seem that the Craft is in a highly flourishing state. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on St. John's Day (27th December), under the presidency of M.W. Bro. Samuel B. Dick G.M., there being a numerous attendance of Grand Officers, and the representatives of the subordinate Lodges. The Almoners of Grand Lodge Charity Fund reported that they had distributed the sum of 3,130 dollars among 271 applicants, and the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund reported they had granted relief to 215 "poor and respectable Brethren," in sums amounting in the aggregate to 3,240 dollars. The death of Past Grand Master A. R. Potter having been reported, and a resolution of condolence unanimously passed, the Grand Master read his customary address, in which he reviewed the principal events of the year then closing, noting as an especial subject of congratulation that the balance to the credit of Grand Lodge amounted to 29,956 dollars 50 cents (not very far short of £6,000). He further stated that the sum subscribed and transmitted towards the relief of the sufferers by the Michigan fire was 4,097 dollars, 7 cents (= about £819 10s). The following are the principal Grand Officers for the current year, namely:—Bros. Samuel B. Dick Most Worshipful Grand Master, Conrad B. Day Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, E. Coppée Mitchell, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, Joseph Eichbaum R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Thomas R. Patton R.W. Grand Treasurer P.G.M., Michael Nisbet R.W. Grand Secretary, George S. Graham Senior Grand Deacon, Oscar R. Meyers Junior Grand Deacon, S. W. Broadbent and Spencer C. Gilbert Grand Stewards, George W. Wood Grand Marshal, Louis M. Chasteau Grand Sword Bearer, Henry H. Haynes Grand Pursuivant, Harrison G. Clark G. Tyler.

The Annual Communication of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Pennsylvania was held the evening of the same day, at the Temple, M.E. Comp. Hibbert P. John Grand High Priest presiding. In his review of the past year Comp. John expressed his satisfaction at the progress made by capitular Masonry, and referred in terms of warm sympathy and sorrow to the death of Past Grand High Priest Potter, as well as to that of their late Comp. Pres. Garfield, to whose virtues and eminent qualities he paid a just eulogium. The following are the principal Officers for the year, namely:—Comps. Hibbert P. John M.E. Grand High Priest, Augustus R. Hall M.E. Grand King, George W. Kendrick jun. M. Excellent Grand Scribe, Thos. R. Patton M.E. Grand Treasurer, Chas. E. Meyer M.E. Grand Secretary, Arthur Thatcher Grand Captain of the Host, John Kellar jun. Grand Principal Sojourner, James S. Barber Grand R.A. Captain, Chas. W. Nolen Grand Master of Third Vail, William A. Sinn Grand Master of Second Vail, Samuel W. Broadbent Grand Master of First Vail, Edward Masson Grand Marshal, Isaac Vandusen Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies, Charles E. Pike Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies, Frank C. Headman Grand Pursuivant, Harrison G. Clark Grand Tyler.

We have briefly alluded to the lamented death of Bro.

ther Alfred R. Potter, P.M.W.G.M. and M.E.G.H. Priest. Bro. Potter, it seems belonged to one of the ablest and best known families in New York and Pennsylvania, among its most prominent members being the present Bishop Horatio Potter of New York, the Hon. Clarkson N. Potter the able lawyer and Member of Congress, and the late Bishop Alonzo Potter of Pennsylvania. Bro. Potter, who, at the time of his decease, was sixty years of age, was made a Mason in Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, in December 1851, and afterwards was elected its W.M. He was also a member and P.H.P. of Jerusalem R.A. Chapter, No. 3; a member of Philadelphia Council, No. 11, R.S.E. and Select Masters, and of St. John's Commandery, No. 4, K.T. After having previously been elected J.G. Warden, S.G. Warden, and D.G. Master, in December 1873 he was elected R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and during his term of office, on 4th July 1874, he laid the corner-stone of the New Public Buildings of the City of Philadelphia. In 1875 Bro. Potter was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and served with distinction in that station.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Joshua Nunn President, James Brett Junior Vice-President as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past G. Chaplain as Junior Vice-President; Brothers J. M. Case P.G.D., G. P. Britten, John Constable, Richard Hervé Giraud P.G.D., J. H. Matthews, W. Mann, Charles Dairy, J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C., Thomas Cull, Charles Atkins, J. D. Collier, F. Binckes P.G.S., John Denton, F. R. Spaul, W. Gibson Bott, N. Gluckstein, Arthur E. Gladwell, Frederic Davison, W. Groves, George Everett, W. Pitt, Henry P. Speedy, E. J. Moore, J. H. Sillitoe, L. F. Littell, W. H. Perryman, John Skirving, Charles Hudson, G. D. Hughes, F. Thurston, Charles McDowall, F. W. Koch, R. Forster, W. H. Dean, George Powell, E. Squirrell, Robert J. Cook, Joseph Thorp, A. Runderes, Charles E. Power, and Griffiths Smith P.G.S., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss A.G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and H. Sadler G. Tyler, also attended. The brethren confirmed grants to the amount of £295, recommended at the December meeting. There were twenty cases on the new list. During a sitting of three hours, the Lodge relieved these cases with a total of £682.

We are pleased to see the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, again to the fore on the subject of Masonic charity. At the last meeting of the Lodge, held on Thursday, the 12th instant, under the presidency of Rev. Darby Reade W.M., the sum of fifty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the amount to be placed on the list of Bro. Smout the I.P.M., who has undertaken the office of Steward for the next Anniversary Festival. We are also informed that he has a large sum promised by individual members of the Lodge and their friends, and that he will be able to render a very good account of his Lodge at the time of the Festival in June next.

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

A MEMORABLE YEAR IN ENGLISH MASONRY.

FROM THE MASONIC MAGAZINE.*

THERE are few institutions, as there are few nations, in whose history there are no bright particular epochs at which there occurred events that have exercised a beneficial and enduring influence over their subsequent fortunes, and certainly our Freemasonry is no exception to the rule. Just as for instance the Englishman looks back with pride to the year 1215, when Magna Charta was signed by John, as marking the inauguration of his boasted liberties; to 1603 as strengthening British interests by the union of the English and Scottish crowns; and to 1757 as the commencement of our supremacy over the vast and densely-populated peninsula of Hindostan; so does the English Freemason call to mind, with the liveliest feelings of satisfaction, the events of the year 1717, when the four old Lodges met together and elected one Anthony Sayer, gentleman, as Grand Master of England; the year 1790, when, for the first time in the annals of our Craft, a Prince, who was heir-apparent to the throne, was chosen to preside over its destinies; or in 1813, when the dissensions which had prevailed in our midst for some three quarters of a century were put an end to, and the Union of the rival Grand Lodges of England was so happily consummated—never, let us hope, again to be disturbed. It is to this last mentioned year, though not alone to the event I have just referred to, to which I am about to draw the attention of my readers.

There is no single year throughout the whole history of Speculative Freemasonry into which are crowded so many events as 1813. Taking these events in the order of their occurrence, I find that on the 27th January, a magnificent fête was held at Freemasons' Hall for the purpose of doing honour to one of the most distinguished men and Masons that ever wore the insignia of our Order. I allude to the Earl of Moira, who had filled the high office of Acting Grand Master during the whole of the Grand Mastership of George Prince of Wales, and who, being on the eve of leaving England, in order to take up the Governor-Generalship of India, was under the necessity of resigning his office. More than thirty years previously his lordship had won distinction as a military commander during the war of American Independence. He had subsequently served in Flanders under H.R.H. the Duke of York, and had likewise rendered important service to his sovereign as an hereditary member of the British Legislature. How admirably he justified his selection for the arduous office of British Viceroy of India is a matter of history that needs no comment here; but it may not be so generally known that Lord Moira, if he did not take the initiative in the fortunately successful attempt to bring about the union of the Regular and Atholl Grand Lodges, was one of its earliest and most ardent promoters. To the Duke of Sussex and Kent belongs the chief honour of having contributed to bring about the Union, but the labours in the same direction of the Earl of Moira place him almost on a level with their Royal Highnesses. Be this as it may, it was his lordship's first care to exert all his influence in removing such prejudices as had previously existed; and he it was who, on the 21st July 1810, presided at the first of the united committees of the two Grand Lodges appointed to consider the terms of reconciliation—the Atholl brethren being his lordship's guests on the occasion. No wonder then that, when he was on the point of leaving for India, the opportunity should be taken by the chiefs of his own Grand Lodge to indicate in some especially pronounced way their sense of his eminent services to the cause of Universal Masonry. Hence this banquet, at which, in the absence of the Grand Master the Prince Regent, his brother and Deputy, the Duke of Sussex, presided. The Earl of Moira had the place of honour to the right of the chair, and among those present were their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York, Clarence, Kent, Cumberland, Gloucester, the Swedish Ambassador, Lord Kinnaird, Sir John Doyle, and all the most distinguished members of the regular Craft. The principal gallery was set apart for ladies, among whom was the Countess of Londoun and Moira, while in the other was posted the Duke of Kent's band. Even in those days, indeed, it would be difficult to picture to the imagination a more brilliant assembly; while as to the arrangements, which gave to the fête a kind of public character during the first part of the proceedings, so as to admit of the presence of the ladies, the latter being wholly Masonic, nothing could have been in better taste. It is hardly necessary to say that everything passed off most successfully, the meeting being roused to a pitch of enthusiasm when the toast of the evening, the health of "The Earl of Moira, the Friend of his Prince, of his Country, and of Man," was proposed by the illustrious chairman, and drunk with three times three, a song by Bro. Rodwell Wright, Provincial Grand Master of the Ionian Islands, specially written for the occasion, accompanying it. When the noble Earl had returned thanks the ladies withdrew, Grand Lodge was opened and tyled, and the Duke of Sussex, after having given the customary toasts, rose and delivered another speech in honour of Lord Moira, at the close of which he presented to his lordship a magnificent jewel, intrinsically of great value; as a work of art exquisitely beautiful; but, as indicating the warm feelings of the whole Craft towards the noble recipient for his Masonic services, beyond all price. When the gift had been acknowledged in most eloquent terms, other toasts followed, Grand Lodge was closed, and one of the most honourable episodes in the history of our Craft was closed likewise.

At a Quarterly Communication on the 7th April, the Earl of Moira sent in his resignation as Acting Grand Master, and a letter was read from H.R.H. the Prince Regent, in which his Royal Highness

resigned the office of Grand Master. The latter resignation was, of course, accepted, but with the acceptance was coupled the unanimously expression of a wish that the Prince would become the Patron of the Order. A suitable address for his great services and the deep interest he had always taken in the Craft was agreed to, while a worthy successor to the Regent as Grand Master was found in the person of his brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, who for some time had held the office as Deputy Grand Master, and who, on this occasion, was unanimously elected to occupy the vacant Masonic throne.

The first act of the illustrious Duke in his new capacity was to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Masonic Girls' School, which was held at the 14th of the same month, or only a few days later, in Freemasons' Hall. His brother, the Duke of Kent, was present, as well as a distinguished muster of guests, among whom were Curran, the famous Irish lawyer, and a Captain Bock, an officer in the Russian army, who had arrived in England shortly before, and whose reception was most enthusiastic—as will be readily understood when I point out that Russia and Great Britain were firmly allied together against Napoleon Bonaparte, and that the former had just succeeded in driving back and almost annihilating the invading hosts that would, had not Providence willed it otherwise, have enslaved the empire of the Czar. The occasion is only memorable for the speech of the Duke of Sussex, in which, in proposing the health of the eminent Curran, he said, "a Master of the Rolls might be found every day, but a Curran could not."

On the 12th May, a Grand Lodge was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. The chair was taken by the Duke of Kent, who, in due course, and according to ancient and solemn form, installed his royal brother the Duke of Sussex, as M.W. Grand Master for the year. Among the brethren appointed Grand Officers were Lord Dundas, Deputy Grand Master; and Bros. W.H. White, Grand Secretary; the Chevalier Ruspini, Grand Sword Bearer; and Samuel Wesley Grand Organist; amongst the Grand Stewards was Bro. Rev. Samuel Hemming, D.D. When this part of the proceedings was over, Grand Lodge took into consideration the services rendered by Bro. W.H. White, who, during the thirty years he had held the office of Grand Secretary, had fulfilled his important duties "with honour and credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren at large," and it was unanimously agreed that a handsome vote of thanks should be recorded to Bro. White, and that a piece of plate of the value of one hundred guineas, and bearing an appropriate inscription, should accompany the vote.

