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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

BUT little more than three weeks must elapse ere the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is an event of the past, and clearly it is none too soon to remind our brethren of this important fact. Tuesday, the 21st February, is the day appointed by His Royal Highness the Grand Master for holding this Anniversary, and Bro. James Terry has already the satisfaction of having enrolled on his List of Stewards quite 230 brethren, whose labours will no doubt be very profitable to the Charity. At the same time we trust there will be, in the course of the next three weeks, a large addition to this number. South Wales West is a loyal, but by no means a numerically strong Province, as are Yorkshire and the Lancashires, or even as Devonshire and Cheshire. It is desirable, therefore, that the other Provinces and the Metropolitan Lodges should bestir themselves with even greater zeal than usual. Let it be borne in mind that no less than 155 old brethren and 160 old ladies have to be provided for, the outlay in annuities to which the Institution stands committed being, in round figures, £11,500, to say nothing of the expenses of management, which are also considerable. We make early note of these highly important facts because we are anxious to see Colonel Lloyd-Philipps, who has kindly undertaken to preside, as liberally supported as his predecessors.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS.—No. VI.

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EARLY GRAND MASTERS.

*Read in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction
in 1876.*

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LORD Paisley was succeeded in the G. Mastership by the Earl of Inchiquin, by whom the office of Prov. Grand Master was instituted, a deputation, conferring such honour, being granted 10th May 1727, to Bro. Hugh Warburton as Prov. Grand Master for North Wales, and a similar deputation for South Wales to Bro. Sir Edward Mansell, Bart., on the 24th June of the same year. The latter date is further memorable by reason of the fact that the privilege of voting in Grand Lodge was on that day extended to Past Grand Wardens. During Lord Coleraine's presidency over the Craft Grand Stewards were appointed, and a Lodge in Madrid was constituted. Lord Kingston, next on the roll of Grand Masters, and subsequently Grand Master of the Craft in Ireland, presented Grand Lodge with a curious pedestal and cushion, as well as with a jewel for the Grand Secretary; while among the Lodges that were warranted was one that held its meetings in Bengal, presumably at Calcutta. On 29th January the Duke of Norfolk was invested and installed as Grand

Master, his Deputy being Bro. Nathaniel Blackerby, who had acted in that capacity to Lord Kingston.

One great event of the Duke of Norfolk's Grand Mastership was mentioned in my last lecture, namely, the issue of a Deputation appointing Bro. Daniel Coxe to be Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, for a period of two years from St. John the Baptist's day (24th June). By this alone would his Grace's services to Freemasonry deserve to be remembered, for it is to this small beginning we are indebted for the magnificent structure which has since been raised to Freemasonry in North America. There are now some forty-eight Grand Lodges, with 600,000 members, in this division of the world, and it must never be forgotten that the first seed of Masonry was implanted there by this Duke of Norfolk. But there is another circumstance in connection with his Grace's reign which deserves notice. It is not to be expected that a Society which had risen so rapidly in public estimation as to have attracted within its folds many of the principal nobility and gentry could exist for any length of time without raising up to itself a number of detractors whose efforts would be directed towards ridiculing its mysteries. Nor is it unreasonable to suppose that more than one person, unconscientious and actuated by the basest motives, would seek admission into our ranks, with the sole object of publishing whatever secrets might be entrusted to them. Thus, since the establishment (or re-establishment) of Grand Lodge, a number of bitter attacks against Freemasonry had appeared at divers times. They did no great harm perhaps, but good rather. Curiosity was aroused, and Masonry received a larger share of public attention than she would have done had she been left unmolested. Be this as it may, when it was found that these scurrilous attacks were continually being repeated, sundry of our more enlightened brethren were induced to publish apologies for the Craft. Foremost amongst these was the celebrated Dr. Anderson, who took upon himself the duty of replying directly to a pamphlet by Samuel Prichard, late member of a constituted Lodge, bearing the title of "Masonry Dissected; being a universal and genuine description of all its branches, from the original to this present time, giving an impartial account of their regular proceeding in initiating their new members in the whole three degrees of Masonry, viz. the Entered Prentice, Fellow Craft, and Master." This reply of Dr. Anderson was intitled "A Defence of Masonry, occasioned by a Pamphlet called 'Masonry Dissected,'" and made its appearance in the year 1730. The only fault, I believe, that was ever laid against Dr. Anderson in respect of the Defence was that he had been at too great pains to repel an insolent attack. His work was too elaborate, too learned. This, though regarded at the time as a fault, is in fact the very highest praise that could have been bestowed on the learned brother. And though the onslaught it was directed against may have been a feeble one, the Defence is one to which successive generations of Craftsmen have pointed, and will continue through all time to point, with a mingled sense of pride and thankfulness that the task was accomplished so thoroughly, and with such consummate ability. Whenever we find ourselves the object of calumny on the part of outsiders, we have but to turn to this apology of

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Dr. Anderson's, and the calumniators will be baffled. Its logic is simply irrefutable, and any here present who may wish to study it, will find it published among "Masonic Institutes by various authors," being Volume I. of the late Dr. Oliver's "Golden Remains of the Masonic Writers," published by the late Bro. Richard Spencer. This defence then of Dr. Anderson is the other important event by which the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Norfolk will ever be distinguished. His year of office, in fact, will always be memorable in our history, America especially having good cause to remember him with gratitude. Preston, indeed, declares that "from this period we may date the commencement of the consequence and reputation of the Society in Europe, as daily applications were made for constituting new Lodges, and the foremost characters of the age desired their names to be enrolled in our records." We shall see this statement borne out as we proceed.

The Duke was succeeded by Lord Lovel, afterwards Earl of Leicester, who was installed at Mercers' Hall, on the 29th March 1731. Owing to severe indisposition, his Lordship was compelled to withdraw almost immediately after the ceremony, but Lord Coleraine acted as his proxy. At the first Grand Lodge after the installation, held at the Rose Tavern, Marylebone, it was determined that Past Grand Masters and their Deputies should be admitted members of the Committee of Charity, and that the Committee should have power to grant relief to distressed Masons to the extent of Five Pounds; for the grant of any larger sum the consent of Grand Lodge, in regular Communication, must first of all be obtained. Later, also in this Mastership, the privilege was granted to Grand Stewards of nominating their successors. This was done on the motion of Colonel Pitt, but it will be found a few years later that this further special privilege was productive of much dissension in the Fraternity. It was during Lord Lovel's term of office that Francis Duke of Lorraine, afterwards Grand Duke of Tuscany and Emperor of Germany, was initiated into Freemasonry. For this purpose a deputation was issued by his Lordship to hold an occasional Lodge at the Hague. The Earl of Chesterfield, our Ambassador in Holland, presided, and Dr. Desaguliers was a member of the Deputation. On this occasion His Royal Highness received the first and second degrees of Masonry. Later in the same year, on visiting England, the Duke was raised to the third degree at an occasional Lodge, held for that purpose, at Houghton Hall, in Norfolk, the seat of Sir Robert Walpole. So important an addition to our ranks had, of course, the effect of causing the extension of the Fraternity to other countries, and with each succeeding year almost we find issues of new Deputations for the establishment of Masonic Lodges in foreign parts, among the countries thus favoured being Russia, a Lodge having been established there, it is said, as early as 1731, though, if this were actually the case, its meetings were probably held with a due regard to secrecy. It was in 1731 that the Grand Lodge of Ireland assembled for the first time in Dublin, when Lord Kingston was elected Grand Master.

Viscount Montagu was installed as Grand Master, at Merchant Taylors' Hall, on the 19th April 1732, in the presence of a distinguished assemblage of brethren, among whom were the Dukes of Richmond and Montagu, the Earl of Strathmore, Lords Coleraine, Teynham, and Carpenter, over 400 brethren in all being present. On this occasion it was agreed to hold a country feast, and cards of invitation were issued for a dinner, to be held at the Spaniards, Hampstead—Preston is my authority for this—on the 24th June. The Grand Master and his Officers, together with the Dukes of Norfolk and Richmond, and other nobility and gentry, to the number of about one hundred, were present. After this, says Preston, Grand Master Montagu did not again preside in person at the meetings of the Society, but great activity was shown by his Deputy, Bro. Thomas Batson, in its government, while a considerable number of Lodges were chartered. In Pine's List for 1734, recently published by Bro. Hughan, there are no less than 21 Lodges which bear date between Lord Montagu's installation and that of his successor, and only a fortnight previous to his formal accession we find a Lodge—ranking No. 90 in this List—established in Paris. But this is far from representing the whole of the work of this reign. A Warrant was issued to constitute a Lodge at Valenciennes, but, above all, we must record the issue, on the 30th of April 1733, of a deputation to Bro. Henry Price, appointing him to be Prov. G. Master in New England,

with full power to appoint his Deputy and other Officers, and to constitute Lodges as occasion should require. Under this authority Bro. Price opened a Provincial Grand Lodge at Boston, Massachusetts, on the 30th July, of the same year, and appointed Andrew Belcher to be his Deputy and Thomas Kenelly and John Quenn his Prov. Grand Wardens. This was designated the St. John's Grand Lodge, and on reference to Pine's List, already mentioned, we find that No. 126 was constituted by Bro. Price and met in Boston City. I will add, with reference to this last Deputation, that till within the last few years this was believed to be the first introduction of Freemasonry into North America. There was reason to suppose that previous Deputations had been issued, but no signal trace of any work done thereunder could be found. Latterly, evidence of trustworthy work has been obtained from a Philadelphia newspaper, published by the illustrious Benjamin Franklin, himself a Mason, to the effect that a Lodge existed in that city in the year 1730. From the same source we learn that a Grand Lodge of Masons was held at the Tun (commonly printed Sun) Tavern, Water-street, on St. John's Day, when W. Allen was unanimously chosen G.M. and appointed W. Pringle to be his Deputy. The Wardens for the year were Thomas Boade and Benjamin Franklin. It should be stated further that Bro. Hughan is not without hope that he may be able to establish a connection between a Lodge held at the Hoop, Water-street, with the No. 79 of Pine's List. This latter is left vacant, having neither place of meeting nor date of Constitution assigned to it, but it figures among Lodges bearing 1731 as date of Constitution. I have, perhaps, digressed a little for the purpose of putting this matter more clearly before you, but the subject, though apparently insignificant, is really of great value, considering the extent to which Freemasonry in the United States flourishes.

