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**SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF UNITED  
GRAND LODGE.**

**T**HE event of Wednesday passed off magnificently. There was a grand gathering of brethren; indeed, some hundreds of them were unable to obtain admission to the Temple, even though they assembled at four o'clock, and the Grand Lodge was not to be opened till six P.M. However, mere numbers are not in question. The meeting was one of the grandest ever held under the banner of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master himself presided; his brothers the Dukes of Connaught and Albany were both present—this is the first occasion on which the three have met together on one and the same occasion in Grand Lodge—and in addition there were the Earls of Carnarvon Pro G.M. and Lathom D.G.M., together with at least a dozen Prov. G. Masters, to say nothing of the other Grand Officers present and past who crowded the dais. The proceedings were of the simplest. The motion, as stated last week in our columns, was submitted by the M.W. Grand Master in person, in most eloquent terms. The Pro Grand Master seconded the resolution, which, it is needless to add, was carried with acclamation, amid the loudest cheers which have been heard in Grand Lodge. What is more interesting still is, that the Queen has graciously consented to receive, on her return from the Continent, a deputation from Grand Lodge with the address thus unanimously moved on her behalf. It is impossible to deny that the late outrage on the Queen has evoked the utmost manifestations of loyalty on behalf of all classes of her subjects; but it will be hard to show that the address of our Grand Lodge is not among the most loyal expressions of gratitude to God that our beloved Sovereign has escaped the hands of the assassin.

**GRAND COUNCIL OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

**T**HE thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of R., S.E., and S.M. of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Hall, Lancaster, Pa., on the evening of Wednesday, 15th ult., and is described by our contemporary the *Keystone* as having been one of the most successful gatherings it had ever been privileged to attend. Ill. Companion George C. Johnstone M.P. Grand Master presided, and was supported by the following Officers, namely, Ill. Comps. James S. Barber R.P.D. Grand Master, Vosburg N. Shaffer R.P. Ill. Grand Master, Andrew J. Kauffman R.P. Grand P.C. of Works, James Bown R.P. Grand Treasurer, Charles E. Meyer R.P. Grand Recorder, George W. Kendrick jun. R.P. Grand Captain of Guard, David A. Stevenson R.P. Grand Conductor, Joseph L. Lytle R.P. Grand Marshal, William A. Morton R.P. Grand Sentinel, and a large attendance of members of the Order. In the course of the proceedings the Reports of the Finance Committee, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were read, and the Grand Master gave his usual address, in which he particularised his official acts and described the condition of the Craft, while the Reports of the Deputy Grand Masters and the accounts received from the various Grand Councils were listened to with the utmost

attention. The election for Officers resulted as follows:— Ill. Comps. James S. Barber, of Philadelphia, M.P.G. Master, Vosburg N. Shaffer, of Phoenixville, R.P.D.G. Master, Andrew J. Kauffman, of Lancaster, R.P. Ill. G. Master, Jos. L. Lytle, of Pittsburgh, R.P.G.P.C. of Work, James Bown, of Pittsburgh, R.P.G. Treasurer, and Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, R.P.G. Recorder. After the Select Master's Degree had been exemplified by M.P. Grand Master Johnstone, assisted by his Grand Officers, in a manner which excited the admiration of all present, Past M.P. Grand Master Ill. Comp. Shidle installed into their respective offices the Ill. Companions who had been elected to serve the Grand Council during the present year. In this duty he was very ably assisted by Ill. Comp. Wm. N. Viguers as Grand Chaplain, and Ill. Comp. George W. Kendrick as Grand Marshal, after which M.P. Grand Master Barber announced the following appointments, namely:—Ill. Comps. Geo. W. Kendrick jun., of Philadelphia, Grand C. of Guard, John L. Young Grand Marshal, and George H. Coburn, of Titusville, G. Sentinel. Titusville having been chosen as the place of meeting for the next Grand Council, the labours of the day were brought to a close, and the members were most hospitably entertained at a banquet by the brethren of Lancaster City.