On the 17th of the same month, the Duke of Sussex was re-elected "Grand Master" of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, with Comps. John Dent and John Aldridge as his assistants in place of the Earl of Moira and Comp. W. Rodwell Wright, who had resigned in consequence of having received official appointments in the public service abroad. The business of the Chapter was concluded by "a unanimous vote of thanks to their highly respected Bro. and Comp. W. R. Wright, Esq., accompanied with a request that he would accept a present of plate, of not less than three hundred guineas' value, in token of their regard and esteem, and as a humble tribute of acknowledgment for the very eminent services he had rendered to the Order during the long series he had assisted in presiding over them." The account concludes: "This being the Annual Festival, the remainder of the day was devoted to social intercourse and conviviality;" so it seems that in those days Grand Chapter as well as Grand Lodge had an Annual Festival.

On the 23rd June, at a Grand Lodge held in Freemasons' Hall, under H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, a letter from Col. McMahon was read, announcing in the most flattering terms that H.R.H. the Prince Regent "had been graciously pleased to continue the Society under his protection, and allow himself to be styled 'Grand Patron of the Craft' and a bust of His Royal Highness, of the value of one hundred guineas, was voted to be placed in the Hall over the chair of the Grand Master."

On the 1st December, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent was formally installed Grand Master, at a special Communication of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, in place of the Duke of Atholl, whose resignation as Grand Master had been accepted at another special meeting held on the 8th November. The installation of the Duke of Kent was witnessed by the Duke of Sussex and a number of his Grand Officers, who, in order that they might be present, had been previously made Ancient Masons in a room adjoining.

Of the act of Union between the two Grand Lodges, which, taking place on the 27th December, brought this "memorable year in English Masonry" to a close, I need say little. To the wisdom which planned, and the ability, tact, and judgment which carried the design of the Union to a successful issue on this eventful day, we owe the present prosperity of our United Grand Lodge of England. But the story of this Union has been too well told by Hughan and others to need repetition in this paper. Suffice it to say that the bright star of Masonic prosperity, which was in the ascendant on the 27th January 1813, when honour was done to the Earl of Moira, reached its zenith on the 27th December, when was accomplished that grand Union, to bring about which he had laboured so well and worthily during so many years.

To conclude with a question. Am I not right in describing the year 1813 as a memorable one in English Masonry? In the first of its twelve months was held a Masonic fête, with six Royal Dukes present, in honour of the Earl of Moira, the soldier, the statesman—the friend of his Prince, of his Country, and of Man. In the last was consummated the Union. In the interim were installed two royal brothers as Grand Masters respectively of the rival Grand Lodges. The office of Grand Patron was instituted, and two worthy brethren publicly honoured. I say, then, there are few years like it in our history.

And whence think you, reader, I have derived most of my information as the details, at least, of the above story? From Masonic sources? Well, no; from the pages of an ordinary magazine of the year.

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* The Masonic Magazine: a Monthly Digest of Freemasonry in all its Branches. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey, William Dodd, Henry Lovegrove, A. J. Duff-Filer, A. F. A. Woodford, Frank Richardson, James Terry, F. Binckes, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer, with reference to the proposal at the last Quarterly Court to authorise the House Committee to expend a sum not exceeding £2,000 in building a swimming bath at the School, said it was the opinion of himself, and several other brethren, that £1,500 would be enough, and that that sum would better meet the wishes of the subscribers to the Institution than the £2,000 which was on the minutes. He, therefore, proposed that £1,500 be substituted for £2,000. Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the amendment. Colonel Creaton, though always loth to say anything on these money motions, was convinced that from £1,000 to £1,500 would defray the cost of an excellent bath. There would be a proposal to place the bath on a part of the kitchen garden, but there was a much nicer spot, 80 feet long and 30 feet wide, near the laundry. Bro. Frank Richardson remarked that if the bath were placed in the kitchen garden it would spoil the buildings, and it would be a pity to have to pull it down again. The minutes were then altered by substituting £1,500 for £2,000 for building a swimming bath, and as altered were carried. The number of candidates for the April election was declared to be 28, and the vacancies 21. The proceedings closed with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair, Don. M. Dewar, James Terry, H. Massey, Samuel H. Parkhouse, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. J. Duff-Filer, C. H. Webb, and F. Binckes Secretary. The business was merely formal. Vacancies for the next election, to the number of fifteen, were declared. The number of candidates will be sixty-seven. Bro. Binckes read a letter from Bro. C. Gottschalk, to the effect that Devonshire will present one boy under the John Hayshe presentation.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. There were present Bros. Stephens W.M., S. Bradley P.M., R. C. Mount S.W. and W.M. elect, F. J. Ferguson J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, S. A. Pocock P.M. Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, S. Wheeler S.D., A. W. Parry J.D., C. G. Butler and J. W. Martin Stewards, D. H. Witherington I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Blowers, Hounslow, Morris, Oades, R. Bradley, Yetts, C. Smith, Weightman, Moxhay, Baker, Eggington, Cockburn; also Bros. G. Webb, H. Higgs, Rayner, Sydenham, Sherwood, Donaldson, Moffatt, Hawkes, Armstrong, Cave. Visitors—Bros. Beale P.M. 1101, Shanks W.M. 1887, Durand 84, Rogers Chaplain 357, Archdall 771, Brackspear 1895, Payne 1328, Cottebrune P.G.P., Nicholson 1566, Hilton 1409, Ridley 1101, Lamb 694, Barker 1174, Toomer 351, 153, Moreland P.P.G.R. Berks and Bucks, J. T. Browne P.M. 1101, F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., Todd 27, Maidwell P.M. 27, Farr 1566, Faulkner 592, R. Dowsett S.W. 1101, W. Ferguson I.P.M. 1101, E. J. Blackwell W.M. 1101, Ivey P.M. Sec. 1101, Cozens 907, Margrett P.M. 1101, Morgan Sec. 211. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge read and confirmed. Mr. John William George, who had been balloted for at the last meeting, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being effectively conducted by the W.M. After this the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moxhay, who acted as Installing Master, and introduced as his successor Bro. Reginald C. Mount S.W. of the Lodge and P.M. 1328, who was elected to fill the Office of W.M. at the last regular meeting. The ceremony was admirably conducted by Bro. Moxhay, who was complimented by all for the ability he displayed. The following were the Officers appointed:—Bros. F. J. Ferguson S.W., S. Wheeler J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, S. A. Pocock Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, A. W. Parry S.D., D. H. Witherington J.D., F. Blackwell I.G., Charles Butler Director of Ceremonies, Hayward (named as) Organist, John Martin Steward, Webb and Armstrong Assistant Stewards, Hemmings Tyler. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Installing Master, which having been acknowledged, the W.M. announced it was his intention to go up as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School. A proposition for a candidate for initiation was handed in, routine work transacted, and the Lodge was then closed in due form. The banquet was served at the George Hotel, and the efforts of Mrs. Ponton, the hostess met, with the unqualified approval of the numerous assembly that had gathered to do honour to the occasion. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. rose and proposed the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, which was most enthusiastically received. After the National Anthem, the W.M. gave the second toast. Since the present M.W. Grand Master had ruled the Craft, 424 Lodges had been consecrated, this must represent a considerable increase in the power of the Craft to carry out in the true spirit the best interests of the Order. The patriotic song—"God bless the Prince of Wales"

was sung. The W.M. next gave the toast of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present. He referred to the state of health of the Pro Grand Master, and regretted this necessitated his abstaining from taking so active a part as could be desired. With the toast he would couple the name of Bro. Cottebrune, whose eminent qualities as a Preceptor were gracefully alluded to. After the reply of Bro. Cottebrune, the W.M. proposed the fourth toast,—the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.; the Very Worshipful Deputy Prov. G.M., the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, past and present. Undoubtedly Freemasonry flourishes in Berks and Bucks; Sir Daniel had taken an active part in Craft doings, while the Deputy Grand Master and other Prov. G. Officers ably supported him. Bro. Bradley Prov. G. Secretary responded. He regretted the state of health of Sir Daniel Gooch prevented his attending so often as he could desire, the Deputy G. Master, however, ably supported him. Bro. Bradley then referred to the advance of Freemasonry in the Province; he regretted to learn that a falling off had taken place in the receipts for the Institutions. The Province had been very successful in the past, and had now several deserving cases whose claims would be laid before the members in due course. Bro. Bradley then urged the brethren present to support the Institutions. He spoke of the organisation in the Province, and urged the brethren to forward to him their proxy papers, in all cases unmarked. Bro. Bradley also announced that the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge would be held in Reading. Bro. Stephens proposed the health of the W.M. He thought he might not only congratulate the Master, but on this occasion the Lodge, inasmuch as Bro. Mount had brought with him the experience he had gained elsewhere. In reply, Bro. Mount thanked Bro. Stephens for the kind way he had spoken of him. When he became a joining member, nine years ago, he did not anticipate this honour; he had, however, worked through the offices, and would now endeavour to do his duty. He trusted he might have plenty of opportunities of conducting the ritual, and that his year of office might be governed by Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. In speaking to the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. said that no better Master than Bro. Stephens ever presided in a Lodge. What wonder, then, that at the last meeting the members had unanimously voted him a jewel, which he would now call on Bro. Moxhay to present. Bro. Moxhay gave a *résumé* of the many services rendered by Bro. Stephens, and in doing so made some happy allusions. He stated that the amount contributed by the brethren had more than compensated for the outlay on the jewel, and he would therefore hand over the balance, which amounted to nearly £4, to Bro. Stephens, that he might present it for any charitable purpose he thought fit. Bro. Stephens replied, and announced his intention of sending in the amount so gracefully alluded to by Bro. Moxhay to the National Lifeboat Institution, in which it was well known he took a deep interest. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Morgan gave a descriptive poem—"The Wreck of the Indian Chief." To Bro. Garry was entrusted the toast of the Visitors, and Bro. Moreland replied. The other toasts comprised the Installing Master, the Masonic Charities, the Initiate, the neighbouring Lodges, and the Officers. Bro. Binckes made an earnest and vigorous appeal for the Institutions; he thanked Bro. Bradley for directing attention to the falling off in their receipts during the past year, and urged the brethren to exert themselves not to permit this to be repeated. He anticipated there would be still increased demands for the benefits of the Institution he had the honour to represent, and stated that it was now desirable that the Preparatory School, to which mention had been made, should be at once commenced. Other replies having been made, the Tyler gave the parting toast. Brother F. H. Cozens carried out the musical arrangements of the evening, and ably acquitted himself. Bros. Toomer, Marshall, and others rendered him great assistance.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE members met at the Chequers Hotel, last Monday, at half-past three o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. C. Russ W.M. There were present Past Masters Bros. Fehrenbach, Weedon, Webb, and Jaquin Prov. G.P., J. Lonsdale S.W., W. Coombes P.M. Secretary, E. T. Brown Assistant Secretary, James J. Wilson Organist, Hill Steward; Visitors—Bros. W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, C. E. Botley Director of Ceremonies 780, E. H. Sugg Past Master 492. After the minutes of last Lodge meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Taplin, Lambert, Taylor, and Sansom were passed, and Mr. Henry Belch, who was proposed by Bro. Poole, seconded by Bro. Nicholson J.D., was balloted for and initiated. Bro. Thomas Jamieson St. John's Lodge, No. 216 (Scottish Constitution) was elected a joining member, proposed by Bro. W. C. Hall, seconded by Bro. A. J. Hanson. The election of Worshipful Master resulted in the selection of Bro. Lonsdale the S.W., while Bro. Fehrenbach P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Duffin Tyler. An Audit Committee was then appointed, and Lodge was closed. Refreshments were liberally served, and thoroughly enjoyed. The customary toasts followed. We are gratified to be able to state that the eminent services of Bro. Coombes, who for many years has officiated as Secretary, are about to receive substantial recognition. The Lodge has voted a sum from its funds, and we are sure the brethren will liberally respond to honour one who has served them so zealously.