The Earl of Strathmore was installed as Grand Master by proxy, owing to his absence at the time in Scotland, on 7th June 1733, at the Mercers' Hall. At a Grand Lodge, held on the 13th December, at the Devil Tavern, his Lordship, numerous supported by his Grand Officers and other dignitaries of the Order, presided in person, no less than fifty-three Lodges being represented by their Masters and Wardens. On this occasion a resolution was passed to the effect that all matters hitherto brought under the notice of Grand Lodge itself should in the first instance be examined into and reported upon by the Committee of Charity, and then submitted to Grand Lodge at its next regular Communication. Bro. Findel considers this a surrender on the part of Grand Lodge of such residue of its independence as it yet retained. His words are, "Towards the close of the year (December 1733) the privileges of the Committee of Charity were so materially extended that the Grand Lodge, to a certain extent, voluntarily delivered over to them the residue of that independence which had been left to it, in the passing of resolutions." This innovation, viz. the extension of the Committee for the administration of the Charity Fund into a meeting of Master Masons, on whom power was conferred to make arrangements of the greatest importance, and to prepare new resolutions, not only virtually annulled the authority vested in the Grand Lodge, but likewise greatly endangered the equality of the brethren in the different Lodges. I am inclined to think this is an exaggerated view of the circumstances. The Power that granted this extension of authority to the Committee of Charity could likewise withdraw it again. Moreover, the final reference to Grand Lodge itself must be regarded as a retention of the Supreme Power. It did not necessarily follow that Grand Lodge would confirm the recommendations of its committee. It only remains for me to add that it was under Lord Strathmore's auspices that the first Lodge in Germany was constituted, namely, at Hamburgh in 1733. Preston says, "Eleven German Masons applied for authority to open a new Lodge at Hamburgh, under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of England, for which purpose his lordship was pleased to grant a deputation." This, I imagine, must be Lodge No. 124 of Pine's List, which is located at "Hamburgh, in Lower Saxony." The same writer adds, that "several of the Lodges were constituted in Holland under the English banner; in support of this we have mention of a Lodge meeting at the Hague on 3rd September 1734. It is also noteworthy that in 1733 a Lodge was founded at Florence, by Charles Sackville, Duke of Middlesex, a medal still preserved in the Numismatic Cabinet of the

Lodge of the Three Palms, at Leipsic, having been struck in honour of the occasion.

The Earl of Crawford was installed as successor of the Earl of Strathmore on the 30th March 1734, at Mercers' Hall, and during his Grand Mastership Bro. Dr. Anderson was entrusted to prepare a new edition of the Book of Constitutions. This edition made its appearance in 1738. At first, according to Preston, owing to the pressure of public business, his lordship neglected the Communications of Grand Lodge. But if this were the case, he made amends towards the close of his term of office by a greater display of activity than usual. He is said to have held two Communications within a period of six weeks. Moreover, several new regulations were passed during his administration, not all of which, however, can be regarded with satisfaction. Additional privileges, for instance, were granted to the Grand Stewards, and it was resolved that all Grand Officers, the Grand Master alone excepted, should in future be elected only by that body. It was also enacted that if any Lodge within the Bills of Mortality should cease to meet during twelve calendar months, it should be erased from the list; and, if reinstated, should lose its foremost rank. A regulation was likewise passed against the illegal Conventions of Masons "who have lately met secretly, and to the discredit of the society have initiated persons into Masonry for small and inadequate fees." These provided that all who took part in such irregular initiations would not be permitted to hold office or participate in the Charity Fund. Three Deputations were also issued, appointing Grand Masters for Lancashire, Durham, and Northumberland, and this Preston regards as an encroachment on the jurisdiction of the York Grand Lodge. "This circumstance," he says, "the Grand Lodge in York highly resented, and ever after seems to have viewed the proceedings of the brethren in the south with a jealous eye, as all friendly intercourse ceased, and the York Masons from that moment considered their interests distinct from the Masons under the Grand Lodge in London." Thory adopts this view, but Findel points out that there were already sundry Lodges in Lancashire and Durham, and one at Scarborough, in 1734, that these had been constituted for some time, and that their constitution would certainly have given umbrage to the York Lodge at the time, not some years or months afterwards. It is true that Preston quotes a paragraph from the Constitutions of 1738, in support of his statement, pointing out that Anderson speaks of "the old Lodge at York City" and others, "affecting independency," and being under their own Grand Masters, but four years is a pretty long interval of time, and as we advance, we shall have, I think, still greater reason to support the views of Findel.

On the 17th April 1735, Lord Weymouth was installed Grand Master, having been elected to that office on the 24th December preceding. He appointed as his Deputy Bro. John Ward, to whose services now, and at a later period, the Craft is deeply indebted. On the 24th June, we have the authority of Thory for saying, application was made by sundry Lodges in Paris, soliciting the establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge for France. Nothing is said as to the result of the application, but on reference to Rebold we find it stated, in 1735, that Lord Harnouester or Derwentwater was invested with the office of Provincial Grand Master, while Findel quotes Lalande's authority as stating that Harnouester was chosen Grand Master in 1736. But to return. In the same June the above application is said to have been made, the Grand Stewards' Lodge received its warrant of Constitution. The functions of these officers were likewise more clearly defined, and at the same time the privilege was granted to the Lodge, of sending a deputation, consisting of twelve of its members, to Grand Lodge, such twelve members being permitted to vote as individuals, and also to wear distinctive aprons and ribands, in consequence of the resolution mentioned above, that all Grand Officers should be elected out of that body. At a Grand Lodge held the 11th December, this Deputation, with Sir Robert Lawley, Master of the Lodge, appeared, wearing their new badges of office. On this occasion they were not permitted to exercise the right of voting as individuals, but when it was proposed that in future they should be allowed this privilege, "many Lodges objected to the measure as an encroachment on the privileges of every other Lodge which had been previously constituted. When the motion was put for confirmation, such a disturbance ensued, that the Grand Lodge was obliged to be closed, before the sentiments of the brethren could be

collected on the subject." Findel says, "This unjust preference shown to the Stewards excited loud, but righteous, indignation among the brethren; such a disturbance ensued, that Ward had to get up and make a speech, calling 'for decency and moderation.'" Preston adds, that "years after, the punctilio was waived, and the twelve Stewards permitted to vote as individuals." In a footnote he is more explanatory still, pointing out that it was in the year 1770 that this privilege was strictly warranted, a resolution having been passed at the Grand Lodge held on the 7th February, at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, Strand, to the following effect, "As the right of the members of the Stewards' Lodge in general to attend the Committee of Charity appears doubtful, no mention of such right being made in the laws of the Society, the Grand Lodge are of opinion *That they have no right to attend*; but it is hereby resolved, *That the Stewards' Lodge be allowed the privilege of sending a number of brethren, equal to any other four Lodges, to every future Committee of Charity, and that, as a Master of each private Lodge only has a right to attend, to make a proper distinction between the Stewards' Lodge and the other Lodges, that the Master and three other members of that Lodge be permitted to attend at every succeeding Committee on behalf of the said Lodge.* Since then, though it was expressly so stated that such resolution was not intended to deprive any older Lodge of its rank and precedence, the Grand Stewards' Lodge has been accorded precedence of all other Lodges, including even the Time Immemorial Lodges. However, the disturbance we have noted above had a serious effect on the progress of the Craft, so far as this, that it gave rise to much internal dissension, and this brought forth bitter fruit in the course of a few years,

Before taking leave of Lord Weymouth as G. Master, we must notice the progress of Freemasonry in Holland, and the difficulties it experienced at the outset of its career in that country. The Lodge held at the Hague for the initiation of the Duke of Lorraine was, no doubt, as I have suggested, an occasional Lodge. At all events, we learn nothing further about Freemasonry in Holland till the year 1734. On the 30th September of that year, according to Findel, a regular meeting of the Lodge of G. Master of the United Provinces of the Netherlands took place at the Golden Lion, under the presidency of Brother Vincent de la Chapelle, who may therefore be regarded as the founder of Freemasonry in the Netherlands. The Baron de Wagenaer was appointed Grand Master, and it was this Lodge which in 1749 took the title of Mother Lodge of the Royal Union. But not to anticipate what properly belongs to a subsequent lecture, and to concern ourselves only about this particular period, Findel points out that several daughter Lodges sprang from this 1734 Hague Lodge, and in 1735, one was constituted at the hotel "Niene Doelen" in presence of Grand Master J. Corn. Rademaker, G. Treasurer of the Prince of Orange, and D. Grand Master J. Kuenen. This having been announced in the *Zatvurdaagsche Courant*, of Amsterdam, for 3rd November, excited the attention of the Government. On the 30th of the same month the States General issued an edict forbidding Masonic assemblies to be held anywhere in the United Provinces. However, the Amsterdam Lodge continued to hold its meetings in secret, and this coming to the ears of the authorities, steps were taken for breaking up the Lodge, and bringing the subject judicially before the Council. There is a story abroad to the effect that the Chairman and Wardens were examined on oath, and declared that Freemasons were peaceful subjects, &c., &c., and that they were willing to initiate any members of the Council into their mysteries in order to convince them of this. Thereupon the brethren had full liberty granted to them, and the Secretary of State was initiated, his report being so satisfactory that not only did the Councillors allow full toleration to the Craft, but they enrolled themselves members of the Fraternity. Findel doubts the truth of this story, and I certainly think it looks like another version of the old story recorded of Elizabeth, that she, hearing of the Freemasons of York and their recent assemblies, gave orders for the Society to be broken up. Bro. Thomas Sackville, however, is said to have had the officers sent to execute the Queen's mandate initiated, and they were so thoroughly convinced then of the perfect innocence of Masonry, that they reported favourably of it to the Queen, who ever afterwards permitted them the free exercise of their rites. In the case of our Dutch brethren, however, it is certain that,

influenced by one or more reasons, the States General abandoned their aggressive action against it, and when, some years later, the clergy of Holland, who were the enemies of our Order, refused to grant absolution to those who had joined the Society, the States General intervened for the protection of the Craft, directing the priests to reject no Freemason who was otherwise an honest man.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