**PALESTINE COMMANDERY, K.T.,  
NEW YORK.**

**T**HE fourth annual reception, Exhibition Drill, and Festival of the Palestine Commandery, No. 18, K.T. New York, held on Wednesday, the 15th ult., in the Academy of Music, is described by our same contemporary as having been one of the most successful Templar gatherings ever held in that city. The Academy was magnificently decorated for the occasion, and the Drill Corps, under the command of Captain General Sir Knight Eugene S. Eunson, performed several evolutions with a steadiness and precision which spoke well for their training.

The Committee of Arrangements consisted of Sir Knights Eugene Eunson Chairman, Horace H. Brockway Vice-Chairman, James A. Rich Secretary, J. Martin Layman Treasurer, and the Press Committee of Sir Knights Frederick G. Gedney Chairman, James A. Rich, J. Martin Layman, William H. Gedney, E. Duncan Sniffen, W. H. Long, William Johnston jun., John A. Guiraud, John W. Jacobus, Alfred Taylor. Among the invited guests were E. Sir Knights Geo. W. Walgrove R.E. Grand Commander of New York, A. G. Goodall, Daniel Sickles, with delegations from Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Detroit, Mich., Oriental, No. 12, Cleveland, Ohio, St. John's, No. 4, Philadelphia, Pa., Springfield, Springfield, Mass., St. John's Providence, R.I., Boston, Boston, Mass., Maryland, No. 1, Baltimore, Md., Columbia, No. 2, Washington, D.C., Washington, Newport, R.I., Allegheny City, No. 35, of Allegheny City, Pa., as well as the Grand Commanderies of New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Kentucky and Virginia.

**EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.**

## THE QUEEN AND THE FREEMASONS.

A SPECIAL meeting of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England was held on Wednesday, for the purpose of considering a notice of motion by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, with reference to the recent outrage on Her Majesty. Although the Grand Lodge was ordered to be opened at six o'clock, by four o'clock there was a large attendance.

At a few minutes before six o'clock the Grand Organist played a voluntary on the organ, and shortly afterwards the Grand Master arrived, preceded by a large body of Grand Officers, all the brethren rising to receive him, and on his passage to the dais he was greeted with hearty cheering. His Royal Highness took his seat on the throne, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, with the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master on his left, and the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master on his right, supported by Sir Albert Woods Garter, and in the rear a body of Past and Present Grand Officers.

Brother the Earl of March occupied the Senior Warden's chair, and Brother Justice Cave that of the Junior Warden.

His Royal Highness having put the usual questions to the subordinate Officers proceeded in due form to open Grand Lodge, which was followed by the usual prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Prince of Wales said that the brethren had been specially called there on that occasion for the purpose, as he believed, and he might say he was sure, of unanimously agreeing to a resolution which stood in his name, and which he had great pleasure in putting before that large assembly of Grand Lodge, and which was—"That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressive of the horror and indignation felt by all Free and Accepted Masons under this Grand Lodge at the recent atrocious outrage committed on Her Majesty, and of their deep sense of gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape, under Divine Providence." It would be unbecoming in him, as their Grand Master, and as the son of their beloved Sovereign, were he to enter into details as to the horrible event which occurred a fortnight ago, but happily with such ill effects. As their Grand Master, he knew that throughout the length and breadth of the land, amongst all classes of Her Majesty's subjects who had expressed their horror at the attempt which had been made upon her life, there was no body more devoted in their loyalty to her person than the Freemasons of England. (Loud and long continued cheering.) They were aware of the sympathy which had been expressed to Her Majesty throughout the country, and no doubt they were also aware of the letter from the Queen which appeared in the newspapers of the day. (Cheers.) The addresses which had been sent to her Majesty had given her peculiar satisfaction, and he had the happiness to announce to them that it would give Her Majesty great pleasure to receive in person a deputation from this Grand Lodge. (Tumultuous cheering, for several minutes.) He felt sure that this announcement would be received with pleasure, as it was a very long time since a deputation of Freemasons had been received by the Sovereign of this country, which had been accorded by Her Majesty as the patron of the Grand Lodge of England; and he might say that shortly after Her Majesty's return from the Continent the address would be presented.

The Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. said, in the first instance, he had to return thanks to his Royal Highness for the great honour he had conferred upon him in allowing him to second the resolution which his Royal Highness had proposed. He begged, in the first place, to tender to him the thanks of the Grand Lodge for having come amongst them on that occasion; and, in the second place, to thank Almighty Providence for the merciful preservation of their Sovereign from the danger she had escaped, as he believed that there never was a Sovereign who had sat upon the English throne whose life had been more blameless than hers, and one who so little deserved such an abominable outrage to be committed upon her. The spirit of England, however, was loyal to the core, and there were none whose hearts beat more warmly in loyalty to the

Crown than those brethren he saw before him that night. They had, in the first place, to express their horror at the attempt which had been made upon Her Majesty; and in the second place, to express their thankfulness to God that in His mercy He had turned aside the bullet of the assassin, and protected the life of their Sovereign in her hour of danger. It added great pleasure to them that his Royal Highness's two brothers were there, whose presence they welcomed on such an occasion as the present.

The resolution was carried by acclamation, after which the National Anthem was sung.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

AN especial meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, 11th inst., for the purpose of voting an address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the happy deliverance of Her Majesty from recent danger.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. in the presence of a very large number of brethren of the Province, both from Brighton and all parts of the county. The Right Hon. Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and the other Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. J. H. Scott Deputy Prov. G.M., W. H. Hallett, Mayor of Brighton, S.G.W., F. Noakes J.G.W., Rev. R. V. Faithfull Davies G. Chaplain, Gerard Ford Grand Registrar, N. P. Freeman Grand Secretary, S. Solomon J.G. Deacon, J. M. Kidd G.Dir. of Ceremonies, T. R. White Assistant G. Dir. of Ceremonies, W. Roe G. Organist, C. W. Hudson, A. Taylor, C. C. Cook, and E. A. Head Grand Stewards, and Thomas Hughes Grand Tyler.

Prov. Grand Lodge, after prayer had been offered by the Prov. G. Chaplain, was opened in due form, and in accordance with established custom. The National Anthem was then sung, Bro. Broadbridge exquisitely rendering the solos, accompanied by Bro. Roe Prov. Grand Organist, on the pianoforte, Bros. G. Cole and Hannay assisting in the singing, which was enthusiastically taken up by the brethren. Letters of apology and telegrams for non-attendance were acknowledged from various brethren, including Lord Arthur Hill, who claimed excuse consequent on his Parliamentary duties, Bros. Kuhe, Trollope, Stride, Henty, McCarrogher, Rev. Cave-Brown, Rev. George Smith, Molesworth, Duke, Francis, Harnes, Lewish, Nash, R. Crosskey, L. W. D. Williams, &c.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, whose rising was the signal for warm Masonic applause, then addressed the brethren. He said—Brethren, I have thought it my duty, after some little consideration, and after taking the advice of some of the principal Officers of Grand Lodge, to call the present meeting, for the purpose of affording an opportunity for us of expressing our indignation at the dastardly crime which has occurred in the attempt to assassinate our beloved Sovereign. And I think I should have neglected my Masonic duties if I had not done this, but even before doing it I took counsel with the Grand Registrar, and he advised me by all means to call the meeting, and thus set an example to other Provinces. I also felt that an opportunity should be afforded us of expressing our feelings towards our exalted Brother His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and of congratulating him upon the marvellous escape of our beloved Sovereign, of congratulating him, the Royal Family, and the whole of the nation, on that providential escape. I am sure that every man in this kingdom, no matter what his creed or politics may be, is imbued with a feeling of loyal affection towards that gracious lady who reigns over us. I therefore called this meeting, and delighted am I in seeing in such an assembly so large and influential a response to my call. I trust we shall never again be called upon to meet in Provincial Grand Lodge under similar circumstances, but that our beloved Queen may long reign over us, blessed by the Great Architect of the Universe, reigning over a prosperous people and a happy nation. Sir Walter concluded by moving that addresses, in accordance with the spirit of the observations he had made, be prepared and forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen and to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Bro. J. H. Scott D.P.G.M. formally seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Captain Braithwaite asked if the presentation of the addresses would be made before the Grand Lodge on the following Wednesday, or would it be a separate affair?