It is gratifying to know that the Lodge of Instruction in connection with Royal Union, No. 382, is making satisfactory progress. At a late meeting a copy of the Volume of the Sacred Law, with handsome cushion, was presented by Bros. Nicholson and H. E. Tucker (the Preceptor). The brethren have a completely appointed room to meet in, and we recommend those Craftsmen who reside in the district to pay a visit to the Chequers Hotel, where the Lodge of Instruction meets every Monday, at 8 o'clock.

GRAND MASTERS' LODGE. INSTALLATION OF THE LORD MAYOR AS WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

ON Monday the Lord Mayor was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing of No. 1, Grand Masters' Lodge, an honour which has not unfrequently been conferred upon the Chief Magistrate of the City when, as in the present instance, that gentleman happens to be a member of the Craft. The ceremony took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, and never since Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott was similarly dignified had there been such a goodly muster of the members and friends of the Lodge. Many of the high Officers of the Order were present, and the sight both at the installation ceremony and the subsequent banquet will not soon be forgotten by those who took part in it. The minutes of the previous Lodge being confirmed, the installation ceremony, which was performed by Bro. Fenner, was at once proceeded with, the Lord Mayor being introduced by Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott. Bro. H. Bradshaw Brown was appointed by the Lord Mayor as his S.W., Bro. Ralph Morland Bishop J.W., Bro. J. Martin S.D., Bro. J. Fuller J.D., Bro. J. Holah I.G., and the Rev. J. Conder Chaplain, Dr. R. Gooding, who for many years has served the office of Secretary with considerable advantage to the Lodge, was unanimously re-appointed to that position, and Bro. R. Hervé Giraud, who for fifty years has filled the office of Treasurer, was heartily congratulated by the Lord Mayor and brethren upon his re-election. Bro. Goddard and Bro. Church were re-elected Tylers, and escorted the Lord Mayor to the banqueting-hall. The retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. J. Marsh Case) presented to the Lodge a very beautiful ivory maul, with silver mountings. On the motion of Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, the gift was accepted, and Bro. J. Marsh Case was warmly thanked for the same. The guests, who dined in Masonic clothing, numbered about 200. A very excellent repast was well served, under the personal direction of Bro. Dawkins. Grace before and after the banquet was said by the Chaplain (the Rev. J. Conder).

The Worshipful Master: Brethren, the toast is "The Queen and the Craft." The Queen has confidence in the brethren who form the Freemasons of England, and I have heard, and believe, that there is no greater pleasure than her Majesty enjoys than to know that her sons rule in the breasts of the Freemasons of England.

The toast was drunk with the usual Masonic honours, and was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Lord Mayor: I now have to propose "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." Happy the brethren who live in all quarters of the globe that they possess so great, so worthy, so noble, so estimable a G. Master as His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; and happy the Grand Master, and most happy the Prince, who can number so many loyal hearts true to him, and true to the interests of every country in which they reside. I give you the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Worshipful Master: Brethren, I have now to propose to you "The Right Worshipful the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past." The Earl of Carnarvon is one of the sons of England who commend themselves to our respect and regard, and there is no greater gratification the Freemasons have than to see the Pro Grand Master in the chair at their Quarterly Communications. The Earl of Lathom, as we all know, is one of those who has advanced the interests of agriculture more perhaps than any man in England. But we have present to-night most worthy Grand Officers, Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, who has discharged so many obligations in Masonry with honour, and who has the distinguished position of a Past Junior Grand Warden. We have also Bro. R. P. Bent Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. Monckton who I need not tell you is President of the Board of General Purposes, and a most efficient Officer, without whom the great and intricate work of Masonry could not proceed. We have also Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke the Grand Secretary, and, as we all know, he was selected by his Royal Highness for that peculiar judgment and ability which he brings to the post, together with the most masterly ability, and those qualities which render him respected and endeared by the whole Craft. Then we have Bro. Rucker Past Grand Deacon, Bro. Fenn a Past Grand Deacon, and ubiquitous in every work where Freemasonry is conducted. Bro. Gould P.G. Deacon, and Bro. Frank Richardson, are also on the roll, and I would continue this list of Grand Officers who have supported Freemasonry with so much ability, but I know you do not wish that all the individual names should be given, but I hope that this time next year we may have the opportunity of naming those who are here to-day. I would couple with this the name I first mentioned, that of Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott Past Grand Warden.

Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott: Worshipful Master,—I cannot conceive a position in which a Mason can find fault with the Master who presides over him, and as a good Mason, as I hope I am, I may perhaps demur to your ruling that I should return thanks for this toast. I am a Past Grand Warden, my work therefore is somewhat of the past, and I see present those who are constantly year by year performing very important duties most satisfactorily. Those gentlemen in my opinion are the brethren who should have been called upon to respond. But having stated this much, I cannot do less than thank you for the kind and courteous manner in which you have alluded, not only to the Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Officers past and present, but also to myself. As regards myself, I can assure you that occupying as I have a similar position to that which you now occupy, I can only hope that at the end of your year of office you will receive from that position as much pleasure as I have derived, and if together with that pleasure you derive the great satisfaction of knowing you retire with the respect and esteem of every brother in the Lodge, you will not, I believe, think that you

have occupied the office in vain. Worshipful Master, on behalf of the present and past Grand Officers I return you our most sincere thanks.

Bro. J. M. Case I.P.M., in introducing the health of the W.M. said, the position of I.P.M., which the W.M. has conferred upon me, gives me the duty and the privilege of introducing a toast which I know well will be received with enthusiasm. It is the Health of the Worshipful Master, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor. At a memorable period in Freemasonry, six years ago, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales stated that Masonry was based upon Loyalty and Charity. My address to you will be upon these sentiments. Our Brother Ellis is a son of the Lodge; he was initiated into it, and at the earliest period of his introduction he expressed his deep interest in the Charities of the Craft, and he has practically carried out the sentiment ever since. He has served as Steward of the Charities, and has besides that intimated his intention of presiding over the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in June next, and I hope the brethren will support him in large numbers. The Loyalty of the Worshipful Master has been evinced upon a recent occasion, and I need not dilate upon that. You will all join with me in acknowledging the interest he has evinced in the Lodge. I ask you to join with me in most cordially drinking his health. The toast was drunk most cordially with Masonic honours.

The Worshipful Master: Brother Case and Brethren,—I am deeply indebted to you for this further mark of your approval. The delight of man is to be honoured amongst those among whom he lives, and if men did not feel a gratification in that sentiment this world would not progress, but must recede. Perhaps that may be the reason that in some parts of our realm there may not be that happiness which exists on this side of the Channel. Perhaps the spirit of Freemasonry has not penetrated into the depths of all portions of Her Majesty's dominions. If that peace and goodwill, that amity and affection, that friendship which one should have to another—that utter disregard of self, and respect for the community, which might be summed up in the term patriotism—if that were more universal we should have less complaint, and should find that every part of this country was flourishing. I thank you heartily for the way in which you have received me. I am deeply indebted to you, brethren of the Lodge, for the position in which you have placed me, and my only trust is that at the termination of my year of office I may be found to have been not unworthy of the position.

The Lord Mayor: I have now to propose the health of the Visitors. This toast is perhaps the most important toast of the evening. We all know that without the guests the feast cannot take place. To-day you have placed me in the chair of King Solomon, and we all know that without the Queen of Sheba even Solomon would have been shorn of half his glory; and to-day No. 1 Lodge would have been shorn of two-thirds of its glory if it had not been for its Visitors. I believe that we have the honour of entertaining over 100 Visitors this evening, and if Charity is one of the great principles of Freemasonry, hospitality, I think, must be its sister virtue. We heartily greet the Visitors this evening, and hope that we may never have a less number.

Bro. Macdougall, in reply, said: I am fully aware of the great responsibility that your Worshipful has placed on my shoulders in asking me to return thanks for so large a body of visitors, but I am sure that the other visitors will bear me out when I thank you most heartily for the handsome reception you have given us this evening. We thank you for the grand working this evening in the Lodge, and the grand working of Bro. Fenner. It has been a great treat to us to see the ceremony done in such a manner as it was by our Bro. Fenner. It is the first time that I had the privilege of visiting No. 1 Lodge. I had often heard the grand treat it was to see the installation in this Lodge, and I am sure my brother visitors will join in saying it was a sight worthy of No. 1 Lodge in the Craft. We in Freemasonry are all on an equality; whether we are Grand Officers or hold no office at all, we are joined in the one great brotherhood of Freemasonry which makes us all equal. But we cannot forget that in our Worshipful Master this evening we have the Chief Magistrate of the City of London. I congratulate with my brethren the Grand Masters' Lodge on having such a Master as they have installed to-night. It must be a great honour to any Lodge to have such a Master, and the visitors join with me in thanking you for your hearty reception.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters." He said: Amongst Past Masters might be named some of the most illustrious in Freemasonry, and foremost among them was Bro. Giraud, who had served the office of Grand Master of this Lodge, and who for the fiftieth time had to-day been invested as Treasurer of the Lodge. We all honour Bro. Giraud that he should have lived to see so great an age, and is still in the possession of his faculties and powers, and is able to come here and see the prosperity of our Lodge and take part in the prosperity of the Institutions of which Freemasonry is so proud. We have also present Bro. Bennoch, a distinguished P.M., Bro. Case, Sir F. W. Truscott, Bro. Lumley, Bro. Colls, Bro. Gover, Bro. Payne, Bro. Ralph Gooding our Secretary, Bro. T. Smith and Bro. Fenner, to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for the very magnificent manner in which he installed me to-day. To Bro. Case I may say I am indebted, and to all the others whose names I have mentioned. I cannot recount the services they have rendered to Freemasonry. I shall therefore propose "The Health of the Past Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Case.

Bro. J. M. Case, the Past Master: I feel I am greatly honoured by being the head of the Past Masters who have been named by the Worshipful Master. They have rendered important services to this Lodge, and I believe they have been actuated by one feeling, that of promoting to the best of their ability the good of the Lodge. But I think I need not remind the brethren of the magnificent entertainment provided twelve months ago by one of the Past Masters (Sir F. W. Truscott), who gave an invitation to every member of the Lodge to be present at the Mansion House when the Prince of Wales attended. It was a magnificent entertainment. As short speeches

are the order of the day, I will only say that we trust in future years we may have a similar splendid gathering, and the same patronage bestowed by the visitors.

Bro. R. H. Girard (Treasurer), who was loudly called for, said: I am placed in a very awkward position on account of my advanced age. I happen to be very deaf, and have not heard one single word of what has been said, but I take it for granted that there has been something said very brotherly and very kind on my behalf. I am quite sure of that, because I can speak for a period of 57 years in which I have experienced the greatest kindness and brotherly feeling. I am exceedingly proud of the position I now hold, and having been 53 years a Past Master of this Lodge, I hope you will give me credit when I say I take a deep interest in the Grand Masters' Lodge. I hope that Providence will spare me to enable me to go along for some few years more. We must all have a hobby. One of my hobbies has been the Grand Masters' Lodge, and I have ridden it hard. I thank you most heartily for drinking this toast in so cordial a manner.

The Lord Mayor: I have now to propose to you "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge." This is a toast which is peculiarly interesting to the Master, who feels that upon good officers depends very much the success of his year of office. I may perhaps speak with some degree of confidence of the officers of the past year, as I was one of them, and I may then add that if the officers of the future only equal and endeavour to emulate the officers of the past, I am sure that at the end of my year of office I shall have to congratulate the Lodge upon the very excellent manner in which it has been served.