SELDOM have the brethren of this old and respected Lodge met under more gratifying auspices than on Tuesday, 17th instant, when there was a numerous assemblage to witness the installation of Bro. J. W. Crossley as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. It is well known that this Lodge has for years enjoyed an enviable position amongst the Masonic circles of the metropolis, and that its prestige has not only been maintained, but considerably enhanced, under recent Masters, has been abundantly proved and acknowledged. Alike in the perfection of its working and its active support of the Charities of our Institution, the United Mariners' Lodge has for a long period held a proud and prominent position, and the hearty fraternity pervading its members is an ample evidence of the healthy tone which has all along characterised this section of the Craft. The brethren assembled shortly after half-past four o'clock, when Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Hiram Cosedge, who was supported by Bros. Joseph Clarke I.P.M., J. W. Crossley S.W. and W.M. elect, Joshua Shipley J.W., Joseph Harling P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll P.M. Honorary Secretary, Thomas E. Davey S.D., James Linscott J.D., Louis Steingraber D.C., P.M.'s Charles Davey, Thomas Smith, A. T. Gladwell, A. Lefeanx, G. J. C. Smith, W. Ansell, Lampen, J. Rotheroe, H. Myers, J. Oblein, M. Misch, B. Oldendorff, John Lewis, Alfred Couldrey, C. Bergman, James Hill, W. Sanders, Carl Fasshaber, Edwin Bailey, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. James Terry P.M. 228 (Secretary of the Royal Benevolent Institution), J. Godwin P.M. 1343 P.G.A.D.C. of Essex, Rev. W. H. W. Casely 1530 P.P.G.C. of Herts, T. Painter P.M., K. Bergmann P.M. 238, W. Manger P.M. 1314, R. Senecal P.M. 569, W. J. Marlis P.M. 1642, W. Johnson W.M. 946, R. P. Frewer P.M. 1685, H. Leah P.M. 193, H. Stanley 205, D. P. Holmes 1471, F. Slade 1685, E. H. Page 55, J. Richardson 185, H. Forbes 1329, and many others, who as the Worshipful Master facetiously remarked later in the evening, might have been enumerated had their signatures been more legibly written in the attendance book. Lodge having been advanced, Bro. Crossley was duly presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and, having accepted the responsibilities of the exalted position was installed into the chair, and subsequently received the hearty salutations of the brethren, the ceremonial being conducted by Bro. Hiram Cosedge, in an intelligent and impressive manner, and such as pleased and surprised many who were aware of the retiring Master's recent indisposition. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Hiram Cosedge I.P.M., Joshua Shipley S.W., Thomas E. Davey J.W., Joseph Harling P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll P.M. Honorary Secretary, James Linscott S.D., Louis Steingraber J.D., Alfred Couldrey Inner Guard, Carl Fasshaber Director of Ceremonies, Charles Davey P.M. Wine Steward, Samuel Lampen Assistant Wine Steward, and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. During the evening Bro. Sanders was raised to the sublime degree, by the retiring W.M., who in this, as well as in the ceremony of installation, acquitted himself most meritoriously. At the conclusion of the business the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquetting-hall, where a *recherché* repast was served by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, after which the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., referring to Her Majesty as the mother of Masons, said the brethren of the Craft were by this fact drawn nearer to the throne, even if they were tempted otherwise. They ought also to be proud of the Prince of Wales as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Craft, as well as a Prince, and it afforded them the greatest gratification to see how nobly he supported the Institution of which he was the supreme head. In giving "Our Masonic Rulers" he observed that while they congratulated themselves upon being favoured by Royalty, they were also favoured by the nobility of the country, many of whom held high offices in Grand Lodge. These offices, however, were not confined to the nobility, neither was our Order. Masonry teaches natural equality, and they found many men amongst our commoners who also held exalted offices in the Craft. The toast was enthusiastically received. The I.P.M. then rose, and said the gavel had been returned to him once more, he supposed as the setting sun, although he would not carry the simile too far. But as setting sun he was supposed to look pleasantly out of the cloud, and promised them no end of happy work, as the angry of the morrow. From the respect and affection they entertained towards their new Worshipful Master he felt sure they would support and cheer him, and try to find out what was in him, during his year of office. He had worked well in the various offices through which he had to pass, and they might rely upon it that he would continue to uphold the reputation which this old Lodge so deservedly enjoyed. They would find him a thoroughly sincere Worshipful Master, who loved the tenets of the Craft, and would help the brethren to carry them out faithfully. If they accorded to Bro. Crossley half the kindness they had manifested towards himself, his must be a strong heart, indeed, if he did not reciprocate that kindness by his efforts to sustain the prestige of the old Lodge. The W.

Master, after returning thanks for the compliment paid him, said he occupied a proud position in filling the chair of so old and respected a Lodge as this, and he felt the responsibility of following so many P.M.'s of credit and renown, who had preceded him. While craving their indulgence for any shortcomings of which he might be guilty he should endeavour to sustain the position in such a way that the brethren would not regret having exalted him to the dignified place in which he now found himself. In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer of the day, he said the way in which Brother Cosedge had done the work must have afforded the utmost gratification to all who witnessed it. He congratulated him, not only upon the way in which he performed the ceremony of installing his successor, but also upon the courage he had shown in undertaking that task. He had now great pleasure in presenting to Bro. Cosedge, on behalf of the Lodge, a jewel, in consideration, not only of the way in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge during the past twelve months, but also for the kind and courteous manner which he had displayed towards the brethren generally. The jewel, which was a very handsome and massive one, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Hiram Cosedge P.M., by the brethren of the United Mariners' Lodge of Freemasons, No. 30, as a token of appreciating his ability and courtesy as W.M. of the above Lodge. 17th January 1882." The Immediate Past Master in returning thanks, hardly knew how to compress into necessarily a few words his gratitude for the kindness displayed towards him. It was not merely for the gift itself, beautiful and valuable as it was, but for the kindly motives which had prompted the brethren in its presentation, and which he should remember as long as he lived. When they installed him as W.M. it was one of the most inclement days experienced for thirty years, and he arrived very late, but he found all the brethren assembled and quietly awaiting him. He had that day to travel six hours in the blinding snow, and had to change his clothing twice, and if he had looked upon it as a forecast, which was common amongst Englishmen, and especially among mariners, he might have looked forward to a not very agreeable year of office. But, as a cloudy morning often precedes a brilliant day, so he might say he had had a sunshiny year of office; things had gone on rosily, and it had all ended in his being presented with this splendid jewel, which must be valued more for the kindly motives which prompted it than for its intrinsic worth. He acknowledged the great assistance he had received from the Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge, especially Bros. Thomas Smith and Driscoll, in the discharge of his duties, and, in conclusion, he wished for the Lodge a long career of future prosperity. Whenever he looked upon that jewel he should have impressed upon his heart the sentiment of Burns—

Men, good men, the whole world o'er
May brethren be, and a' that.

The W.M. then gave the health of the Past Masters, whom he was pleased to see rallying round him in such goodly numbers this evening, and who had done their work so well that he thought he was right in calling them veteran victors. To be a P.M. of No. 30 was no very light honour. Bro. Joseph Clarke responded in a few happily chosen sentences, in the course of which he said he appreciated the honour of being a Past Master of this old Lodge, and he was sure the other P.M.'s would share his sentiments when he said he should ever be ready to extend the right hand of fellowship, and afford all the instruction in his power to those who needed it. He assured them the Past Masters would always strive to assist any member of the Craft wherever he was situated, and that the hearty good fellowship which had always characterised this Lodge would be well maintained. The health of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Karl Bergmann P.M. 231, twice W.M. of the Pilgrim Lodge, the only one in England belonging to our Grand Lodge working in the German language. Bro. the Rev. W. H. Caseley, P.P.G. Chaplain of Herts, also briefly thanked the brethren for the hospitality extended to the Visitors. The W.M. then proposed in felicitous terms the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, acknowledging the valuable service they had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Herling, in reply, spoke of the satisfactory condition of their finances, which enabled them to accord greater assistance than heretofore to the Charities. Brother Joseph Driscoll P.M. said the duties of Secretary were to him a pleasure and labour of love. He was pleased to say he had received that evening over fifty guineas towards the Benevolent Institution, for which he was a Steward, a result which he thought very gratifying. The W.M. said if there was one virtue above another upon which Masons prided themselves it was Charity. It was one of the great principles upon which the Order was founded—for what was Brotherly Love but the very essence of charity. The uninitiated world, when they looked upon their Institutions, called them charitable, and certainly they ought to be proud of the way in which so many of the old men and women were provided for, and so many of the children educated, and cared for, and fitted for the battle of life. These were legitimate objects of pride, but there was also another kind of charity, which worked out of the sight of men, among the deeper depths—so to speak—among the poor and distressed. This charity they ought not to forget, but try to raise the fallen, stimulate the erring, and point them to paths of honour. He proposed the Masonic Charities, associating with the toast the name of Bro. James Terry, the respected Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry, who was received with great applause, was afraid the observations he might make would come with rather poor grace after all they had done to supplement Bro. Driscoll's list that evening. But he could say with all sincerity that in that Lodge the toast of the Masonic Institutions ought to be given by a representative of one of those Institutions rather than from the chair, for this reason: that the first conception of our Boys' School emanated from the members of the United Mariners' Lodge. Therefore the compliment ought to be paid by a representative of those Institutions, whoever might happen to be present, to acknowledge what the forefathers of the Lodge had done in years gone by, and

to make known what a glorious Institution they had at Wood Green. In connection with the Masonic Institutions, he knew full well what they had been doing during the past nine or ten years. The outer world knew simply nothing of our Charities until they wanted them; they found them out in a moment then. But when they were twitted that Masonry was nothing but an expensive social club, he ventured to deny it altogether; and to say the Masons knew that by this organisation, and without encroaching upon the outer world at all, in the year 1880 they raised within £2,500, £50,000, from their own pockets, and in the year just gone by within an acre of £44,000; so, taking the two years together, £94,000 was raised in England alone for charitable purposes. What had been the result of that? They were enabled to keep over 450 children and over 330 old people in comparative affluence, because when a man had nothing in the world to live upon, to give him coals throughout the winter months, and £40 a year, raised him at once to a condition of comparative affluence. He said, then, that Freemasonry was doing as much as could possibly be expected of it at the present time. While other institutions had to lament that their income had not been sufficient to meet their out-going, the Craft was enabled to say, not only were their expenses met, but they had also been able to put by a certain amount towards the "rainy day." They had raised the number of their recipients and increased the money given to the Old Folks; therefore, in every shape Freemasonry had prospered, and it had also given to its Charities. Bro. Driscoll was about representing for the second time an Institution that must appeal to their common humanity. It was very well to say they had boys and girls who must be educated, but it was quite different with the old men and women. The children would be cared for, and, as he had often said, many persons would even adopt and take care of a child upon the decease of its parents, and bring it up as their own. But there were very few who would adopt an old man or woman, and keep them till the end of their days. There were indeed some who had a perfect horror of having even their mother-in-law in their houses. Therefore, there must be a repugnance to taking in the widow of an old friend, and keeping her till the end of her days. There the Benevolent Institution stepped in, and took the responsibility, by a small payment from the Craft, and was enabled to keep them as he had said. If they went down to Croydon and saw the comforts the old people enjoyed, and the thankfulness with which they received their money quarterly, and heard their thanks that such an Institution as Freemasonry existed, they would be amply repaid, as long as they were Masons. In the coming year they had a great struggle, for there were 112 candidates—46 men and 66 women—while at present they had only fourteen vacancies for men and seven for widows. These were only 21 in all, and unless their Festival on Feb. 21st next was successful, it would be a matter of impossibility, to add to the number now upon the fund; they would be only able to fill vacancies caused by death, and consequently ninety would have to go away disappointed and have to wait another year. All the applicants were over sixty years of age, and would become less and less able to take care of themselves. Therefore, he said, they ought as far as possible, and according to their means, to support the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry concluded by an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Charity, and resumed his seat amidst prolonged applause. Several other toasts were honoured, and the proceedings of the evening were agreeably diversified with music, singing, and recitations.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 201.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their anniversary Festival on Friday, 20th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. Lodge was opened by the W.M. of the past year. Bro. C. G. Payn, who was supported by Bro. T. Wallis S.W. W.M. elect, several Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, and a goodly array of Visitors. Mr. William Sharpe, M.D., and Mr. James Sinclair, two candidates for initiation, were balloted for, and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Price was passed, and some other items of business being transacted, the W.M. elect was presented, and in due course installed. He appointed the new Officers as follow:—Bros. Dobie S.W., Fox J.W., Davago Treasurer and Director of Ceremonies, Elsam Secretary, Simpson S.D., Dunkerley J.D., Sibley I.G., Parkinson Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Payn, then gave the addresses, and thus completed his part of the ceremony of the day. The newly-installed Master at once rose, and in most gratifying terms presented a Past Master's jewel to his predecessor. It afforded him great pleasure to do so, more especially as it had been voted to Bro. Payn by the unanimous voice of the Lodge. He trusted Bro. Payn might live among them for many years to wear it, and that when it might please the G.A.O.T.U. to remove him from this sphere, it might be transmitted to his children to act as an incentive to them to follow in their father's footsteps. In conclusion, he remarked that Bro. Payn justly deserved the jewel, and he felt particularly proud at being in a position which entitled him to place it on the breast of his worthy friend. Brother Payn did not know in what terms to express his thanks. If he had, during the past year, done anything which met with the approval of the brethren, he was most gratified. He could say that the handsome jewel with which the brethren had been pleased to decorate him amply repaid him for any little services he might have rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Peter Robinson P.M., and for some time past Secretary of Lodge, having expressed his desire to relinquish that post it became necessary for the Master to appoint another brother to that office—which he did in the person of Brother Elsam. In reference to this matter Brother Spooner Past Master remarked that as their esteemed friend Brother Robinson had felt it desirable to resign his office of Secretary, he thought all would admit the Lodge must be looked upon as