The Provincial Grand Master stated that at the present moment he was afraid he could not answer the question. It appeared that the addresses would have to be sent up to London to be engrossed, and if they could get them back in sufficient time they would on Wednesday be in the hands of the Grand Secretary for presentation to the Prince of Wales.

The Provincial G.M. then moved the adoption of the following address:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's true and loyal subjects, the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, venture to approach your Majesty in order to express our horror and detestation at the dastardly crime which has so recently endangered your Majesty's most precious life. We render hearty thanks to Almighty God that He preserved your Majesty unhurt from this cowardly assault, and we pray that your Majesty may live long to be a blessing to your people, and the object of their devoted loyalty and love.

Bro. John H. Scott P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex said: Right W. Prov. Grand Master and Brethren:—I beg to second the resolution you have just proposed, but before touching upon it, I must in the

name of the brethren present, whose wishes I am sure I anticipate—thank you, Sir, for calling us together, and so giving us this opportunity of expressing our loyalty to our Sovereign the Queen, and our joy at her merciful preservation. Within the last twelve months, no less than three attempts have been made on the lives of the chief rulers of kingdoms and states. Two of them you know were fatal. But, happily for England, our beloved Sovereign has escaped the danger of assassination, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the atrocious crime had no origin either in political rancour or in personal revenge. But yet there are those who say that in the manifestations of rejoicing throughout the land and the numberless addresses of congratulation which are daily pouring in, we are making a great fuss about nothing, seeing that Her Majesty was not only not killed, but neither hurt nor frightened. Now, brethren, we may be making a great fuss, but it is not about nothing, for had the deed been fatal, instead of now being transported with joy, we, and not only we, the English people, but the whole of Europe, America, and the civilised world, would be mourning the loss of the very best monarch who ever sat upon the throne of England. It is no idle supposition that the attempt might have been fatal, for the pistol was loaded, the bullet was discharged, and had the aim been true, who can tell what the disaster might have been! Had it been fatal, it would have been small consolation to us to have known that Her Majesty lost her life at the hands of a miscreant or a madman; instead of by a political assassin, as was the case with the late Emperor of Russia, or by diabolical and malignant revenge, as was the case with the late noble President of the United States of America. Therefore we do rejoice, and rejoice in our rejoicing, that it has pleased Almighty God to spare the life of our beloved Queen.

The remarks of Bro. Scott were received throughout with warm expressions of appreciation, and at the close thereof the motion was put and unanimously adopted.

The Prov. G.M. again rose, he said: I now move, "That the brethren of the Province of Sussex do offer the heartiest congratulations to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, on the happy escape of Her Majesty from the cowardly attack which has so recently endangered her life."

The following address to H.R.H. was then read:—

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of Free and Accepted Masons of England, K.G., &c., &c.

May it please your Royal Highness.

At a meeting of the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, 11th March 1882, the R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Barrell Bart., Prov. G.M. in the chair, for the purpose of voting an address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the happy deliverance of Her Majesty from recent danger,

It was unanimously resolved:

"That the Brethren of the Province of Sussex offer their heartiest congratulations to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, their M.W. Grand Master, on the happy escape of Her Majesty the Queen from the cowardly attack which has so recently endangered her life!"

The Prov. S.G.W., Mayor of Brighton, seconded. He observed—The occasion of our meeting is both extraordinary and exceptional. It is a meeting of Masons congregated together for the purpose of expressing their thanks to Almighty God for the preservation of our beloved Sovereign from the dangerous attack of a would-be assassin. The occasion is of so exceptional a character that even the history of the Brighton Corporation (a meeting of which, assembled for a similar purpose, I attended yesterday) can present no similar record. I am especially glad to be present at this large and influential assemblage of Masons to-day, for the purpose of congratulating Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, and to have this opportunity of expressing towards them how strong are our feelings of loyalty and devotion.

This motion also having been unanimously adopted, the brethren rose en masse, whilst Bro. Broadbridge, accompanied by Bro. Roe, gave the salvos, all uniting in the beautiful semi-national anthem "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Hallett Prov. S.G.W. again rose, and moved that the address agreed to be engrossed on vellum, signed by the Prov. G.M., D.G.M., G.R., and G.S., and forwarded for presentation.