Bro. Bradshaw Brown, in response, said: I think but one spirit actuates the officers of this Lodge, and that when gentlemen in this Lodge accept office we are bound to believe upon evidence which cannot be mistaken that they intend to perform their work in a manner which shall reflect credit upon themselves and the Lodge to which they belong. We shall be guided by the same spirit which has animated you in the various offices that you have filled, and in that spirit which actuates you in taking the high office you now hold.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening a selection of music was admirably sung by Bros. Lester, Sidney Tower, Montem Smith, and Robert Hilton.—*City Press*.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 13th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Harris, the Lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Ferguson, and the minutes having been read, was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Gardner was passed. Lodge was resumed, and the chair taken by Bro. E. White, who initiated Messrs. Joseph Perry and John Manby Birch into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Ferguson again assumed the gavel, and Bro. James McLean having been presented by Bro. White (who throughout the installation ceremony acted as M. of C.), was obligated, and in due course installed into the chair of the Lodge. Up to this point the Acting Master had been supported by Bros. J. McLean S.W., Herbage J.W., Everett P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Morris Secretary, W. M. Foxcroft S.D., R. Pierpoint J.D., J. Jennings I.G., and the following Past Masters of the Lodge: Bros. H. Bowman Spink, J. E. Walford, Isaac Buscall, and Frederick Kent. On the readmission of the brethren the newly installed Master was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Herbage S.W., Foxcroft J.W., Everett Treas., Morris Secretary, Pierpoint S.D., Jennings J.D., Bennett I.G., H. Price D.C. Simner Steward, Daly Tyler. Bro. Ferguson then proceeded with the addresses, and in due course completed the ceremony of the day. There were three cases of appeal for assistance before Lodge,—one was postponed for further particulars, another was ordered to lie on the table—but from information gathered later on the Past Masters were enabled to announce that it was a case in which they might act, and it is expected it will be submitted at the next meeting. In the other case a grant of five pounds was made from the Lodge funds, it being deemed advisable to assist the applicant (the widow of a late member) in that way rather than send the case to the Board of Benevolence. A vote of thanks to Bro. Ferguson for conducting the installation ceremony was then passed, and other items of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. A first rate banquet followed, the usual hospitality of the Domatic Lodge being particularly noticeable. At the conclusion of the repast the Master proceeded with the toasts, coupling with that of the Grand Officers the name of Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. That brother acknowledged the compliment, on behalf of the members of Grand Lodge. He was particularly gratified to respond to the toast in the Domatic Lodge, as it was in it that he was initiated, in October 1856. The brethren could imagine that the Lodge had greatly changed since that date, but it was always noted for the true Masonic spirit of its members, and he trusted would ever deserve that reputation. Bro. Ferguson next rose to propose the health of the W.M. The present was the second occasion on which he had occupied the position of Installing Master. The first being many years since, when he was entitled to the office by right, after having fulfilled the duties of the chair. On the present occasion he occupied it by courtesy, and it had afforded him great pleasure to be called upon to have the honour of placing in the chair a brother who had endeared himself to the members of the Lodge. He considered that if a Master did his duty, every officer would do his best; while if the ruler of a Lodge shirked his work, each would think they might neglect their part or not, as they felt disposed. He felt that the present Master of the Lodge would be a pattern worthy of following, and that under his rule the Lodge would go on prosperously. He

therefore felt no hesitation in calling upon the members to drink his very good health, feeling sure that all present would do so with the greatest enthusiasm. After a song by Bro. Cleveland Phillips, the W.M. replied. He felt he could not find words to express his thanks to Bro. Ferguson and the brethren generally. It seemed to him but a very short time since he was sitting on the right of Bro. Ferguson as an initiate. Now he occupied a similar position as regarded that brother, but a very different one as regarded the Lodge. He had to thank the members for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to fill the chair. The Master next proposed the health of the Installing Master. It was a very pleasing task for him to perform, but one which he thought would need no support from him. The brethren well knew the ability of Bro. Ferguson, and his thorough fitness for any office he might be called upon to fulfil, and for this reason he thought that any words of his would but spoil the feeling they must all entertain towards him. Bro. Ferguson in reply tendered his most sincere thanks. He felt that the remarks of the W.M. as to the way in which he had been able to carry out the duties of Installing Master were a tribute to the late Brother T. Adams—who was a Past Master of the Domatic Lodge—to whom he (Bro. Ferguson) was indebted for most of the knowledge of the ritual he was in possession of. He hoped the coming year in the Lodge would fully equal their most sanguine expectations, that at the corresponding period next year they might find the Lodge still continuing its prosperous career. The Master gave the toast of the Initiates—a very pleasing, and, they must also admit, a very necessary toast in all Masonic Lodges. The gentlemen they had that night admitted were of a class likely to reflect the greatest credit on the Lodge; men who would prove themselves to be good Masons, and men who he had little doubt would ere long make some name for themselves in the Masonic world. Bro. Perry thanked the Master and brethren for the kind reception they had given him. He had that night taken a step he had long wished to take, for it had been his desire to become a Freemason. He hoped the more he saw of it the sooner he might become a worthy member of the Order. He should adopt the advice of the Master and attend Lodges of Instruction for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of the ritual. Bro. Birch followed. He hoped he might prove himself a worthy member of the Order, and live long to enjoy the good feeling manifested in the Domatic Lodge, in which he hoped some day to occupy one of the prominent offices. The toast of the visitors was the next on the list, and that was given most heartily from the chair. The Master felt there was not a Lodge in England whose members were more ready and pleased to welcome visitors than this. To each of the guests present he tendered the heartiest good wishes of the Domatic Lodge, and he trusted that the entertainment provided had that night been the means of affording a few hours enjoyment to the brethren of other Lodges who had honoured the members with their presence. Several of the visitors having responded, the Master gave the toast of the Past Masters. The Past Masters of the Domatic Lodge were a body of brethren ever ready to do their duty; it would be a hard task for any Master to have to get on without them. They were all ready to perform the work of any office they might be called upon to fill, and were each capable of working any part of the ritual. Bro. Walford, as the senior Past Master present, had the pleasure of responding first to the toast. There was a time when he should perhaps have thought it an honour to be ranked as the Senior Past Master of the Domatic Lodge, but now he sometimes almost wished he was an initiate again. Sitting so near the W.M., and looking at the long array of P.M.'s on his left, made him feel very old. Still he felt it a great honour to rank as a Past Master of the Domatic Lodge, which was one of the oldest, one of the most numerous, and one of the most respected Lodges under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England, or, indeed, anywhere in the Craft. He and his brother Past Masters were always ready to do what they could, and were at all times pleased to meet with such a reception as had just been accorded them. Bro. Ferguson followed, and then Bro. Kent added a few words. The Past Masters, he said, cultivated a thorough good feeling towards the brethren, and towards each other. They were proud of their position, and hoped they might always retain the respect and esteem of the members of the Lodge. Bro. White felt, as a P.M., he could not do better than advise the new Officers to make themselves thoroughly efficient in the working and ritual of the several degrees. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary came next. The Master expressed a hope, which he felt sure was the hope of every brother present, that their worthy Treasurer might live for many, many years and enjoy good health. His services to the Lodge were so well known, and of so gratifying a nature—so far as the way in which they were carried out was concerned—that no better evidence of Bro. Everett's ability was needed. In Bro. Morris they had a worthy and painstaking Secretary, one who fulfilled the duties of the office most efficiently, and was entitled to the respect and esteem of every member of the Lodge. He (the W.M.) had recently had an opportunity of seeing how well Bro. Morris kept the books and other matters appertaining to the Lodge, and could only say that to Bros. Morris and Everett the Lodge was equally indebted. Bro. Everett laboured under a great disadvantage, being called upon to speak at that late hour; as he had before said, he liked to speak to a full audience, not to empty benches. He could but again thank the members of the Lodge for the office they had conferred on him, and express a hope that everything might go on in the future as they might desire. He felt the Lodge had something to boast of, inasmuch as during the past year something like forty guineas of its funds was spent in charity, and even under those circumstances the brethren found themselves at the end of the year in possession of a handsome balance. He hoped they might continue in the future as they always had been in the past—a Lodge held in the highest esteem by all who were acquainted with it. Bro. Morris thanked the brethren. The present was the fourth occasion on which he had the honour of being appointed to the office of Secretary. He hoped he might give sa

much satisfaction to the present as he had to the three Masters who had preceded him, and trusted he might always merit the approval of the members of the 'Domestic Lodge. The Officers having been honoured, the Tyler was summoned, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion, the brethren having spent a very enjoyable evening. Among the visitors were Bros. Cleveland Phillips W.M. 820, J. Chowters 749, W. J. Lane J.D. 127, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., J. H. Webb J.W. 834, J. T. Goode 1580, C. Wilson 1366, Courtenay M. Grey I.G. 1706, C. Koester P.M. 435, Robert W. Hunter 1685, S. R. Lambie P.M. 27, Phillips P.M. 975, A. Colson 1366, W. Baker 1580, S. Knight 487, Steward 903, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1580 Past Prov. S.G.W. Herts, L. A. Carter J.D. 192, G. H. Pulsford P.M. 1158, G. W. Armstrong P.M. 1593, R. G. Thomas Organist 1602, D. J. Hilliard P.M. 174, J. J. Cooper-Wyld 190.

LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

THE annual meeting took place on Wednesday, 18th instant, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street. The brethren assembled at four o'clock when Lodge was opened (in the absence of the W.M. Bro. George Jones, through illness) by Bro. Webb, who was supported by the Officers and the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—Bros. John Newton Secretary, C. Lacey, G. J. Hilliard, John Bulmer, W. Barlow, John Appleby, C. H. Webb, G. T. H. Seddon. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Charles Stevens 1793, E. C. Beedell W.M. 1607, G. Brooks P.M. 902, Ernest Bibra 1669, S. W. Timson 781, F. G. Varcoe 781, W. E. Godwin late 188, G. Ward Verry P.M. 554, J. Wright 781 P.G.P., J. Gibbs 1613, E. Soppet P.M. Royal Kensington, C. E. Tinney 1369, J. H. Southwood P.M. 1260, J. D. E. Tarr 1293, H. J. Dutton 1706, J. B. Glenn 3, Jones 1607, W. W. Morgan Sec. 241, E. Moss 1705, James Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., F. R. W. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G. After minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. H. Magee, of Lodge Unity, No. 531 I.C., who was proposed by the W.M. Bro. Jones, and seconded by Bro. John Newton P.M. and Secretary. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidate, who then took his seat as a member of the Lodge. The report of the Auditors was next presented and adopted, and then the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Brown (P.M. 1607) S.W., was presented for installation. Here again the absence of Bro. Jones, the retiring Master, was greatly to be deplored, as it was known to the members of the Lodge he had expressed a strong desire to complete the work of his year by installing his successor. However, Bro. Webb, though unaware there was any likelihood of his being called on to officiate, was equal to the occasion, and in his rendering of the ceremony was most perfect. The W.M., after having been saluted, invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. S. Fraser S.W., A. H. Brown J.W., C. Lacey Treasurer, J. Newton Secretary, T. Harvey S.D., W. Fraser J.D., F. G. Dellow I.G., A. J. Cant D.C., J. Miller W.S., J. Very Tyler. Bro. F. Brown made some very sensible remarks in reference to the duties of the brethren whom he had appointed to office, and Brother Lacey, on receiving his collar, remarked he hardly felt justified in making any lengthy observations as to his election to the office of Treasurer; however, he could but express his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him, and assured the members the best interests of their Lodge should be sustained by him. Bro. Webb then delivered the addresses, and was heartily congratulated, and thanked for his services. Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. and Treasurer then announced he would serve as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Girls' School, to be held in May next, and he was voted £10 10s by the Lodge, to be placed on his List. After routine work, Lodge closed. The banquet was served in the dining saloon of the hotel, and was placed upon the tables in a most satisfactory manner, fully upholding the prestige of this well-known establishment. The W.M. briefly introduced the loyal toast of the Queen and the Craft, and after the National Anthem, gave that of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales." With the toast of the Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Bro. John Wright, Past Grand Pursuivant, who, in responding, referred to the many pleasant recollections associated with his connection with the Sincerity Lodge. He referred to the zeal displayed by the Masonic rulers, and to the appreciation of their services by the Craft at large. Bro. Wright made reference to the heavy responsibility attaching to the acceptance of office at the present time. Allusion had been made to his having been the first Grand Pursuivant who had been invested by H.R.H. the Grand Master; he might add, that he was the only one who had received that honour, as the Prince of Wales had not since the day of this installation personally invested any one to that office. Bro. C. H. Webb now rose to propose the health of the W.M. In the absence of Bro. Jones the I.P.M.—and all must regret the cause of this absence—the duty had devolved upon him. All knew the zeal displayed by Bro. Brown in the fulfilment of any duties he enters upon. He (Bro. Webb) had been associated with their W.M., both in Lodge and in a joint search for instruction; he knew and appreciated the amount of perseverance Brother Brown brought to bear in the fulfilment of his duties, and anticipated for the Lodge a prosperous year under his Mastership. In reply, the W.M. thanked Brother Webb for the kind way he had introduced the toast. He fully appreciated the kindness of the members in the unanimity they had displayed in electing him to his present exalted position. They might rest assured he would do all in his power to advance their interests; with the assistance of the members of the Lodge he trusted he might, at the end of his year, be able to render a good account of his Stewardship. Bro. Verry, on behalf of the Visitors, acknowledged the hearty reception that had been accorded them. He expressed his regret at the absence of the W.M., who, as many present were well aware, had striven most earnestly to qualify himself to fulfil the duties of Installing Master, and he (Bro. Verry) was assured he