incurring a very great loss. He thought they were indebted to that brother for very much of the success which had attended the Lodge during the past few years, and therefore considered some little recognition of his services should be made by the Lodge. He felt he could say that every member wished him many years of enjoyment, and that each hoped the Lodge would not lose his presence for many years to come, but that they might continue to enjoy his advice and Masonic knowledge as well as his genial friendship. He further proposed that a vote of thanks be given to him for his services to the Lodge during his term of office as Secretary, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. The proposition was seconded, and carried with acclamation; after which the Master proceeded to close the Lodge, having first given due attention to some matters brought forward by some of the brethren. A first-rate banquet followed, at which Bro. Davago P.M., in his office of D. of C., used every effort to ensure the comfort of all present, and we think he succeeded. The customary loyal toasts followed. The I.P.M. gave that of the W.M. He rose with very great pleasure to propose the health of Bro. Wallis. The way in which he had fulfilled his duties that night might be accepted as a criterion of what he was capable of in the chair, while their experience of his working during the last two years gave them every reason to believe he would prove himself worthy of the position to which he had attained. The toast was heartily received, and the W.M., in reply, tendered his sincere thanks. He assured the brethren it would afford him the greatest pleasure to fulfil the duties of the high office to which they had been pleased to appoint him. Nothing should be omitted on his part which would prevent his carrying out the duties of the office thoroughly, and, he hoped, to the satisfaction of all the brethren of the Lodge. He next gave the toast of the Initiates, to which Bro. Sharpe replied. He felt he should not be able to thank them as he ought, as on such occasions men's words usually deserted them. He trusted he might prove himself worthy of the Society into which he had that night been admitted. The Visitors were next toasted. The W.M. remarked it was ever the desire of the members of the Jordan Lodge to make their visitors joyful, and send them away with the feeling that the brethren of the Lodge were one in heart and good feeling. Bro. Mason (Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution) replied, availing himself of the opportunity thus afforded him of addressing a few remarks to the brethren on the subject of the Old Folks, and the claims on the Institution with which he is officially connected. Bro. A. W. Fenner followed, and then the Master gave the toast of the I.P.M., a toast that all would drink very heartily. As he (the W.M.) was but young, he should have to look a great deal to the I.P.M. for assistance, and he felt that he could rely on receiving it. Bro. Payn replied. After the high compliments passed upon him by both Master and Visitors, he hardly knew what to say further than tender his heartiest thanks. He should be at all times ready and willing to do what lay in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge. The Master was pleased, he said, in proposing the health of the Past Masters, to see so many rally round him. He felt also very thankful to them, as all the members doubtless did, for their readiness at all times to do anything in the Lodge that might be required of them. Brother Robinson replied, reviewing the progress of the Lodge, and thanking the brethren for their many kindnesses in the past. Brother Elsam followed, and then the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given, to which Brother Davago suitably responded. The Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some excellent songs from members and others. Among the Visitors were Bros. A. W. Fenner P.M. 1227 W.M. 1693, R. Larchin W.M. 1541, Robert Harris P.M., James Hill D.C. 1658, E. Wallace I.G. 907, G. Gaze 40, G. Leach P.M. 861, W. Side I.P.M. 1507, J. Gibbs 1580, H. G. Gush J.W. 1541, W. Denison S.W. 1541, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, S. R. Speight P.M. 147.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, 16th inst., and was well attended. Lodge was opened by Bro. C. Beaumont Worshipful Master of the past year, who was supported by Bros. Alfred Ginger I.P.M., George A. Cundy S.W. W.M. elect, John Hughes J.W., Henry Darcy P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Darcy P.M. Secretary, W. Leaves P.M., T. Lawrence P.M., A. Griffith P.M., H. McClelland J.D., H. Harbord D.C., C. Harris I.G., E. T. C. Hand Organist, J. Woodstock Tyler, and others. The customary formalities having been observed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Cundy was presented for installation. Being obligated, he was in due form placed in the chair, and appointed the following brethren as the Officers for the year, viz.:—C. Beaumont I.P.M., John Hughes S.W., David Hughes J.W., Henry Darcy P.M. Treasurer, George Darcy P.M. Secretary, H. McClelland S.D., E. Harris J.D., R. Clinch D.C., H. Harbord I.G., Ernest T. C. Hand Org., J. R. R. Lawrence P.M. Wine Steward, J. Woodstock Tyler. Messrs. James Richardson and James Hosking, two candidates for initiation, were then balloted for, and the voice of the Lodge being unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the newly installed W.M. performing this, his first work in the Lodge, in a most satisfactory manner. It was announced, that since the last meeting death had taken from their midst one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, in the person of Bro. Salisbury, who died within a few days of the installation meeting. The W.M. regretted that thus early he should be called upon to perform such a melancholy duty; but he felt the Lodge should record their regret at the loss they had sustained, and should also send to the relatives of their deceased brother a letter of condolence. The proposition was carried. The names of three gentlemen for initiation, and of one brother for joining were handed in. Brother I.P.M. Beaumont thought now that the number of members of the Lodge amounted to one

hundred, provided the three gentleman proposed that evening were elected, that some steps should be taken to keep it from increasing too rapidly; he thought it was inadvisable to go far beyond the membership they now numbered; he would therefore propose that a sort of sliding scale in the initiation fees should be adopted. Up to one hundred he thought no alteration should be made, but for every five above that number, he proposed an addition of five guineas; he also suggested an increase in the joining fee. The propositions appeared to be well received, and will doubtless be fully discussed at the ensuing meeting. We would however suggest to the members of the City of London Lodge they might adopt some other course to keep their numbers within bounds. We are aware that the plan of increasing the fees is often tried, and though it may be successful in some instances, we know several where it has led to trouble and discontent. We are also of opinion that it is opposed to the true spirit of Freemasonry, as it is nothing more than imposing a monetary qualification. The Lodge in question has proved itself a popular one, and its fees are paid willingly. What will be the result of an increase in the dues? Not that better men will offer themselves, but that only those to whom an additional five guineas is of no consideration will come forward. Men who had hoped some day to welcome their friends into the Lodge will be disappointed, while others who have perhaps expressed a desire to join will have to withdraw, or entail an expense they cannot afford. In such case we think it far better to stop receiving initiates, at any price, unless it be to fill up vacancies which must of necessity occur. But the sliding scale proposed in the City of London Lodge offers further objections; if one increase is bad, several will be worse. What will be the effect of admitting two men on one evening, one at fifteen guineas and the other at twenty? How will the lesson of equality be impressed on the latter? and then, who is to decide as to whose candidate is to be the hundred and fifth, and whose the hundred and sixth? Is there to be a rush as to who shall propose his first, and is the Master's decision to be considered final, as at an auction. Really if such an event occurred it would be nothing less than bidding for the fifteen guinea nomination in opposition to the twenty guinea one. The brother who was declared to have lost the former would perhaps feel somewhat aggrieved; he would have to explain the matter to his friend, who would find himself placed in a very awkward position. He must either decline to go on, and risk the chance of being considered mean, or, perhaps worse, he may enter the Institution with a feeling that an advantage was taken of him at the outset, and that his initiation cost him more than he cared to spend on it. As we have said, the matter is to be discussed, and we hope some better means of settling the question will be found; if not, we can but hope that the harmony and good feeling evinced in the Lodge will continue. Other matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. At the banquet which followed the W.M. presided most genially, and in due course proceeded with the customary toasts. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Master. One of the chief pleasures of being I.P.M. was that of having to propose the health of the W.M. He was very sorry, for Bro. Cundy, that the task had not fallen into better hands, as he felt he could not do sufficient honour to the toast, although he felt as proud that evening as though Bro. Cundy was verily his own brother. He felt that next year they would have a Master who had never been surpassed in the Lodge, and this was more particularly noticeable when they considered his Masonic age, for it must be remembered that he was but four years old that night. Their new Master had already acquitted himself wonderfully well, and he felt the brethren would, one and all, rally round him, and give him their support during his year of office, which he ventured to prophesy, would be a most happy and prosperous one. The W.M. tendered his thanks. As the I.P.M. had told them, he was only four years old in Freemasonry; he trusted, therefore, they would pardon any little shortcomings he might be guilty of, either in the ruling of the Lodge or the general working of Freemasonry. He should do his best, as an old man of four years of age, to give them satisfaction, but he could not hope to attain to the perfection of his predecessor. He then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master. It was not only in that position, but also as their Installing Master, that they toasted him that day. The combination of the two positions was not a regular one, and when it did occur—and the brother who installed his successor did it so ably and impressively—it was a great credit to him. Bro. Beaumont's work that day was certainly a feather in his cap. It had afforded pleasure to all who listened to it, while to him personally it had created a sensation of pleasure which had made an impression on his mind which would never be effaced. He had now the great pleasure of pinning on his breast a Past Master's jewel, and he did so knowing that it had been well earned and thoroughly deserved. Bro. Beaumont expressed his gratitude. He could only say that if the members considered he had done his duty he felt very proud; if he had given them satisfaction, he was proud indeed. He looked upon the jewel they had so kindly voted him, as a mark of the good feeling that had always existed between the members of the City of London Lodge and himself, and more particularly during the year of his Mastership. He could but again thank them. The other toasts usual on such occasions were duly honoured, and the brethren separated. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Chamley S.W. 1556, R. Whitaker 1642, W. Johnson 861, A. Orton 1287, H. R. Fletcher 1604, F. Fanston 1695, W. Beauchamp 167, C. Stuart 1491, E. G. Rolls 754, B. J. Woolfe 720, W. G. King 77 P.P.G.O. Kent, S. Pardoe 1585, James Smith P.M. 201, J. Deane D.C. 1203, J. Magrath W.M. 1306, C. Veal P.M. 1306, James Cooper W.M. 55, T. C. Parker P.M. 1026, A. Short 349, W. Fowles 471, F. Orchard S.W. 198, W. Cabbitt S.D. 193, C. Daniel P.M. 65, J. Blundell W.M. 742, H. Cuff, W. W. Cadd 1728, Richard Bruce 957, J. H. Champness 18, W. Curry, W. A. Burrows 1624, W. H. Easey, C. H. Cox 188 and 1839, C. Arkell P.M. 192, T. Wigglesworth 15, E. Knox 554, J. Barber Glenn 3, C. Handley 475, J. Perkins 933, J. E. Pinder I.G. 1707, W. Shepherd 754, C. H. Rawlins 754, H. J. Amphlett 1511, J. C. Whiddington 1827, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107.