Bro. Noakes Prov. G.J.W. briefly seconded, and the motion being carried *nem dis*, Grand Lodge was closed in solemn form.

At the last meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution Mr. Thos. Chapman in the chair, rewards amounting to £130 were granted to the crews of different lifeboats of the institution, for services rendered during the past month. Payments amounting to £1,100 were made on some of the 270 lifeboat establishments of the institution. A lady had forwarded a contribution of £400 towards the renewal or endowment of the lifeboat she had presented to the institution a short time since; £100 had also been received from Mr. Philemon Land, and a contribution from the school boys of Christ's Hospital, per the head master, Bro. the Rev. R. Lee. The late Mrs. Luckombe, of Brighton, had left the institution a legacy of £1,500; Mr. Osgood Torkington, of Clapham, £1,000; Mr. William Slecomb, of Holloway, £900; Mr. Horace Watson, of Wimbledon, £200; Mr. J. A. Baker, of Birmingham, £200; and Miss E. W. Daniel, of Weston-super-Mare, £100. Bro. the Lord Mayor of London has consented to preside over the forthcoming annual meeting of the institution, which will be held at the Mansion House, on Thursday, the 23rd instant.

J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchant (Experts and Valuers). Well fermented old Wines and matured Spirits, 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

### THE GRANT TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having seen most of the Statements of Account from which your Table, published a fortnight since, was compiled, I am in a position to verify its contents, at least in their main features. What, however, puzzles me most, and has induced me to address to you these few lines is, that so distinguished a Craftsman as Bro. Philbrick should have been ignorant of the resources of the Board of General Purposes, being, as he is, a member of that Board. That he might not have been able to state off-hand the amount of its invested funds is likely enough, but it passes all belief that he should not have known that it was in receipt of a large annual rental, that the contributions of Lodges amounted to several thousands per annum, and that Grand Chapter contributed one-fifth of the amount disbursed in salaries. He ought to have known, or, at all events at the expenditure of a very little time and trouble, he might have ascertained, that the Board had latterly been making extensive purchases of stock, and had a very considerable balance to its credit. I say it is not unreasonable to suppose that a member in Bro. Philbrick's position, when he contemplated making the motion he did at last Grand Lodge, would take the precaution of obtaining beforehand all the necessary information. Who is to know the resources of the Board of General Purposes if not the members themselves? I wonder it never occurred to some member of Grand Lodge to rise in his place and draw attention to some of the points I have referred to. Had this been done, I can hardly bring myself to believe the motion for the non-confirmation of the additional grant to the Benevolent Institution would have been agreed to.

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

A CONSTANT READER.

### THE LATE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 766.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

13th March 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been drawn to your issue of the 4th instant, and I must express my extreme surprise at the gross misstatements made by your correspondent "Q." and also at your editorial remarks thereon. I have not yet had the pleasure of perusing the subject in your issue of the 18th ult., so will confine my observations to the correction of some of the various errors of your correspondent "Q." and yourself.

Firstly. The circular sent out on the 30th January was not sent to a portion of the members only, as you allege (and as Bro. Tribbel was so credibly informed), but to every member of the Lodge, whose address I had the means of obtaining.

Secondly. The circular, as you will see by the enclosed copy, reads as follows:—Dear Sir and Brother,—At the next meeting of the above Lodge, on Friday, 3rd February, the following business will be brought forward: Report of the Audit Committee, Election of Officers, and other important business connected with the Lodge, and I request the favour of your presence to take part in the same, as it may affect the future of the Lodge. I am, &c."

In your version the words "to take part" are omitted, and you substitute the word "fortune" for future—to my mind a very important omission and substitution, more especially as you informant must have been in possession of the printed circular.

Now, Sir, I am totally unaccustomed to taking part in correspondence through the medium of the press, but I purpose giving the following facts concerning the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, which, I think, will be the best means of answering "Q.'s" letter and your editorial, instead of wading through the whole of the inaccuracies and groundless charges contained therein.