(Bro. Jones) would have acquitted himself most creditably. The Masonic Institutions were next brought under notice by the W.M. They had present representatives of two of the Institutions. All he could say for them would be much better expressed by those who were their recognised representatives. The brethren had entrusted him with the privilege of officiating for their Lodge as a Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Benevolent Institution; he urged on them to contribute with the liberality which had always characterised the Sincerity Lodge. The demands on the Institution he was about to represent were exceptionally heavy, and he hoped to receive a substantial response from the members. Bro. Terry, in responding, congratulated the Lodge on the consistent and continued support it had accorded the Institution he had the honour to represent. He detailed the heavy claims that would be brought under notice at the next election, and forcibly drew attention to the cruel disappointments that must arise unless the Committee should feel itself justified by the approaching Festival to enlarge upon what at present was laid down for them. Before taking his seat, Bro. Terry announced that it had just been intimated to him that Bro. Brown had already a total of £106 on his list. Bro. Hedges also, in the course of some well-judged remarks, alluded to the consistent support the Sincerity Lodge had always given to the Institution he had the honour to represent. He felt that in Bro. Lacey his Committee had a zealous and indefatigable member, who would render a good account of his Stewardship. In speaking to the next toast, the W.M. remarked that the Lodge had, in its Past Masters, a sincere band, who would always strive to uphold it in the estimation of the Craft. He regretted the absence of the I.P.M.; he had seen Bro. Jones that morning; he had come up from Brighton, with the full determination of being present. However, he (Bro. Brown) regretted that the wishes of Bro. Jones could not be realised. His state of health positively incapacitated him from undergoing the strain the fulfilment of the duties would have demanded. Under these circumstances he would hand to Bro. Webb the P.M.'s jewel which had been voted by the Lodge, with the request that he would hand it over to Bro. Jones. Bro. Webb rose to reply. He had been entrusted to convey to Bro. Jones the jewel which had been so unanimously voted. He could assure him how all regretted the cause that necessitated his absence. After some appropriate observations, Brother Webb concluded by saying the interest the P.M.'s took in the conduct of the Lodge he hoped would continue. On their behalf he sincerely thanked one and all. On rising to propose the health of the Treasurer (Brother Charles Lacey) and Secretary (Brother John Newton), Bro. Brown said this was a most important toast. In their Treasurer they had a very worthy brother; he was an initiate of the Lodge, and although he was associated with other Lodges, he always took a deep interest in the Sincerity. In Bro. Newton they had a most genial Secretary—one who was highly esteemed by all connected with the Lodge. He had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. Bro. Lacey, in replying, also alluded to the enforced absence of the I.P.M. He expressed the appreciation he felt at the kindness displayed by the brethren in conferring on him the custody of their funds. He had been much gratified at the allusion made to his efforts for the advancement of Freemasonry. He urged on the brethren the claims of the Institution he had taken upon himself to represent. He had no desire to divert the flow of their benevolence, but reminded the members that the Festival where he was to act as Steward would not be held till May. Bro. Newton, after referring to the zeal displayed by their worthy Treasurer on behalf of the Institutions, thanked the Worshipful Master for the continued confidence reposed in him. He took a deep interest in the conduct of his duties, which all would agree were of a somewhat arduous character; however, he was hearted in carrying them out. Brother Newton then made some very amusing remarks as to experiences he had lately encountered. In conclusion he assured the brethren that if he could do anything further to advance the interests of their Lodge, he should only be too happy to be shown the way. Other toasts followed, and to these some pertinent replies were made, which were endorsed by those present. The Tyler then gave his toast, and his "song." The musical arrangements of the evening were entrusted to Bro. Charles Stevens, who was assisted by Bros. Dutton, E. Moss, and C. E. Tinney. A capital selection was gone through, and unqualified approval followed the efforts of these brethren.

Camden Lodge, No. 704.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Frederick Rogers, was supported by Bros. A. Goodchild S.W., W. Goodchild J.W., Edward W. Young P.M. Secretary, M. Blank S.D., Frederick True J.D., F. Trender D.C., T. W. Cumper Organist, E. Lister I.G., J. Burdon Steward, W. W. Gray P.M., H. Morrell P.M., J. W. Frost P.M., J. Very Tyler, and a number of other brethren. Among the visitors were—Bros. J. P. Parker 1538, James Crack 860, and J. G. Thompson 1681. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites; the business consisted of the raising of Bros. Byard, Evers, Sayers, Miller, and Osborn; the passing of Bros. Westby and Turtle, and the initiation of Mr. John Rintoul (ballotted for at the last meeting); Mr. John Marioni, proposed by Bro. Edmund Rayner, and seconded by Bro. W. H. Kehl; and also (by fiat) Mr. John Ivanow, on the nomination of Bro. Henry Horsee, seconded by the Secretary. The whole of the ceremonies were performed in an able manner by the W.M., assisted by his Officers, and at the conclusion of the somewhat formidable agenda, the brethren were joined by a number of Visitors at a banquet, provided in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's best style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and amidst an abundance of vocal and instrumental music, the evening was passed harmoniously.

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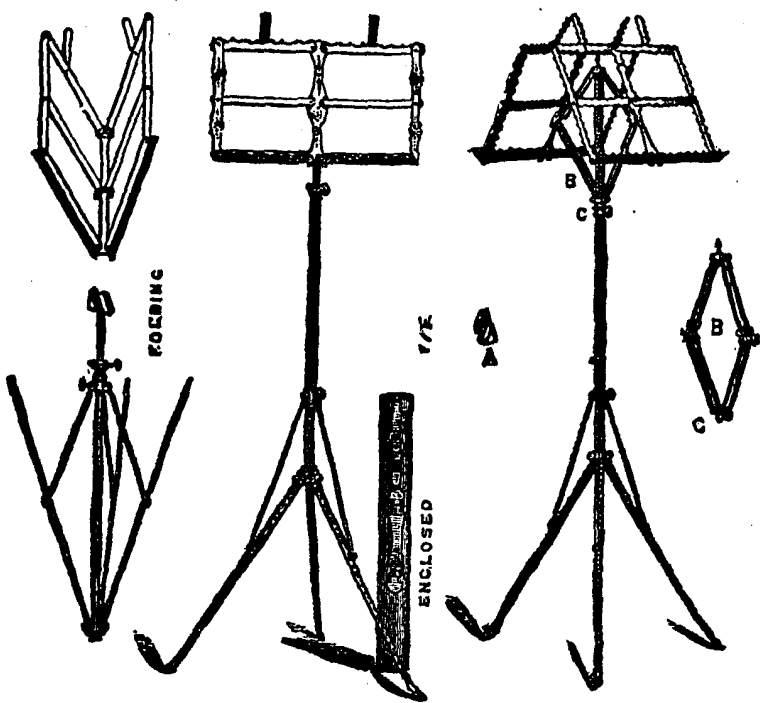
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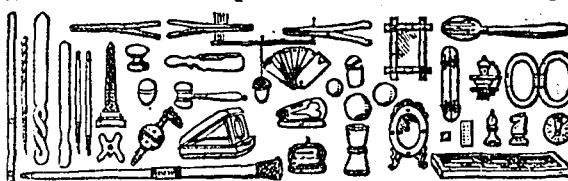
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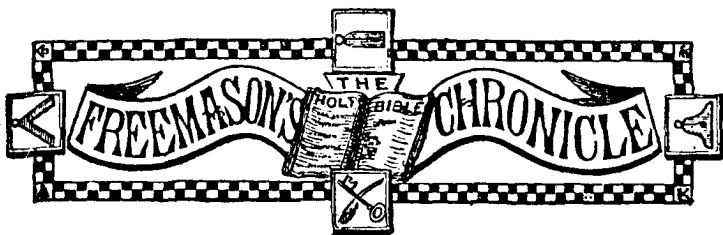
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CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHGATE LODGE, No. 1950.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate, on Thursday, 19th January, at 2.30. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., Grand Chaplain, Thomas Fenn P.G.D. as S.W., Henry G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary as J.W., while Frank Richardson P.G.D. acted as Director of Ceremonies. Amongst those who were present were Bros. J. H. Scott P.G.D., R. Percy P.M. 228, A. J. Berry Sec. 1695, R. P. Davies S.W. 1695, John Baker 1471, Edwin Moss S.W. 1929, A. W. Fenn P.M. 1227, James Kift 1791, J. Woodman 209, S. J. Byng P.M. 902, J. F. Rothschild 1288, Frank Rothschild P.M. 1281 W.M. 1677, J. Eldridge P.M. 167, T. Tremere S.W. 1929, W. A. Frost 1728, J. W. Forge 619, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, H. Hollis P.M. 167, G. Tidcombe W.M. 1549, W. Lewis Steward 1385, A. Ginger P.M. 901, William Waller 901, F. J. Dunsford 186, J. Osborn W.M. 1692, Edward Seaman P.M. 619, R. Birkett 569, J. A. James S.W. 1766, A. Macpherson 354 S.C., H. Hall S.W. 1693, W. Harrison 1766. At three o'clock the brethren assembled in the ante-room and proceeded in procession to the Lodge room, when the presiding Officer took the chair, and appointed the Wardens pro tem. The Lodge was then opened in the three degrees, and the presiding Officer addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, and called upon the Chaplain to give the prayer. In due course the brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order, and the acting Secretary read the Petition and Warrant. After the brethren had signified their approval of the Officers named in the Warrant, Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall delivered the following Oration:—