MONTEFIORE LODGE, No. 1017.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 25th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street, under the presidency of Bro. S. V. Abraham W.M. There were present Bros. M. Levy S.W., John Syer J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, W. Mann S.D., W. H. Benjamin J.D., D. M. Davis Organist, Maurice H. Leviton I.G., N. P. Vallentine Steward, L. J. Salomons I.P.M., J. Lazarus P.M., J. Grunebaum P.M., S. Pollitzer P.M., A. Blumenthal P.M. and a numerous attendance of members and visitors. Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, the ballot was brought into requisition. Messrs. J. Manger and Luigi Ricci offering themselves as candidates for initiation. The voting being in their favour, they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Myers having answered the necessary questions, was raised to the degree of Master Mason. A proposition was brought forward by the W.M. that the sum of five guineas be voted from the Lodge towards the Fund being raised for the relief of the Russian Jews; this being seconded by Bro. Syer W.M. elect, was put to the Lodge, and carried unanimously. The same brethren also desired that a like amount should be voted to the Jewish Board of Guardians, and this proposition was also carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge, obligated, and installed into the chair; he afterwards appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Mann S.W., Benjamin J.W., Jacobs Treasurer, Albert Secretary, Vallentine S.D., Davis J.D., Davis Organist, Gulliford I.G., L. J. Salomons Past Master D.C., A. Solomons Steward. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet room, where banquet was served under the direction of Bro. M. Silver. At the conclusion of the repast the Worshipful Master proceeded with the usual toasts. After that of the Queen, the National Anthem was sung; and after that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, a song by Mr. J. W. Thompson. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, &c. referred to the presence that evening of Brothers Martyn, Thomas, and Clarke, all distinguished Officers of G. Lodge, and—so far as the Montefiore Lodge was concerned—of an even more distinguished brother, in Bro. Albert, their Secretary. For the Grand Officers generally, he felt he need say nothing to recommend the toast to the brethren present, as all must know that to attain to an office in Grand Lodge necessitated a great amount of work in the Craft. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Martyn. That brother tendered his sincere thanks. Of the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon it was not necessary for him to say much; his ability in Freemasonry was too well known to need recapitulation on the present occasion. He well and worthily presides over Grand Lodge whenever he is present—as he often is. The name of the Earl of Lathom was also honoured throughout the Craft; was, indeed, a household word in Masonry. With two such noblemen at the head of the Craft, Masons might justly be proud. Speaking personally, Brother Martyn considered it a great compliment to be called upon to respond to the toast, more particularly so as he was present at the installation ceremony last year. Such a compliment convinced him that he did not disgrace himself then. He could but say a word in praise of the manner in which the work that night had been carried out. Personally he was acquainted with every word of the ceremonies the Immediate Past Master had worked that evening, and he felt justified in saying that Brother Abraham had acquitted himself most efficiently. He did not approve of the system adopted by some brethren to praise indiscriminately, but he felt that where praise was due—as it was in the case of their I.P.M.—it should be bestowed. He was pleased to see that the Lodge was in admirable working order, and well manned; and trusted it would ever go on advancing further and further in the course of excellence it had enjoyed in the past. After a song, the I.P.M. assumed the gavel, and in appropriate terms proposed the health of the Master. It had been truly observed that no Master was efficient until he had retired from the chair, as it was hardly to be expected that any one fresh to the office could know the working. He knew that the present Master of the Lodge entered upon his office with the full intention of doing all in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge, and if any one could prove the exception to the rule, it was he. His own ability in the Craft led them to hope that he would retain the Lodge in the position which it had occupied in the past. He sincerely hoped that at the end of his year of office he would feel that he had received as much assistance at the hands of the brethren as he (the speaker) had enjoyed during the past year. The W.M. tendered his sincere thanks. He did not like to make promises, as he always felt, as regarded others, that he should like to see them after they had had an opportunity of fulfilling what they had promised. He concluded by proposing the health of the Initiates. Every Master was only too glad to propose this toast, for when he passed night after night without it, it shewed there must be something wrong, either with the Lodge or with its Master. The Lodge had received, during the past year, more initiates than during any other year since he had been connected with it, and he felt he had a very hard task before him to maintain the Lodge in that respect. To the initiates themselves, he would say that they had joined an Order which could hardly bring aught but good to them. They might have thought that Freemasonry was a mere idle form, but when they came to know more of it they would find it was something to belong to which meant advantage in many ways. It was a well-known maxim that a man could not be a good Mason and at the same time a bad man; indeed, he considered it almost impossible for a man after once becoming a Mason to degenerate into a bad man. Each of the initiates having replied, the Master gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master. He felt the toast was one which would be acceptable to all. It was the custom among Masons to present to the Master some little testimonial—if he might be allowed to use the word—to show the appreciation of the brethren for the way in which their ruler had endeavoured to advance the interests of the Lodge, and he had great pleasure in presenting such

to Bro. Abraham. To give him a jewel might be considered somewhat out of place, as he was so well provided in that respect already; therefore, the brethren had decided to make him a present which he could use on other than Masonic occasions, and had accordingly selected a biscuit-box, which they hoped would be acceptable. The box, which was very neat, was suitably engraved, the following being the wording of the inscription:—

Presented to
BROTHER SAMUEL VICTOR ABRAHAM P.M.
By the Brethren of
The Montefiore Lodge, 1017.
He was one of its Founders,
And twice served the office of
Worshipful Master.
January 1882.

That inscription expressed, the Master said, better than any words of his could possibly do, the sentiments and feelings of the members. In presenting it they one and all offered it as a very small token of the respect which they all felt for their I.P.M. Although he had ceased to be Master of the Lodge he would never cease to be one of its brightest ornaments. Bro. Abraham replied. He had had the pleasure on many previous occasions to address the Lodge, and without being egotistical, he thought he had been able to speak to the subject, but he now felt that he could not express himself as he should do. That he desired to say much, all would believe; that he was unable to say a small part of what he could wish, he assured them. Briefly, he thanked them most heartily and honestly; he could but refer to their kind expressions of sympathy in the past when he had been unable to be with them; and, feeling that the sympathy was genuine, he considered it his duty to acknowledge it. The Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which several of the guests responded. The other toasts were—the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, and “All Poor and Distressed Brethren.” A good musical selection was provided, under the direction of Bro. Lindsay Sloper; the artistes being Miss Isabella Stone, and Mr. J.W. Thompson; Bro. Chas. Abraham also favoured the company with a song. Among the Visitors were Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C., W. Clarke G.P., Thomas C. Corpe I.P.M. 1839, A. Clifford Eskell P.M., L. Etheridge P.M. 829, F. Croaker W.M. 185, W. Webb P.M. 382, S. Barnett S.D. 185, Alexander Pyke, F. J. Foakes-Jackson P.M. P.P.G.C. Surrey, W. B. Barham 946, L. Norden P.M. 205, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, G. Chivers 901, William Ffennel 829, S. Vallentine P.M. 9, Lewis Solomon J.W. 1732, W. Guyer J.D. 1281, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, W. S. Lover W.M. 1668.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge, took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, City, on Tuesday, the 24th instant. On the brethren assembling it was announced that in consequence of the death of his mother, the W.M. Brother H. J. Phillips would be unable to attend. Under these circumstances Bro. L. Norden opened the Lodge. The Officers were at their posts, and in addition, the acting W.M. was supported by the following Past Masters:—Bros. A. Bassington, H. M. Harris, I. P. Cohen, S. H. Harris, F. Buckland, W. Littau, C. F. Hogard Sec., A. M. Cohen Treasurer. There was a very strong array of Visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. J. L. Thomas P.A.G.D.C., W. Clarke G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., W. Gibson Bott W.M. 1839, T. C. Corpe I.P.M. 1839, G. H. Dowsett 79, Asher Myers 185, J. Bladen 1839, J. W. Barber W.M. 1767, D. M. Davis Organist 1017, S. Barnett S.D. 185, E. Martin 1494, G. L. Moore Past Master 169, J. Benjamin Senior Deacon 188, F. Croaker W.M. 185, S. M. Lazarus P.M. 188, J. L. Hickman P.M. 188, W. Musto 1349, C. H. Webb P.M. 174, G. H. Stephens S.D. 1623, W. Russell P.M. 77, J. Johnson 1541, H. Massey P.M. 619 W.M. 1928, John Moore 548, James Terry P.M. 228 Secretary R.M.B.I., J. A. Kenneth Campbell 1523, Lewis Lazarus Past Master 188, W. Drewett 1638, W. Hunter 382, S. V. Abraham W.M. 1017, W. J. Vallentine W.S. 1017, R. Clowes S.W. 630, Geo. Meads J.D. 1321, Charles Hunt P.M. 194, Robert Callingham 1178, W. T. Lover W.M. 1668, J. Bartlett W.M. 1347, Edgar Bowyer P.P.S.G.W. Herts, E. L. Walford 905, A. A. Marks 185, I. Alexander P.M. 188, J. W. Dawson 188, Alfred Stokes J.W. 1839, G. F. Smith I.G. 1839, C. H. Cox 188, L. M. Myer W.M. 188, G. F. Smith jun. S.W. 1839, G. F. Busbrige P.M. 1068, J. Da Silva 1839, W. Musto P.M. 1349, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, &c. Lodge having been opened with the accustomed preliminaries, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the Audit Committee and the report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund having been adopted, Messrs. E. A. Pridden and Geo. Cox were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, the ceremony being most ably and impressively rendered by the acting W.M. Bro. L. Norden. Bro. Da Silva S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented in due course to Bro. L. Norden, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, was duly inducted into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably carried out by the Installing Master. Having received the customary congratulations Bro. Da Silva appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. H. M. Harris S.W., A. Abrahams J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, L. A. Gartley S.D., A. Ward J.D., E. H. Norden I.G., I. P. Cohen P.M. M.C., R. J. Paxton Organist, S. H. Philcox W.S. and J. Rawles Tyler. A vote of condolence with Bro. Phillips I.P.M. on the bereavement he had lately sustained having been unanimously passed and ordered to be enrolled on the minutes, and the sum of five guineas having been voted, on the motion of Bro. Harris S.W., seconded by Bro. Gartley S.D., to the Mansion House Fund, now in course of being raised for the