Our Bye-laws state that a Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be annually elected in December. This was not complied with in December last, for the very adequate reason, that on four consecutive Fridays in that month no Lodge was held, owing to the want of attendance of sufficient brethren to form a Lodge; but on the 6th of January a Lodge was held (opened at 9 p.m.), seven brethren only present. Bro. Hayes then brought the subject of the election of Officers before the Lodge, stating he should not stand for re-election as Preceptor. I also stated I should decline standing for re-election as Secretary. After discussion, and at the request of each member present (particularly Bro. Tribbel), Bro. Hayes and myself consented to continue in office until the first Friday in February, one clear month, so that the members should have an opportunity of finding other brethren to take our relative positions. During that month I saw many members, some of whom came occasionally to the Lodge, and the conclusion invariably arrived at was—if brethren could not be found to accept our positions there was no other course open but to close the Lodge. Then, Sir, I sent the circular convening the meeting for the 3rd of February to each member of the Lodge whose address was on the Lodge Book, or known to me, and not to a few only, as suggested. We mustered sixteen only at that meeting in response to more than sixty circulars sent out.

The following is a copy of the minutes of the meeting:—

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, 766,  
Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street,  
3rd Feb., 1882.

## MINUTES.

Present—Bros. R. Evans W.M., G. Tribbel S.W., G. Lamb J.W., W. Hill S.D., Norrington J.D., Reid I.G., Hayes Preceptor, Godden Hon. Sec., Kennard Treasurer, Rudderforth, Braun, Plowman, Barker, L. Laskey, A. Laskey, Smith. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer; the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report was read and adopted unanimously. Bro. Hill worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hayes Preceptor worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Rudderforth then took the position of W.M. The Secretary read the special circular which had been sent to the members of the Lodge. Bro. Braun proposed that Bro. Hayes be re-elected the Preceptor. Bro. Tribbel seconded the proposition. Bro. Hayes, in his remarks, reverted to the fact of how badly the Lodge had been supported for a considerable time, especially by those who laid claim to being its founders; that financially it was a failure, for the expenditure in the past twelve months had exceeded the income by about £2, and he further fully analysed the present position of the Lodge. In conclusion, taking the whole matter into consideration, he should decline to be re-elected as Preceptor, in the absence of any other brother being nominated. Bro. Braun proposed that Bro. Godden be re-elected Hon. Sec. Bro. Tribbel seconded. Bro. Godden refused to be re-elected, stating that his reasons for doing so were those which had already been stated by Bro. Hayes; but if any one could be found to fill the offices, they did not intend to withdraw themselves as members. No one else being nominated for the position, Bro. R. Evans proposed that the Lodge be dissolved from this date, which was seconded by Bro. Hayes. Bro. Braun proposed as an amendment that the matter be deferred for a week; there being no seconder, the motion was put to the meeting, when eleven voted for it, and one against it. The W.M. declared the motion to close the Lodge was carried. Bro. Godden proposed that the furniture and regalia of the Lodge should be sold by public auction, and the proceeds, together with the funds in the Treasurer's hands, be given to Masonic Charity. Bro. Reed seconded; carried unanimously. Bro. Plowman proposed that a vote or thanks should be given to the Officers of the Lodge for their kind services, and to be recorded on the minutes; seconded by Bro. L. Laskey, and carried unanimously. The compliment was acknowledged by Bros. Hayes, Godden, and Kennard. Bro. R. Evans proposed that the sum of £2 2s be given to Mrs. Webster; seconded by Bro. Tribbel, and carried. Bro. Godden proposed that the balance of funds should be given to the R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons, and placed upon Bro. Hayes's list as one of the Stewards; seconded by Bro. Braun, and carried. Bro. G. Lamb proposed that Bro. Kennard be requested to see to the disposal of the furniture and regalia as previously voted; seconded by Bro. Barker, and carried. Lodge was closed in due form, and in perfect harmony.