Brethren,—The consecration of another Lodge to-day reminds us forcibly of the great increase of our Order. It is making rapid strides—some say too rapid—and where will it end? Certainly we should look on with anxiety for their prosperity as Lodge after Lodge springs up around us—with anxiety, but with hope that they will fulfil the purposes of their Creator. I am not one of those who fear for the end, being assured that the Great Architect permits it, because the principles of Freemasonry inculcate those blessed virtues which will ensure His favour to the children of men. And if the cause is good, the more it penetrates to the north, south, east, and west, the more will it carry with it good tidings to the faithful and obedient of the human race. It is always a pleasure to the Consecrating Chaplain to know that he is working in a good cause, and in this position I hail your undertaking, and I feel additional gratification in assisting at the upraising of the Southgate Lodge, because I think that those who are to be its supporters are coming forward with the feelings of a father at the birth of his firstborn, and I trust with a prayer to the Great Architect to enable them to look upon their Lodge as a child of their own creation, to be cherished and watched over by the aid of the beautiful teachings we possess, and to be guided by those ancient rules and regulations which, throughout all ages, have been the supports of good Masons, and which will establish you and your Lodge on the pinnacle of Masonic fame—a beacon-light to the brethren, and a comfort to the afflicted, and a blessing to yourselves, until the world and all its doings, “like the baseless fabric of a vision,” shall dissolve, and your Lodge merge in the Grand Lodge above, where we trust the better parts of our Masonic teaching will become, under the Divine will, the source of our happiness in the Almighty's heavenly Temple. To-day, according to ancient custom, I have to address you upon the nature and principles of Freemasonry. The great duties arising out of these you are no doubt fully conversant with; still a few words from me on so important an occasion as the consecration of the Southgate Lodge cannot be out of place, and I will now ask your attention to a brief explanation of the responsibilities they entail upon you. First, for the Nature of Freemasonry. What is it? It is a moral system, illustrated by symbols, bidding us not forget the most sublime truths in the midst of our social pleasures; a system which guides us in the paths of science, and to the practice of virtue, teaching us the most valuable moral lessons incumbent on all men. And now, and in the second place, for a few words upon the three great Principles of our Order. The first, Brotherly Love, is the great bond by which all Masons are united; this must be pure in profession and practice, and it will ennoble your nature, and at last conduct you to the eternal Grand Lodge, where you will find perfect wisdom and perfect happiness. The second great principle is Relief—the glory and foundation of our ancient Institution, nor has this great principle been forgotten by us, witness our noble Charities for those who need our care—the Girls' School, the Boys' School, the Benevolent Asylum for the Aged and Infirm; and these, upon your opening day, I earnestly commend to your notice: in the future of your Lodge do not forget to help them by all means in your power. You are told upon the highest authority, that “Freely ye have received, and freely ye are to give;” you are told, again, that “whosoever shall give a cup of cold water even to one of these little ones, verily he shall in no wise lose his reward.” These Charities are bright jewels in our Masonic crown, and the Mason who possesses the virtue of charity in its true sense, may justly be

said to have his foot on the second step of the Masonic ladder, and to have fulfilled that precept which says, “He that loveth God should love his brother also.” And now a word or two upon our third great principle—Truth. This is a virtue which involves the peace and happiness of us all, and is especially essential in Masons; make, therefore, the principles of truth the guide of all your actions. One of the first lessons that we learn is “to be good men and true;” avoid, therefore, deceit and guile, be plain and straightforward in your dealings, and with heart and tongue unite in rejoicing with those who rejoice, and sympathise with those who mourn. Such, my Brethren, are the three great Principles of our Order; may you, as a Lodge, ever be under their blessed influence, and receive that happiness which their teaching will produce. There was a time, ages and ago, when God said, “Let there be light, and there was light.” But upon what did it shine? upon a dark and profound mass which we now call earth. And that light, called forth by the Great Architect, permeated all creation, and the dark mass began to glow, and living things began to move upon it, and then God made man—we are told, beautiful, perfect, and in His own image; and then dark days came again, through man's want of obedience, but through all God never forgot his light, and showered it down from time to time; sometimes more dimly than at others, but always there was light after he had said it, until he himself permitted our Great Prototype, King Solomon, to build the Temple (from which we date our origin). And there he dwelt, the true Shekinah, on the Ark of the Covenant between the Cherubims, in the Holy of Holies, and “the people that walked in darkness saw a great Light.” Now, brethren, I do not for one moment mean to say that you have been walking in darkness, for from the time of your birth light has been shining upon you, and from the time of building the Temple Masonic brightness has been ours. Its beams have radiated upon many hundreds of Masonic bodies, and to-day one of them is about to fall upon your new Lodge, and that beam is to be kept in all its brightness by its members; it will become dim if you neglect your duties, and will burn again with splendour if you fulfil them. Be careful therefore always to keep the lamp trimmed, so that whenever the Great Architect may come to reckon with you, you may be ready, like certain virgins of old, who took oil in their lamps, and not like those whose lamps had gone out when the bridegroom came. The Light you have to keep burning are those Christian truths and teachings you received when you were initiated, passed, and raised. The Oil you have to feed it with are the beautiful tenets and principles which it has been my privilege to-day to bring before your notice. May you cherish them, so that your new Lodge as a body may exemplify “Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,” and each member of it fulfil his social duties to the credit of your new society and the Great Architect of the Universe. And now, brethren, for your attention receive my thanks. For your future success and happiness receive my hearty good wishes. May the principles of our Order go with you, and your will never be wrong. Choose your joining members carefully, and if difficulties or opposition should spring up, avoid bitter words. Be pitiful, be courteous. Life is far too short for anything but goodwill! If you see faults in any brother seek to hide them. Try to win his heart with gentle words, for by this divided friendship has oftentimes been united!

“Do all the good you can.
Be not severe upon another's faults.
Remember, the Heart's the Man.”

The Consecration ceremony was then completed, according to established custom, and Lodge was resumed in the second degree. Bro. R. P. Forge, the W.M. designate, was then introduced, and the Grand Secretary regularly installed him as first Master of the Southgate Lodge. After the W.M. had been saluted, the following brethren were appointed as the Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Francis H. Tibbitts S.W., Arthur Hancock J.W., A. Lefebvre Treasurer, A. H. Trewinnard Secretary, E. Woodman S.D., F. Matthews J.D., R. Butcher I.G., H. Sadler M.C., J. Cooper Steward, J. J. Whitmarsh Steward. Bro. Pattison now rose and gracefully acknowledged the services rendered by the Consecrating and Installing Officer, and highly complimented the Grand Chaplain on the ability displayed by him in delivering the oration. He had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to those brethren who had taken so active a part in the day's proceedings, and that Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Hall, Fenn, Buss, and Richardson, be elected honorary members of the Lodge. This proposition having been seconded, was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously. The Grand Secretary, on behalf of his colleagues, thanked the members for the compliment. It had afforded them infinite gratification to officiate on the occasion. They were intensely gratified with the general arrangements of the day, and congratulated the Lodge on its having secured such desirable premises. Propositions for candidates for initiation and joining were then handed in, and after the expression of hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed. After a short interval, the banquet was served. The catering had been entrusted to Bro. C. G. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent road; and right well did he carry out the wishes of the Founders that their guests should be well entertained. The attendance—a most important item to the enjoyment of the good things of this life—was all that could be wished, and all expressed their appreciation of Bro. Slawson's efforts. Bro. Forge, on rising to propose the first toast—the Queen and the Craft—reminded the brethren that they had many distinguished Masons present, and doubtless they would prefer hearing them than listening to any lengthened utterances of his. Undoubtedly by so doing they would have an opportunity of acquiring knowledge and instruction, and he thought it desirable they should avail themselves of the privilege. He would therefore at once call on them to honour the toast. After the National Anthem, the W.M. gave that of the Grand Master, and “God Bless the Prince of Wales” was sung. With the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Bro. Ambrose Hall Grand Chaplain, and on behalf of the Past Grand Officers the W.M. would call on Bro.

Fenn to make a few remarks. Bro. Hall would have preferred that the duty of responding should have been left entirely to Bro. Fenn. The W.M., in the course of his remarks, had stated that his acquaintance with the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master was rather a slight one. He (Bro. Hall), however, could boast a more intimate acquaintance with these distinguished brethren, and could testify to the interest they took in all matters Masonic. Bro. Hall spoke in high terms of the happy inauguration of the Southgate Lodge, and drew a hopeful picture of the future that was before it. Bro. Fenn remarked that he, though not the highest in rank of the Past Grand Officers present, was undoubtedly the oldest member of Grand Lodge. He was proud of the distinction that had been conferred upon him in being made an honorary member of a Lodge which started under such favourable circumstances. He had some acquaintance with this locality some years back, when he resided in a cottage hereabout. However, many changes had occurred since then, and he feared he should scarcely find a trace of the place he referred to. He wished all prosperity to the members, and again thanked them for the way they had received his name in connection with the toast. In giving the toast of the Consecrating Officer, the W.M. remarked that the brethren must have been so thoroughly gratified with the way in which the ceremony had been performed, that he need not add a word to commend the toast to their notice. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, in replying, felt the brethren had almost heard sufficient of his voice. However, he could only reiterate what he had said in Lodge. The Lodge seemed to be imbued with the true fraternal spirit, and had within it all the elements of success. Bro. Clerke referred to the difficulties that existed in the present day in obtaining a new Warrant for the metropolitan district, and in proposing the health of the W.M., stated that in every way he had been much gratified at the result of the day's proceedings, and felt confidence in the ability the W.M. had already displayed. Bro. Forge had obtained his knowledge in, certainly, two Lodges; moreover, he had been appointed Treasurer of a Lodge he (Bro. Clerke) had had the honour of consecrating a few months back. He had great pleasure in proposing his health. In replying to the toast, the W.M. said he felt he had been much honoured in the kind way the Grand Secretary had spoken of him. With the assistance of several friends they had succeeded in procuring a Warrant. It was now his duty to strive to make theirs one of the best Lodges in the Metropolitan district. Bro. Forge concluded by thanking the brethren for the reception they had given the toast. With the next toast—that of the Visitors—was coupled the names of Bro. Scott D.P.G.M. Sussex, and Bro. Davies, the W.M. of the recommending Lodge. Bro. Scott, after thanking the Lodge for the hospitality it had accorded to the Visitors, referred to what the Consecrating Officer had said in his opening address—that it was very easy to make members, but very difficult to get rid of them, should they turn out discreditable. Bro. Scott then eulogised the abilities of Bro. Sadler, who was one of the best workers amongst the London brethren, and any Lodge might consider itself fortunate in having secured his co-operation. Bro. Davies, in the course of his remarks, called attention to the progress that was being made in the immediate district, and joined with the previous speaker in anticipating a bright future for the Lodge. The other toasts comprised the Officers of the Lodge, the Charities, and the Press. Bro. Morgan responded for the latter, and prefaced his observations by a reference to the many calls made just now on the time of the Secretaries of the several Institutions. On behalf of Bro. Terry, he thanked the W.M. for having tendered his services for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and urged the brethren generously to support their Master in his Stewardship. For himself, he could but be gratified at the reception given the toast, and thanked the W.M. for the way he had expressed himself as to the way the journal with which he was associated was carried on. A well deserved compliment was now paid to the musical party, who had so largely contributed—both in the Lodge and at the after proceedings—by their vocal efforts, to the enjoyment of the brethren. This was responded to by Bro. E. Seaman P.M. 619, and shortly afterwards the parting toast was given. Bro. Seaman was assisted in the musical arrangements by Bros. E. Moss, T. Tremere, W. A. Frost, and James Kift, the latter of whom presided at the pianoforte.

SUBURBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

THIS thriving Lodge held its usual meeting at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, on the 13th inst., and was numerous attended. The M.W. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex being amongst the visitors. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Buck W.M., supported by the following brethren:—Bros. J. F. Hepburn S.W., C. S. Buck J.W., J. Tickle P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer, C. Hawksley Secretary, G. H. Carter S.D., W. R. Shutt J.D., C. Winstanley I.G., E. C. Kilsby Steward, A. F. Roberts P.M., Geo. Robinson, J. M. Draper, W. J. C. Rea, A. J. Hone Goldney, F. J. Tyler, A. Hynam, E. Stockdale, A. J. Oliver, and E. W. Gabriel. Visitors—J. B. Lemaitre and W. Porcheron 12, J. Hill 140, A. H. Brown 174, J. Waddington 304, R. H. Cheadle 1196, A. H. St. Ledger 1777, J. Vincent 1861. The business on the summons was unusually heavy—there being not less than three candidates for both the second and third degrees. After Lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes read, the ballot was taken for Mr. C. C. Braithwaite as a candidate for initiation. Lodge was opened in second and third degrees, the respective candidates for passing and raising being entrusted in due course. Bro. Tickle, at the request of the W.M., then occupied the chair and raised Bros. Stockdale, Goldney and Oliver, in a most impressive manner. The W.M. having again assumed the chair, passed Bros. Hynam, Gabriel and Tyler, and then resumed Lodge in the first degree—at which moment it was announced that the M.W. the Prov. Grand Master awaited admission. A deputation was thereupon sent