persecuted Jews and Russia, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to the banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, Bro. J. Lewis Thomas P.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies, responding in hearty terms for that of the Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Norden proposed the health of the W.M., and expressed his regret that the absence of Bro. Phillips I.P.M. had necessitated the transfer of the task to him. At the same time, he experienced great pleasure in being called upon to fulfil so agreeable a duty, and he felt confident that under the presidency of Bro. Da Silva, the Israel Lodge would enjoy a further year's prosperity. He had well fulfilled the duties of the several offices he had already held, and that was in his (Bro. Norden's) opinion a guarantee that his year of office as W.M. would be a most successful one. The W.M. having acknowledged the compliment in most appropriate terms, the toast of the Masonic Charities and the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund was given with due *eclat*, special reference being made to the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution, which he trusted would meet with that measure of support it so richly deserved, and so greatly needed. Bro. Terry, on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, expressed his thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, laying especial stress on the fact that the Institution was paying a yearly sum of £11,600 in the shape of annuities, while Bro. Cohen returned thanks for the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The toasts of the I.P.M. and Visitors were likewise honoured, the latter being acknowledged by Bros. Clarke and Croaker. The Masonic Press was responded to by Bros. Stephens and W. W. Morgan, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. It is gratifying to know that the W.M.'s list as Steward for the Benevolent Festival has already reached the sum of £78, and we trust this amount will be increased between now and the 21st February, the day fixed for the Anniversary.

PANMURE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 720.

THERE was a large gathering of members and Visitors to this Lodge on Wednesday, the 25th instant, to hear a reading by Bro. James Stevens, a Past Master of the mother Lodge, explanatory of the entire ceremony of the first degree. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. S. Dunkley as W.M., Bros. Moody and Graham officiating respectively as Senior and Junior Wardens. Amongst others present were Bros. P.M.'s Poore, Sheadd, Allen, Sawyer; Dr. Goffin (Head Master of the United Westminster Schools), Lilley, Weekes, Hudson, Warren, Standing, Wingfield, Arnold, Everist, Culpin, Mulley, Barton, Lambert, Kerr, Bain, Brand, Tichmans, Laird, Elliott, &c. &c. Bro. Stevens at once commenced his expositions and explanations, and for upwards of two hours kept his listeners thoroughly interested. His work had evidently received much skill and labour in preparing, and his several arguments were fully appreciated and cordially endorsed. At its conclusion Bro. Sawyer P.M. of East Grinstead Lodge, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens for his able, instructive, and interesting lecture, and expressed the hope that he would continue his labours in like manner in the following degrees. Bro. Dr. Goffin, who said he heartily agreed with the sound and common sense interpretation given in respect of various points of ceremonial, seconded the motion, which was supported by numerous brethren, and unanimously carried. Bro. Stevens was invited to deliver his reading in several other Lodges, and, in replying to the thanks accorded to him, expressed his willingness to repeat his evening's work whenever he might be solicited to do so. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated with a general expression of satisfaction at the information and instruction which the “reading” had afforded them.

Lodge of Fortitude, No. 105.—The meeting of this Lodge, whose Warrant dates from 1759, was held on Thursday, the 19th instant, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. The banquet was at Bro. C. Walter's, Farley Hotel, Plymouth, and the worthy host surpassed his previous successful catering in honour of the occasion. The W.M., Bro. Henry J. Kitto, presided, and he was supported by a large number of brethren. The usual Loyal, Patriotic, and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. V.V. Bro. S. Jew conducted the musical portion of the programme, and during the evening Bros. Hearder, Rendle, W. H. Pike, R. B. Twose, J. K. Bond, Dyke, and others did good service in the entertainment of the brethren. A special appeal on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was made by Bro. Jew, and will doubtless be well responded to.

Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121.—At the usual monthly meeting W. Bro. Boase was called upon by the W.M. (Bro. Small) to present the I.P.M. (W. Bro. James Lovell jun.) with a very valuable Past Master's jewel. It was engraved with an inscription recording the recipient's services for some years as Secretary, and last year as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. W. Bro. Boase, in appropriate terms, dilated upon Bro. Lovell's qualities as a Mason, and, on behalf of the Lodge, asked him to accept the jewel as presented with all the good wishes of the members. Bro. Lovell, in reply, thanked the brethren for the worthy token of their esteem, adding that it gave him particular pleasure to receive the jewel from the hands of Bro. Boase, who was one of the oldest Past Masters of the Lodge, and an excellent Mason.

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Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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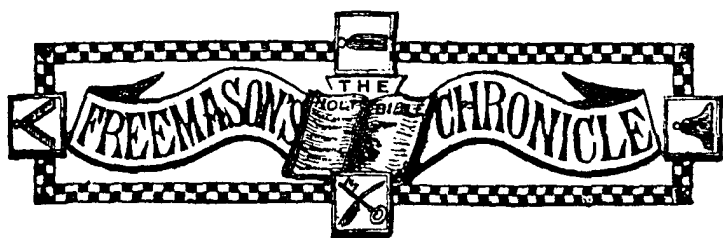
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23 GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st of February next, at six o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation, and the report of the Committee of General Purposes (as follows) will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th October 1881, to the 17th January 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter . . .	1440	12	7	Disbursements during the quarter . . .	181	15	5
„ Unappropriated Account . . .	197	8	5	Balance . . .	1620	3	1
Subsequent Receipts . . .	347	3	11	„ in Unappropriated Account . . .	183	6	5
	£1985	4	11		£1985	4	11

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions William Henry Maybury as Z., William Lambert as H., Charles Michael Walsh Cropper as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Goulburn Lodge of Australia, No. 1762, Goulburn, N.S.W., to be called "The Goulburn Chapter of Australia," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Goulburn, New South Wales.

2nd. From Companions George Septimus Phillips as Z., John Collins as H., William Treaddell as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby, to be called "The Chapter of Rectitude," and to meet at the Town Hall, Rugby Warwickshire.

3rd. From Companions William Vincent as Z., Henry James Johnson as H., John Galt Fisher as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, London, to be called "The Eccleston Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

The Committee have also received a petition from the Principals and members of "The Stanhope Chapter," No. 1269, Anerley, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter being lost.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee also recommend that the Rules and Regulations relative to Centenary Warrants and Jewels now in force in the United Grand Lodge of England be adopted by the Supreme Grand Chapter; and that Chapters who can prove their uninterrupted existence for one hundred years, be granted Centenary Charters, with permission to wear a distinctive jewel of uniform design, and that the fees payable by Chapters for such Charter be five guineas.

The Grand Lodge having recently resolved that three additional Offices should be created therein:—The Committee recommend that in conformity with this arrangement,—and as the Offices in Grand Chapter have hitherto numbered somewhat less than in Grand Lodge,—four additional Offices be now created in Grand Chapter, to be named:—

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
2nd. Grand Standard Bearer.
3rd. Do. Do.
4th. Do. Do.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G.Pr. Soj.

Grand Treasurer,

President.

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18th January 1882.

BEDFORD CHAPTER, No. 282.

THE annual convocation was holden at Tavistock, on Wednesday, the 18th instant. After the exaltation of a candidate and transaction of usual business, E. Comp. Samuel D. Nicholls was duly installed as Z., B. B. S. Richards as H., and Thomas Knight as J. The highly interesting ceremony was ably performed by E. Comps. J. Gidley P.Z., and J. Russell Lord Z. of Chapter 70, in a Board of Installed Principals, amongst whom were E. Comps. J. H. Westlake

Z., P.Z.'s Captain Joseph Matthews, George Merrifield, J. H. Tonkin, T. B. Richards. The following Companions were appointed and invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—J. H. Westlake I.P.Z., H. Down S.E., J. J. Dawe S.N., W. R. Northway P.S., Thomas Bennett 1st A.S., Isaac Roskilly 2nd A.S., B. B. S. Richards Treas., N. Coward Reg., W. L. Sampson P.P.S. S.B., R. Bennett D.C., E. Handy Janitor. On the completion of the business, the Companions adjourned to the Bedford Hotel, where they were entertained by Companion Northway, and, as is usual at this famous hostelry, a very enjoyable evening was spent, the Companions separating at an early hour.

THE LATE PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

Cleveland, Ohio.

December 28th, 1881.

Mrs. Garfield has received from the Freemasons of the West Riding of Yorkshire, through their Grand Master, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c., &c., their letter of sympathy with her in her great bereavement.

The sincere and respectful condolence tendered her by so large a body of sympathising friends in a foreign land, have filled her heart with gratitude and thankfulness, of which this note of acknowledgment must be accepted as an inadequate expression.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c.
Pyeenest, Halifax, England.

Received 20th January 1882.

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UNION LODGE, No. 414.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Manorside Earley, Reading.

22nd January 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to point out to you that our I.P.M., Bro. Stephens, was presented with two jewels; one by myself, on behalf of the Lodge, for efficiency in Lodge work; and the second—a Prov. Grand Treasurer's jewel—by Bro. Moxhay, our senior P.M.—being a special presentation (for which twenty-four guineas were subscribed by the members) to commemorate Brother Stephens' great munificence in refurnishing our Masonic Hall at his own expense.

I am rather sorry this point was missed in your excellent report of the proceedings, as it was the incident of the evening.

Yours fraternally,

R. C. MOUNT W.M.

[We equally regret with our correspondent Bro. Mount the omission to which he draws attention in the above letter, and apologise sincerely for the oversight. We can only imagine that it arose from our being somewhat closely occupied in elaborating our notice of what was a more than usually interesting meeting. We offer Bro. Stephens our hearty congratulations on the well deserved testimonials of which he was made the recipient at the meeting on the 17th inst. of the Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading.—Ed. F.C.]

CLIQUEISM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—H. J.'s description of the way in which things are managed in his Lodge, is far from satisfactory, but the members, it seems to me, have the remedy in their own hands. If a firm stand is made against the practices complained of, it strikes me they will soon cease, especially if those who indulge in them, are given to understand that, if their "little games" are not stopped, there will be a large secession from the Lodge. He says that similar practices were in force at a former epoch in the Lodge's history, but were put down by the "Masonic spirit" of the members. The exhibition of a like spirit now will, doubtless, have a like effect. At all events, it strikes me as being worth while to make the experiment.

Fraternally and faithfully Yours

SYMPATHISER.

KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

THE installation meeting was held on the 23rd instant, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn-gate. It was numerously attended by the brethren and visitors. Bros. J. W. Cuff W.M., T. Brewer S.W., T. J. Baker J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, H. Turner S.D., G. A. Barclay J.D., Walton I.G., Kiallmark Director of Ceremonies, J. Parry P.M. Organist, S. Brooks P.M., &c. Visitors—Bros. W. P. Webb W.M., 1381, Binckes Past Grand Steward Secretary Boys' School, Warner P.G.S., Leigh P.G.O. Herts; Past Masters Baker 753, Brown 65, Jacobs 27, Braun 766, Cooper 538, Levy 188; Bros. Bond 65, Perfect 1695, Jones 65, Dr. Platt 1635, Hnish, Russell, Marner 538, Winter 108, Wilfred Morgan, Stedman 1765, Chaplin Henry 20. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted. This proved the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition. Bros. H. Davey, and C. S. Haines, were raised to the third degree very perfectly and impressively by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. F. Brewer S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge in the presence of seventeen W.M.'s and P.M.'s, and was duly installed into the chair in a very excellent manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. Cuff, who at the conclusion of the ceremony was complimented by the brethren and visitors for his able rendering of the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to custom, and showed his proficiency and excellent manner in which he appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers.—Bros. J. W. Cuff I.P.M., J. Baker S.W., Haswell Turner J.W., G. Everett P.M. (who received an ovation), Treasurer, S. Brooks P.M. (who was Secretary in 1878) Secretary, G. Barclay S.D., Walton J.D., H. Kiallmark I.G., Parry Cole P.M. Organist, Thomas Tyler. The W.M. said it was the custom to give a jewel to the retiring W.M. for his services and ability. Bro. Cuff the I.P.M., had amply shown that qualification in every respect and the Lodge had unanimously voted him a jewel which he hoped, while placing it on his breast, he (Bro. Cuff) might live long to wear it. The jewel which was of elegant design, in three colours of enamel, with the Kilburn Arms, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. W. Cuff P.M. 1608, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his services as fifth W.M. 1880." Bro. Cuff, in very appropriate terms, returned thanks for the valuable gift, so unanimously voted; he said what he did was for the welfare of the Lodge, and hoped to echo the words of the W.M. The Worshipful Master said he had much pleasure in announcing that he stood as Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, in June, and he hoped the brethren would liberally support him. Bro. Everett P.M. and Treas. said the Lodge had been in existence six years, and they had always sent a Steward, and as the W.M. had announced his intention to act, he had much pleasure in proposing that the usual sum of twenty-five guineas be placed on his list, and he hoped the brethren would by their liberality considerably augment the list. This was seconded by Bro. Cuff and carried after sundry propositions. Another candidate was also proposed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, fifty-four in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, supplied by Bro. Hartley, the wines and viands being of excellent quality. The Worshipful Master very genially presided, and grace having been sung, the toast of the Queen and the Craft was given, and the anthem sung, Bro. Stedman taking the solo verses. The W.M. then proposed the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., who, in spite of his multifarious duties, always found time to look after the interests of the Craft. For the Grand Officers, Bro. F. Binckes, in a very exhaustive speech, said he had not visited the Lodge for three years. He was not a Grand Officer, but he gave the meed of praise to the brethren who occupied those posts. Bro. Cuff, with great diffidence, proposed the toast of the W. Master, who so genially presided, and who, he felt sure, would be a credit to the Lodge. The W.M., in reply, said he was initiated in the Lodge, and it had been his ambition to pass the chair. The Warrant had been handed to him pure and unsullied, and he hoped to hand it on in the same state to his successor. In conclusion, he proposed the toast of the Visitors, with which he associated the names of Bros. Jacobs, Brown, and Baker, who said they had been present at the working of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Cuff, whose successful rendering of the ceremonies was sufficient to show what the Lodge was capable of, and reflected credit on that brother. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, there being only three present, but he had received a telegram from Monte Carlo, explaining the absence of Bros. C. Brewer P.M. and Kiallmark P.M. Bro. Cuff responded. The W.M. was a pattern, and he regretted the absence of those P.M.'s, who were unavoidably absent, after which the W.M. gave the Masonic Charities. Bro. F. Binckes P.M. P.G.S. Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, remarking it was some time since he had visited the Lodge, was pleased the Worshipful Master was following in the footsteps of his predecessor. He was proud to say the brethren had equally supported all the Charities in turn, and on behalf of all three he had to thank them. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor had consented to be present at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School in June, and he was sure the Worshipful Master would be able to bring up a good list. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer, who, he said, had been indisposed lately, but was always active in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Everett having acknowledged the compliment, the toast of the Officers of the Lodge was next given, Bros. Baker S.W. and H. Turner J.W. responding. The W.M. having announced that the Steward had collected the sum of 127 guineas and placed it on his list, the toast of the worthy host, Bro. Hartley, was given, and met with a hearty reception. His catering gave satisfaction to all. Bro. Hartley, in a brief but neat speech, acknowledged the compliment, and the brethren separated.

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ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

THE anniversary of this Lodge, standing No. 1823 on the roll of Grand Lodge, and meeting in the Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk, took place on Wednesday, the 12th instant when Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick P.G.C. England &c., was installed as W.M. for the year, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, officiated as Installing Master, and, in addition to the members of the Lodge was supported by the following brethren:—General Cecil Ives P.G.S. 337, J. F. Hills P.P.G.J.W. 1224, F. C. Fitch 1214, F. Wheeler P.P.G.R. 1224, T. Lloyd Kyffin 1848, W. H. Smith W.M. 1224, J. H. Jardine, W. P. Eversley 10, H. D. E. Bull, H. R. S. Callender 859, and H. H. Noble 859. After the installation of the W.M. which was gone through by Bro. Martyn in his usual finished and impressive manner, the new Master presented to his predecessor a handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge as a token of their brotherly regard for one who had so well and faithfully discharged the duties of his office, and then proceeded to invest his officers as follow:—Bros. C. H. Vincent S.W., E. Barnes J.W., B. B. Syer by proxy S.D., E. Ball Junior Deacon, T. Stokoe Secretary, Cooke P.M. Steward, the Rev. S. Klamborowski Chaplain, and F. Glazin Tyler. By special consent, H.R.H the Duke of Albany and Earl of Clarence was balloted for, and was unanimously elected as a joining member of the Lodge. At the close of the business in Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Half Moon Hotel, and sat down to a banquet, provided in first-rate style by the hostess, Mrs. Fysh; after which, time flew all too swiftly as toast, laugh, and song followed each other in rapid succession. So telling was the effect of Bro. Martyn's response to the toast of the Masonic Charities, in which he detailed some of the benefits arising from their judicious distribution, that the sum of five guineas was at once subscribed to be bestowed as Bro. Martyn might think best. We are glad to say that this young Lodge is receiving an accession of members and is making real progress. For the information of our general readers we may mention that, in ancient times, Clare Castle was one of the strongholds of the Crown, and was the residence of the Earls of Clare. The Honour of Clare is still the property and prerogative of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany's second title of Earl of Clarence is derived from this ancient town.

True Love and Unity Lodge, No. 248.—The centenary of this Lodge was celebrated on Friday, 20th instant, at Brixham. The brethren met in the hall at two o'clock, and the Lodge having been duly opened, Bro. S. R. Colston, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation by his immediate predecessor, Bro. William Howard, and duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Installing Master, Bro. W. H. Goodridge P.M. 710 P.G.S. On the re-admission of the brethren in due form, the W.M. was proclaimed and greeted with Masonic honours. The working tools in the first and second degrees were presented by Bros. P.M.'s Berry and Johnson. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Howard P.M., Atherton S.W., Gillard J.W., Woolly Treas., Kendrick Sec., J. T. James S.D., Mugford J.D., Cole Tyler. After the Lodge had been closed, a procession, led by the band of the D.A. Volunteers, was formed, and the brethren marched to all Saints' Church, Lower Brixham, where a service was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Ebrington, vicar. The procession afterwards re-formed, and the brethren marched to the Bolton Hotel, where a banquet was provided. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 832. — On Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge. Brothers Rowles W.M., Cotton S.W., Nicholson J.W., Seward S.D. 1612 S.D., Taplin J.D., Driffin I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fleming being candidate. Brother George Allen assisted as Preceptor in the absence of Brother Tucker. Bro. Cotton put the questions leading from the first to the second degree, and Bro. Taplin rehearsed the charges after initiation. Bro. Cotton was elected to the chair for the next meeting. On the proposition of Bro. Brooks, seconded by Bro. Nicholson, it was resolved to invite Bro. Morgan to deliver a lecture at the Lodge, and the 6th February was named, subject to the convenience of Bro. Morgan. Lodge was then closed with the usual formalities, and adjourned until Monday next.

The monthly meeting of the general Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer in the chair, Joshua Nunn, Col. James Peters, Frank Richardson, H. Massey, J. J. Canley, Arthur E. Gladwell, F. R. W. Hodges Sec. There was nothing but formal business before the brethren.

The 4th Annual "United" Ball of Lodges 1288, 1677, and 1695 will take place on the 14th of February, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, under the direction of an efficient body of Stewards. Bros. R. V. Davies W.M. 1695 Treasurer, A. F. Speller J.D. 1695 Secretary. Tickets, Ladies 8s 6d; Gentlemen, 12s 6d, including supper and light refreshments. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. H. Tinney, and Bro. J. Jarvis will officiate as M.C. A dispensation has been granted to enable the Brethren to wear Masonic clothing.

BRECKNOCK LODGE, No. 651.