out to escort him into Lodge, where he was most cordially received and saluted. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to initiate Mr. C. C. Braithwaite, according to ancient custom, after which Lodge was closed in the customary manner. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a most excellent repast, provided by Bro. C. Veal, "ye manciple." The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, expressed the pleasure both he and the members of the Lodge felt at being honoured, for the first time, with the presence of so distinguished a guest, and trusted Bro. Sir Francis would visit them again at an early date. Bro. Sir F. Burdett in responding expressed, in very eulogistic terms, the gratification which the opportunity of visiting the Lodge had afforded him; he had not only been gratified in meeting the members, but likewise with the work in the Lodge of both the W.M. and every one of his officers. It was always a great pleasure to find country Lodges working in the manner the Suburban was doing; in a good many instances great difficulty was experienced in getting the work well done, but what he had seen that evening was most satisfactory, and did credit to the province of Middlesex. Although it had been his pleasure to be connected with the province during the last ten years, he could safely say the Suburban Lodge was not one of those that had been "lagging behind." It had only been formed some four or five years, but from what he had heard it was likely to become one of the leading Lodges of the province. The health of the Provincial Grand Officers having been duly honoured, the toast was responded to by Bro. J. Tickle P.M. P.Z. P.G.R. Middlesex, &c. He said that it was most gratifying to him as a P.G.O. to be present, more especially to meet one who was so highly esteemed as their Provincial Grand Master Sir F. Burdett. He felt sure that it was a happy omen for the Suburban Lodge, and trusted that it would stimulate the brethren to make the Lodge even more efficient than it had been. Bro. Tickle concluded a most eloquent speech by proposing the health of their W.M., Bro. W. T. Buck, who he felt convinced was the right man in the right place. The W.M. responded; he thanked the brethren for the warm manner in which the toast of his health had been received, and assured them that it would always be his ambition to fulfil the duties of his office to the best of his ability. The health of the Initiate was next proposed, and most ably responded to. The W.M. in a neat speech then proposed the health of the Visitors, coupling with it the names of Bro. J. B. Lemaitre P.M. No. 12, and Bro. Thomas Vincent P.M. 1861, Past Prov. Grand Steward Surrey. Bro. Lemaitre thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind way in which the health of the Visitors had been proposed and responded to. As time was short, he would leave his esteemed Bro. P.M. Vincent more fully to reply. Bro. T. Vincent said that it was not the first time he had visited the Suburban Lodge, and he hoped it would not be the last. He sincerely thanked the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren for the kind manner in which the toast of the Visitors had been received. They had been entertained in the most hospitable—nay, kingly manner—and this they fully appreciated. He was always pleased to visit Provincial Lodges, as he considered much was learnt by these intercommunications, they saw variety in the working, and by rubbing one against another a decided step towards perfection was gained. Man was, and would always be, a copyist; and it was by good working in other Lodges that we were stimulated to improve and perfect our own. It was most important that the W.M. and the Officers of a Lodge should do their work well, more especially when Initiates were to be made. First impressions were lasting, and if the sublime ceremonies of Freemasonry were always carried out perfectly, the more convincing it would be to the young members "that Freemasonry was more than a name." Before closing his remarks he might say, the work of P.M. Tickle in the raising was a credit to the Lodge, and so long as the Suburban Lodge had such Past Masters it was sure to be successful. Bro. Buck must also be complimented upon his working, especially for the manner in which he had initiated Bro. Braithwaite. He would conclude by again thanking the members for their hospitality. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge was then given by the W.M.; duly honoured and responded to, and with the Tyler's toast a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE sameness which of necessity characterises the procedure of a Masonic Lodge was somewhat relieved by two or three incidents which occurred at the meeting of the above Lodge on Monday last, 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. The W.M. Bro. F. Croaker having opened proceedings, and disposed of the usual preliminaries, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Webb P.M. 1242, who was desirous of initiating an intimate friend, Mr. Benedict Rosenfeld. In his turn, Bro. Webb retired, to permit of Bro. John Constable P.M. and Treasurer conferring the initiatory lessons upon the son of a brother and friend from South Africa, namely Mr. John William Guthrie, of Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope. The W.M. next resumed his position, and proceeded to initiate Messrs. Siegmund Alexander Lehman and Egmont Ehrlech. On the completion of the ceremony, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was the next business on the agenda. Bro. W. C. Bayley I.P.M. rose and said, that speaking on behalf of the Past Masters they were unanimous in declining the honour of being re-elected. This may appear very generous on the part of the Past Masters, but the value of their magnanimity is considerably modified by the fact that the popularity of Bro. T. W. C. Bush, the highly esteemed S.W., precluded all possibility of any such event happening, the best known and most respected among them not having the ghost of a chance to successfully compete against this candidate. It was a foregone conclusion the selection would prove unanimous. Bro. Constable was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter Tyler. An ample repast followed, accompanied by generous fluids, just sufficient to exhilarate, without inflicting discomfort, and next a selection of the most important toasts. The responses of some of the visitors

were interesting. Bro. Webb, who hails from Douglas, Isle of Man, and is P.M. of 1242, came to London for the sole purpose of enjoying the privilege of initiating his friend. He stated that the passage was extremely rough, and caused him to suffer an unusual amount of tribulation, which was, however, more than compensated by the opportunity afforded him so kindly by the W.M. of presiding during the first ceremony, when his friend, now Bro. Rosenfeld, was presented for admission; the heartiness with which he was received, and the liberal hospitality which he was permitted to enjoy,—in short, entering a stranger, the kindness extended to him made him feel quite at home. Bro. Joseph Benjamin P.M. 658, Melbourne, Australia, caused some hilarity by commencing his speech with Ladies and Gentlemen; thus accounting for the "slip"—When he left Australia to visit this country, from which he had been absent for 29 years, addresses and testimonials of goodwill and friendship were abundantly presented to him, and as a matter of course the speeches which he had to utter, to express his thanks, were prefaced in the manner which caused this merriment. He was pleased to have had the privilege of being present, and found no difference in the conduct and procedure of this Lodge with those at the Antipodes. The initiates severally responded, after which the health of the W.M. elect was enthusiastically received. Bro. Bush expressed his thanks, and hoped to be able during his term of office to preserve the efficiency and prestige of the Lodge. He meant to follow on the lines of his predecessors, whom he held in the most profound esteem. Bro. Constable, who introduced him into the Order; Bro. Bayley, his earliest and best friend; the late lamented Past Master and Treasurer Bro. John Peartree, and others, whose example it would be his duty and pleasure to emulate. He fervently trusted that when his year of office shall have terminated, the brethren will have no cause to regret their confidence. Bros. Constable, Webb, and J. D. Barnett, by their vocal efforts, contributed materially to the enjoyment of the evening, the latter Brother with characteristic ability presided at the pianoforte. The Visitors were Bros. J. Benjamin P.M. 658, Webb P.M. 1242, L. Benjamin 27, Moss Benjamin 133, Conrad H. Lederer late Tranquillity, A. H. French Phoenix, Australia, J. T. Mitchell 490, A. M. Marks 1853, Dr. Mickley P.M. 449, E. Walford 905, Joseph Abbott J.D. 1448, Chas. Graham J.D. 784.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 548.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Tuesday evening, 10th January. There was a very large muster of members, and no fewer than fourteen visitors were present, the occasion being the installation of Bro. W. Fieldson. The visitors who favoured the Lodge with their company were Bros. W. Chicken W.M. Prosperity 65, B. Isaac W.M., R. Tilling S.W. Mount Lebanon 73, J. C. Bigg W.M. Freedom 77, G. H. Dowsett Pythagorean 79, G. Baker P.M. Shakespeare 99, P. Loman Cabbell 807 P.G.S. Norfolk, G. Smith City of London 901, C. W. Williams P.M. Star 1275, H. J. Tallantire Blackheath 1320, H. Gloster P.M. and J. R. Behenna J.W. Chislehurst 1531, J. Bartlett Lorne 1347, G. Hurdell Royal Savoy 1744. Bro. T. E. Musto having been raised by the retiring W.M., he then proceeded to instal his successor. He performed the solemn duty with great care and due effect, and deservedly obtained very high praise from the Lodge. The new W.M. was supported by fifteen Past Masters, who congratulated him upon the high position he had attained. He subsequently appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. G. Batchelor S.W., A. Holmes J.W., J. J. West Treasurer, E. J. B. Bumstead Secretary, Morrison S.D., G. Newall J.D., Stentiford I.G., W. Catterson D.C., Carman A.D.C., G. Kitson W.S. He dwelt particularly upon the value of the services rendered by the Treasurer and Secretary, and expressed himself confident that he should be well supported by his Officers. The banquet was one of Bro. Morgan's (the host) best efforts, and elicited the highest praise from visitors and members. Owing to the number of good things that were provided, and the somewhat late hour of sitting down to the banquet, there was little time left for speeches, but the W.M. got through the toasts without omitting those courteous and respectful references which are indispensable in all well regulated Lodges. Towards the close of the evening, Bro. P. J. Shelley, who first introduced the W.M. into Freemasonry, spoke highly of his protege, in whom he took much pride and pleasure. The Lodge broke up at the usual time, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE, NO. 732.

THE installation meeting and banquet of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Among those present were Bros. H. F. Hauxwell W.M., F. Daniel S.W., and the following Past Masters, viz:—Bros. E. Martain, V. P. Freeman, C. G. Reed, G. Smith, J. M. Reed, W. Smith, J. M. Kidd, S. Solomon, H. Davey, B. Bennett, G. H. Day, R. Legg, E. Carpenter, and J. F. Capon. The Visitors included Bros. J. R. Holland, M.P., John Henderson Scott Deputy Prov. G.M. P.G.D., W. R. Wood A.G.P., Kuhe P.G.O., F. Noakes Prov. J.G.W., C. J. Smith, T. S. Byass, W. Hudson, W. T. Nell, W. Roe, G. Wise, P. Capon, J. Bradford, Seymour Burrows, A. Du Pont, W. W. Collier, Frape, Tillstone, Nash, J. B. Hannay 1821, A. J. Shaker 315, and the following W.M.'s of other Lodges, viz:—Bros. G. Nash, L. Lewis, H. A. Dowell, E. A. Head, A. J. Hawkes, G. S. Godfree, B. Sargent, T. Packham, and W. Skindle. Bro. Francis Daniel was duly installed in the chair, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. H. F. Hauxwell, the retiring W.M. The following Officers were appointed by Bro. Daniel, viz:—Bros. S. H. Soper S.W., E. Histed J.W., T. M. Fowler Secretary, W. Nell S.D., E. Nye J.D., W. Botting I.G., S. Denman D.C., and G. Smith P.M. Steward. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where dinner was served. After the loyal and other toasts had been given by the W.M., Bro. V. P. Freeman

proposed the Visitors, a toast regarded as an important one at all Royal Brunswick meetings. Responses were made by Bros. J. R. Holland, M.P., G. Nash, and G. Wise. Several of the brethren contributed songs, the pianoforte accompaniments being rendered by Bro. W. Roe Prov. G. Organist. The banquet was served by the well known Brighton firm of caterers, Messrs. Taylor and Marks, and was most creditable to their enterprise.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780—A meeting was held on Friday 13th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. C. E. Botley Hon. Sec. W.M., F. Botley S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., J. J. Gunner S.D., C. Maton J.D., Geo. Thomas I.G., Past Masters Bros. Goss and Blasby. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which the Lodge was opened in the 2nd, and the ritual of that degree practised. The Lodge was advanced to the 3rd, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro. F. Botley was elected to fill the chair on 20th inst.

In consequence of the heavy demands on our space we are compelled to hold over several interesting items.

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction will in future meet at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. The next gathering will take place on Monday, the 23rd inst., when a notice of motion as to the propriety of altering the time of meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. will be discussed.

The annual supper of the Great City Lodge of Instruction will be held on the 26th inst., at the Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue.

We learn that the Royal York Lodge of Instruction, No. 315, intend issuing invitations for their Annual Ball, to be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on 15th February. We anticipate that this will be one of the most enjoyable balls of the season.

PRESENT YOUR WORK.—Every Master Mason should always, upon occasion, be ready to present a specimen of his work. It should be good work—square work. If the work is neither oblong nor square, it will subject him to the suspicion of being an idler—too indolent to produce work of his own, and an impostor, endeavouring to pass off some stray piece, which he has hurriedly picked up, as his own. The Master Mason who will do such a thing will be sure to get into trouble before he goes much farther; and it will be trouble, accompanied with pain, sorrow and shame, such as he will remember as long as he lives. I am not speaking in any mystic language, whatever may be its hidden meanings. Every act, every word of a Master Mason—one who has been duly furnished with the implements of labour, and who has access to the plans drawn upon the Trestle Board—is a specimen of his work; and he may be called upon to present it, at any time, to the inspection of the Overseer. The square will be applied to it, in the presence of the Master and of the Craftsmen. Let every Mason be scrupulously careful of his words and deeds, in every place, that his life-work may be approved, and he be honoured with the rewards of a good and faithful servant. In the Lodge no word or act of a Mason is trivial or unimportant. If he should have occasion to travel to or from the East, West, or South, his manner will be a specimen of his work. His late coming to or early retiring from the Lodge room will be a specimen of his work. His habit in greeting the Craft, or of saluting the Master, will be a specimen of his work. His intelligence or otherwise, in debate and council, will be a specimen of his work. His temper and tone will be a specimen of his work. Nothing is trivial or unimportant. Relatively and by comparison words and deeds may be small, but, in most cases, they determine character. Faithfulness in the things that are less will give assurance of faithfulness in things that are greater, and a good and true Mason is faithful in small things, and being faithful in the small and commoner things, he will always be ready to present a specimen of his work, with humble confidence and cheerful hope—*Masonic Review*.

Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, completed his eighteenth year on Sunday, having been born on the 8th January 1864.

The Prince of Wales, with the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Christian, the Duke of Westminster, Sir Richard Wallace, and Lord Charles Bruce, have been constituted a trust for the receipt of subscriptions towards the proposed Royal College of Music till such time as a Charter has been granted and a Corporation formed.

It has been arranged that His Royal Highness's marriage shall be solemnised in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, but the ceremony is not expected to take place till after Easter.

The Prince of Wales has given a donation of £25 to the fund now being raised towards erecting a memorial in Plymouth Harbour, to the grand old navigator of the reign of Elizabeth, Sir Francis Drake, a further sum being promised in the event of the memorial taking a national form.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—In cases of general debility, mental depression, and nervous irritability, there is no medicine which operates so like a charm as these famous Pills. They purify the blood, soothe and strengthen the nervous system, give tone to the stomach, elevate the spirits, and in fact make the patient sensible of a total and most delightful revolution in his whole system. They may be commended most unreservedly as the very best family medicine in existence. Though so powerfully efficacious, they are singularly mild in their operation, and might be given with perfect confidence to delicate women and young children. They contain not a grain of mercury or any other noxious substance, and cannot do harm. Delicate females, and all persons of sedentary habits, will find these Pills a blessing.

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, 21st JANUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Pannure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1320—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1324—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney. (Instruction)
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

MONDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredcar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 24th JANUARY.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 K.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 25th JANUARY.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merebant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1195—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shorditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1559—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1793—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel

- 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.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-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.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 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.)

- 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 424—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale
 K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 27th JANUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
 834—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)
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggieridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
 176—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 1041—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1293—Burdett, Mibro Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 12th inst., under the presidency of Dr. Jackson W.M., who was supported by Bros. Lancaster S.W., Smith J.W., Runtz S.D., Bieling J.D., Tongue D.C. and Davis Tyler. Lodge being opened, Dr. W. H. Pardoe was examined in the usual manner, and so accurately answered the questions as to elicit the remark from Bro. Paas, Secretary, that he, as the oldest Past Master of the Lodge, had never before known the questions to be so well answered. Bro. Pardoe was then entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was performed. All business being ended, Lodge closed in due form. The brethren had decided to do without their usual banquet, and devote the funds to the purpose of paying for the new furniture of the Lodge.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 11th January, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., R. Dowsett S.W., E. Margrett P.M. as J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, Hawkes S.D., Prickett J.D., Hickie Organist, Ravenscroft I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Danks, Pulley, Welch; Members—Bros. Parkes, Collins, Weatherhead, Greenaway, H. Ferguson, W. Ridley, Bailey, Knight. Visitor—Bro. A. L. Cooper 1556. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for a joining member, who was declared elected. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, the W.M. giving the lecture on the tracing board. This was given with great correctness, and called forth the hearty acclamations of the brethren. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when Bro. P.M. Margrett gave notice, "That the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M., who will represent the Lodge at the approaching Festival;" this was seconded by Bro. Welch. The Secretary called the attention of the Lodge to the Provincial Grand Lodge vote of ten guineas, which might be added to the list of the W.M. Bro. Margrett said that such a notice was not required. The business being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, after which Bro. Margrett gave an interesting address on the "History of Freemasonry," which was listened to with much attention, and greatly applauded.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Charles Taylor W.M., Kibble S.W., Keeble J.W., Headon P.M. Treasurer, Blackie P.M. Secretary. The other Past Masters present were Bros. Hamer, Stevens, Seex, Freeman, and Stanway. There were several visitors:—Bros. Moore P.M. 907, Crombie 1567, Tiddeman J.W. 813, Southcott 733, Randall 145, Storr 22, Eastgate 1563, Davis 63, Bromwell 1633. In consequence of the Worshipful Master's engagements, the Lodge was opened by Bro. James Stevens P.M., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. John Williams, Benn, and Paul Johannes Metz were interrogated as to their proficiency in the science. Lodge was then opened in the third, and they were raised to the degree of Master Mason. Soon after the conclusion of this ceremony, the Worshipful Master arrived, and amidst the congratulations of the members took the chair. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Mr. Robert Brookman, a candidate, was introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. On the proposition of Bro. Blackie, twenty-five guineas were voted from the Lodge funds to be placed on the Worshipful Master's list, he representing the Lodge as Steward at the Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Two appeals from distressed Masons were relieved from the Samaritan Fund. Before the Lodge was closed Bro. Headon P.M. and Treasurer drew the attention of the members to the very beautiful banner which was raised over the Master's chair, and said it was the gift of Bro. Headley, one of their members. It was beautifully executed on silk, and he was sure that the brethren would give a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Headley for his valuable present. This was voted by acclamation, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Dining Hall for refreshment, the Worshipful Master presiding. On the removal of the cloth, he gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Hamer I.P.M. gave the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Taylor, which was a toast he had had the pleasure of proposing before. They all knew that he was a most indefatigable worker, but he might say that in consequence of his (Bro. Taylor's) numerous business engagements it rendered it exceedingly difficult for him to attend to his duties in the Lodge. He asked them to drink his health as their Worshipful Master, and he hoped that every one of them would endeavour to obtain the same exalted position he now occupied, and maintain the honour and dignity of The Great City Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in response to the toast of his health, said he could assure them that it gave him great pleasure to acknowledge the toast, which had been so cordially received by the brethren; he thanked their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Hamer, for the kindly words in which he had spoken of him. He excused his absence on account of duties which occupied him from an early hour in the morning until a late hour at night, but as they had elected him their Worshipful Master he had endeavoured to fill that office to the best of his ability, and, therefore, they must take the will for the deed. He had been also afflicted with domestic trouble, and it was only a chance that he was there that night, as he had been forbidden to go out by his medical attendant. He must, therefore, ask them to excuse any shortcomings on his part. He thanked them most heartily for the undeserved applause they had given him, and wished that every one of them might enjoy prosperity and happiness during the year, and that the prosperity they enjoyed might enable them to advance the interests of The Great City Lodge. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of their initiate, Bro. Brookman; he said that they were always glad to receive initiates, but they must be of the right sort, and in Bro. Brookman he knew

that they had a good one. He asked them to drink his health, and give him a hearty welcome into The Great City Lodge. Bro. Brookman, in reply, said it was impossible for him to make a speech, but he was obliged to them for drinking his health, and he hoped he should always prove himself worthy of their esteem. The health of the Visitors was then given, and Bro. Tiddeman, after returning thanks for his reception, alluded to his attendance at the Lodge of Instruction which was held under the authority of this Lodge; he said that at the present time it had fifty-five paying members, who, by small weekly subscriptions, in four years became Life Governors of all Masonic Charities. Since the establishment of this fund a total of about £600 had been subscribed, and but for it those Life Governorships could never have existed or been enjoyed. Several other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony.

Paxton Lodge, No. 1886.—What potent factors harmony and brotherly love, combined with excellence in working the ritual of the Order, are in contributing to the happiness of the members of a Lodge, and the thorough enjoyment of a Masonic evening, may be exemplified in the gatherings of the above Lodge. On the 12th inst. a meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, there being present Bros. W. H. Boswell W.M., J. M. Klenck P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey Secretary, Walker S.D., F. Goddard J.D., Partridge I.G., F. J. Sawyer P.M., Damant, F. Pincote, Harrington, Garland, &c. Visitor—Bro. Sir F. C. Knowles, Bart. 1726. The business was the passing of Bro. Garland. After the closing, a very excellent supper was partaken of by the brethren, and cordial responses given to the various toasts. Sir Francis Knowles testified to the pleasure he felt in being the guest of the Lodge on the kind invitation of Bro. Klenck, and the deep interest he took in all Masonic matters.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. A. Ferrar W.M., Wolf S.W., Gribble J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., Parkes J.D., Robinson I.G.; also Bros. R. Defriez, A. M. Marks, Crawley, Lardner, W. Williams, Richardson, Galer, Bird, &c. Lodge opened in regular form, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. A. M. Marks answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture were worked. Bro. Wolf was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The weekly meeting of the above was held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on 19th inst. Bros. Green W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., G. Coop J.W., C. W. Cunningham S.D., J. W. Fisher J.D., T. Smith I.G., H. Tucker Preceptor; also Bros. Porter, Seward, Tilley, Pitt, Owen. After preliminaries, the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremonies of passing and raising, Bro. Porter candidate in the former, and Bro. Pitt in that of the latter degree. Bro. C. Bellerby was unanimously elected W.M. for Thursday next.

Wellington Lodge, No. 784.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal, to instal Bro. Solly S.W. the W.M. elect. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. Emmerson P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Harrison P.M. P.G.C., Fenwick P.M. P.P.G.S.D.; also Bros. Baker, Woodruff, Carterfield, Dr. Davey, and many others. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Bird P.M. P.P.G.S.W. After which the Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. J. M. Browning P.M. S.W., E. L. Bridge jun. J.W., T. M. Browning P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Hynam P.M. Secretary, J. A. Foster S.D., J. Elliott J.D., T. W. Paul D.C., F. Barber Steward, J. Hammond I.G., W. J. A. Norris Tyler. Bros. W. H. Hayman P.M. Secretary, and J. M. Browning P.M. Treasurer, were each presented with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel for their assiduous duties for many years in the Wellington Lodge. After Lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Foster's, the Royal Hotel, to the banquet, and the evening was much enlivened by some excellent music and songs from Bros. Plant and Rhodes, of Canterbury, and the worthy host, Bro. Foster.

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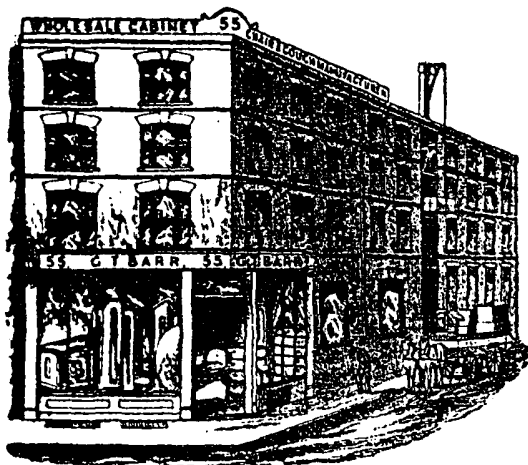
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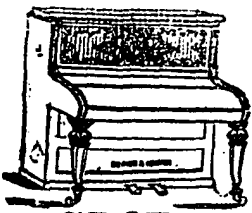
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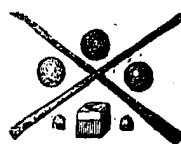
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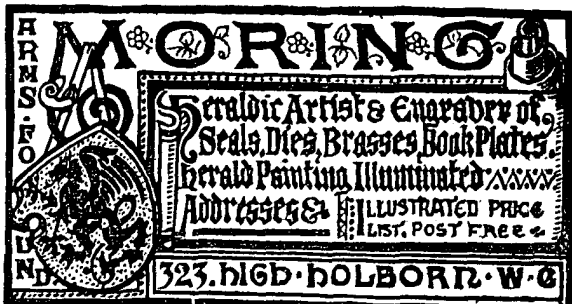
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