THE brethren of the above Lodge assembled on Tuesday, 17th January, at the Freemasons' Hall, Brecon, at 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and also to transact other duties associated with the Lodge. The chair having been taken by the W.M., Bro. John Alfred Whittle P.G.D., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Evans was then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge having been raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Eastern Division of South Wales, was announced and admitted in due form. Bro. John Morgan S.W. and W.M. elect was introduced by Bro. J. A. Whittle W.M. for installation in the customary manner. All brethren below the rank of Installed Master having withdrawn, a board of Installed Masters was formed consisting of P.M.'s H. C. Rich, E. C. Phillips, R. Webb, T. Butcher, F. Grundy, J. A. Whittle, Hunter, William Williams, and the W.M. elect duly placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren on their admittance, saluted the newly installed W.M. in the manner usual amongst Masons. The W.M. then appointed as his Officers for the ensuing year, the following brethren:—Bros. Thomas Lawrence Lewis S.W., Rhys Davis J.W., Morgan Powell Williams Chaplain, H. O. Aveline Maybery Almoner, Ernest Henry Teale Secretary, H. C. Rich jun. S.D., Thomas Howell Price J.D. and Treasurer, Rees Thomas Heins Organist, Adam Orlopp D.C., Edward Thomas Edwards I.G., Robert Owen Sen. Steward, Edwin A. Wright Jun. Steward J. Evans Tyler. The Worshipful I. Past Master, Brother Tennant having delivered the ancient charges to the Wardens and brethren, the Lodge was lowered to the second and first degrees. On the motion of Bro. Whittle, seconded by Bro. Rich, and supported by Bros. Grundy and Webb, it was unanimously agreed that Bro. Tennant be made an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. Tennant having thanked the brethren, the Lodge was closed in harmony. The brethren then repaired to the Castle Hotel, where a sumptuous repast awaited them. The W.M. Bro. John Morgan presided. On the removal of the cloth, the Queen and Craft, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge were given from the chair as Loyal and Masonic toasts, and duly honoured with all fealty. The Wor. Master in proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge, said that he felt personally indebted to Bro. Tennant for his presence there that evening, and hoped that the brethren would have the honour of his company on many future occasions. The toast was received with acclamation. Bro. Tennant, in reply, said that he was only too happy to visit the Brecknock Lodge, and he regretted that Sir George Elliot, through pressure of business, was not able to visit the different Lodges, but was certain that, if he did so, he would be even more popular, if possible, than he was now. Bro. Tennant then proposed the toast of the W.M., and trusted that he would have a prosperous year of office. One thing he (Bro. Tennant) must compliment the W.M. upon having such an efficient band of Past Masters. To this toast the brethren responded heartily. Bro. Morgan, in reply, said that he felt great diffidence in following such a talented predecessor, but trusted that his own shortcomings would be overlooked, and thought that, with the assistance of the Immediate Past Master and his own staff of Officers, he would manage to perform the duties of Master during his year of office. Bro. Phillips P.M., in giving the Masonic Charities, said that the Lodge ought to feel grateful to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Tennant, for the successful manner in which he had supported the candidature of their applicant, Millicent Flora Wotton, and that Charity was the backbone of Masonry. With the toast he would couple the name of Bro. Tennant, who was the Charity Commissioner for the Eastern Division of South Wales. Bro. Tennant responded, and impressed upon the brethren the duty of supporting the Charities. The next toast—the I.P.M. and Past Masters—was proposed by Bro. T. L. Lewis S.W., and suitably acknowledged by Bro. J. A. Whittle I.P.M. The toast of the Visiting Brethren was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Hunter W.M. 1578, W. Williams W.M. 1807, David Price, and John Benjamin. The hour being late, the Worshipful Master said that time would not permit him to give the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge. The meeting was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

"Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 19th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. As on former occasions, the wives and sweethearts of the brethren were invited to participate in the evening's enjoyment, and the admirable catering of Mrs. and Bro. Parker were much appreciated by all. The W. Master Bro. R. W. Pitcher, who presided, was well supported by his Officers—V.W. Bro. J. Lyon P.M. P.P.G.S.B. as I.P.M. (he being the oldest P.M. of and in the Lodge), R. Cawsey P.M. Secretary, W. Whitford S.W., Border J.W., R. H. Butt P.M., J. H. R. Harris P.M., R. Pike P.M., W. B. Lynn P.M., A. Rowe P.M., W. M. Ridland Senior Deacon, E. Littleton Junior Deacon, W. Rattenbury Inner Guard and very much better supported by a large gathering of ladies. It is needless to say that the anniversary was a perfect success. The order of the evening was short speeches, and being short they were sensible—and then came the dancing—with a provision in two other rooms, first for the ladies for a concert, and there Bros. Rendle, Greenlaw, Orchard, J. Kinton Bonn, by request of Bro. Pitcher (who really seemed to be ubiquitous), entertained those who did not dance, and in another room a

few bachelors congregated. All were so well pleased as to wish, as Bro. Gover said, that all other Lodges would copy the Lodge of Fidelity, and invite the ladies at their annual Festivals. Mention must be made of the admirable arrangements of Bro. Watson, of 954, who was M.C. of the ball, and whose band gave universal satisfaction. The almost infant son of the W.M. Master Pitcher very much pleased those present by his musical entertainment.

THE OWL CLUB.

THIS well known Club gave its regular concert at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday. An excellent programme was provided, and the audience which had assembled with the intention of being pleased, had their intention gratified and dispersed to their homes after having spent a most enjoyable evening. The opening number Este's trio "How merrily we live" was rendered capitally. Bro. A. Hubbard sang "The King's Ambassador," as usual, most effectively, while Bro. Edwin Moss gave Sullivan's song "From Rock to Rock" with requisite force. Bro. F. H. Cozens, who presided at the pianoforte, played Beethoven's "Andante, Op. 35" in a manner that evoked general applause. Bro. H. Ashton sang "Tell me Mary," well. What we must describe as the gem of the evening was undoubtedly Wainley's Glee, "I wish to tune," which went admirably, thanks in an especial degree to Mr. James who took the tenor part. We regret to say that owing to indisposition Bro. Arthur Thompson was compelled to be absent, but his place was ably filled at the last moment by Bro. Collins whose readiness to supply his brother's place was fully recognised; indeed, the weather was unfavourable to all the artists, and it is the more gratifying, therefore, to record how successful the evening was as a whole.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, No. 140, has been removed from the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, where it has been held for many years past, to the Public Hall at New Cross. The evening, in future, will be Tuesdays at 8 o'clock, instead of Mondays at half-past 7.

The meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, will in future be held at the Crown and Cushion, 73 London Wall, where the Lodge was originally established. The members meet at seven p.m., under the direction of Bro. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts. The attendance of Craftsmen is particularly requested.

The Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, has been removed to the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green Road, forty yards from Shoreditch. The first meeting in the new quarters took place on Thursday, 26th inst., at eight o'clock. Bro. Fenner, P.M. of the mother Lodge, is the Preceptor. The Charities Association in connection with this Lodge of Instruction will meet every fourth Thursday, at Nine o'clock.

Bros. Boord and Baron De Worms addressed their constituents at New Cross, on Tuesday.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft has given £10 towards the erection of a new Primitive Methodist chapel at Worcester.

Bro. Sir John Bennett presided at the annual meeting of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society, held on Friday, at the Guildhall Tavern.

Bro. the Right Honourable Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master Gloucestershire, has signified his intention to visit the Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, at the Masonic Hall, Gloucester, on Wednesday, 12th April.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Mugeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 30th JANUARY.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 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)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 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, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1825—Tredgarn, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kings' and, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 61—Probita, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
 409—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 31st JANUARY.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1380—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, 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.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30)
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shorditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Contts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1289—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)
 1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1791—Cration, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike

- 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthsh
 530—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1351—St. Clement Danes, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 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.)
 R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch
 M.M. Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 33—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinkley, Leicestershire
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Ratcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
 509—Toes, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 846—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warble, near Rochdale
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1161—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire

1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beamister Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beamister
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Booth, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1594—Codewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bultth, Breconshire
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 R.A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Oponshaw, Man.
 R.A. 753—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Heme Hill.
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8. (Instruc.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 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)
 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1050—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyns Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 153 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8.30

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 898—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 17th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Smyth W.M., Jones S.W., Thomas Clark J.W., Allen S.D., Catling J.D., Baker I.G., F. Carr Hon. Secretary, Past Master Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Robinson, Brasted, Bunker, Darnell, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bunker offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. Bunker was raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. T. Carr gave the traditional history. Bro. Allen worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

On 21th instant, Bros. Thomas Clark W.M., Darnell S.W., Wardell J.W., Catling S.D., Christian J.D., Larter I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Robinson, Baker, Smyth, Edwards, Cushing, Coble, Dignam, and C. Lorkin. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Edwards candidate. The W.M. then gave the traditional history. Brother Clark worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 21st inst. Bros. Wolf W.M., Gribbell S.W., G. Ferrar J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., W. Williams S.D., Carr J.D., Robinson I.G.; also Bros. R. Defriez, D. Moss, C. Lorkin, A. Ferrar, Parkes, Archer, Darnell, R. M. Jones, Birch, E. Woodman, A. M. Marks, Richardson, Wenborn, &c. After formally opening to the second degree, Bro. Wolf vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Percy. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. R. Defriez acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, Lodge being resumed, Bro. Percy resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Wolf, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Birch being the candidate. Bro. W. H. Archer, of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1358, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, On the 16th inst. There were present —Bros. Robinson W.M., Maud S.W., Scheerboom J.W., Pringle S.D., Job J.D., Cook I.G., Barnes P.M. Treasurer, Stewart Hon. Secretary; also Bros. Clark and others. Lodge opened, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Clark offered himself as a candidate to be raised, answered the usual questions, and was duly entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Brother Job worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren.

On 23rd instant. Bros. Maud W.M., Scheerboom S.W., C. Kendall J.W., Wheatley S.D., Clements J.D., Isaacs I.G., Barnes Treasurer, Stewart Hon. Secretary; also Bros. Hubbert and Coote. Lodge opened, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coote acting as candidate. The W.M. then practised the formula of investing his Officers, and Bro. Barnes gave the customary addresses to the W.M. and Officers. The Secretary was requested, by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, to write a letter of condolence to Bro. T. Wording the Preceptor of the Lodge, who, we regret to say, is seriously ill. Bro. Stewart announced that the Annual Ball of the Burdett Coutts Lodge would be held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on the 14th February next, the proceeds to be devoted to Masonic Charity.

Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—The meetings of this Lodge were resumed at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, the 12th instant, at 9 p.m. Present—Bros. F. S. Rothschild W.M., Hunter S.W., J. Rothschild J.W., Tillett S.D., C. J. Payn J.D., R. D. Cummings Preceptor, H. Halliday Hon. Sec., Speller I.G., and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Halliday candidate. Lodge opened in the second, and Brother Cummings was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was then opened in the third, and Bro. Pingston raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in the same excellent manner in which the two former degrees were worked by Bro. F. S. Rothschild, who is now Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge, and never loses an opportunity of giving the Lodge of Instruction the benefit of his impressive working, which, to his honour be it said, is always appreciated. The Lodge having been resumed, Bro. Hunter was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned. Immediately after the Lodge closed, a ballot was held for two Life Subscriptions to the Masonic Charities, the fortunate winners being Bros. House and Speller. This Ballot Association has been started among the members of the Lodge to enable each to become a Life Subscriber and Life Governor of either of the Masonic Charities by a subscription of 1s per share each week. As soon as £5 5s is in hand a ballot takes place. The success of this may be gathered from the fact that among the few that have joined since 3rd November last two ballots have taken place, and it is earnestly hoped the members of the Lodge who are not already on the Ballot List will take an early opportunity of joining, and thus avail themselves of this way of becoming Life Subscribers or Governors.

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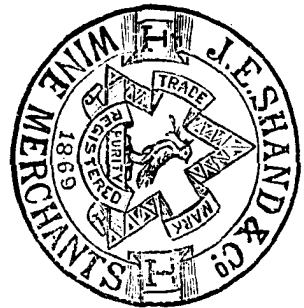
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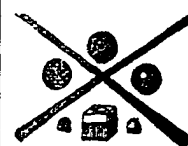
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