A perusal of the minutes shows that Bros. Braun, Tribbel, and Smith were the only brethren present who are now striving to upset what was then done; and in voting Bro. Braun was the only one who did not vote for the immediate winding up of the Lodge. On perceiving this he requested me to record the vote on the minutes as being unanimous, which fortunately I declined doing, and the reason for twelve members only voting on that question was, that the other brethren did not arrive until later on, some only coming into the Lodge after 9.30. All the remaining propositions were carried, not by a majority, as stated, but unanimously.

Notice of the closing of the Lodge of Instruction I duly forwarded to Grand Lodge; also to the Worshipful Master of the William Preston (mother) Lodge, No. 766.

Now, Sir, I would ask how the aforesaid minutes of the 3rd February could be put for confirmation at the so-called meeting of the 10th ultimo, which meeting was probably known only to the four brethren who were present? Neither myself nor any of the brethren who had constantly attended the Lodge had any knowledge that a meeting was ever contemplated until after it had taken place.

I have made the following analysis of the attendances of our "deeply injured brethren" for the past two years—i.e. of those brethren who are now endeavouring to resuscitate the Lodge, but who did nothing for it in the time of need.

## For the year 1880.

Bro. Dunham attended	-	-	-	0	meetings
Coop	"	"	"	0	"
Heath	"	"	"	0	"
Moore	"	"	"	3	"
Little	"	"	"	1	"
Braun	"	"	"	3	"
West	"	"	"	23	"
Tribbel	"	"	"	39	"

## For the year 1881.

Bro. Dunham attended	-	-	-	0	meetings
Coop	"	"	"	0	"
Heath	"	"	"	1	"
Moore	"	"	"	7	"
Little	"	"	"	0	"
Braun	"	"	"	6	"
West	"	"	"	8	"
Tribbel	"	"	"	25	"
Smith	"	"	"	5	"

Neither of the other brethren mentioned as being present at a meeting held at Bro. Dunham's on the 24th February ever were members of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction; and the above figures should prove how earnestly (?) those brethren who have rushed to you with their grievances have supported the Lodge they now pretend to love so much. Why did not Bro. Moore (who now parades as Acting Secretary) attend the meeting on 3rd Feb-

ruary and accept the post of Secretary? As a fact, the Lodge minutes show that his last attendance was on 29th April 1881. This must make even "Q." and yourself wonder at his sudden love for the Lodge, and the energy now shown. Bros. West and Tribbel have both been invited to take the post of Preceptor to the Lodge, not once only, but many times—for which post they should be efficient—being P.M.'s of their mother Lodge, but they have always declined. Bro. Dunham, who is so well described in your editorial as "a worthy and zealous Craftsman," has not attended one meeting of this Lodge of Instruction from the time I have taken the foregoing analysis of attendance, viz., December 1879, although held at the house of an intimate friend and very near neighbour. I do not dispute your description "worthy and zealous Craftsman;" but if it be correct, especially as applied to the circumstances of the case, why did he not attend the meeting of the 3rd February, and wherefore this sudden love and attachment to the Lodge after two years cold neglect?

You ask in your editorial—Why was the election of Officers put on the circular if the Lodge was to be closed? In answer to that, I say, there was no intention to close the Lodge had Officers been appointed; the question of what could be done in that direction had been openly discussed amongst the brethren from the date, 6th Jan., when Bro. Hayes and myself officially stated our intention to decline standing for re-election. As a matter of fact, our intention had been made known in conversation to most of the members many weeks before that date, especially to the so-called founders of the Lodge, Bros. Braun, West, and Tribbel, who might have accepted the offices themselves, or found other brethren to do so. No, Sir, this they would not do; and when the moment came neither of them would put their hands to anything to save the dissolution of the Lodge. And, Sir, let me tell you that you have been grossly and wilfully misinformed, or you would not have made the assertion that the "then existing Officers," or the (as you state) "sapient majority," wished to withdraw from the Lodge. Both Bro. Hayes and myself stated at the meeting on the 3rd February, that we intended to continue our attendance at the Lodge if the brethren would appoint other Officers. This they did not do; and I fail to see how a Lodge of Instruction can be carried on without Officers or attending members.

In your report of the meeting of the 24th ult., "surprise" was expressed at my discourtesy in not answering Bro. Moore's application for the Lodge Books. The books were placed in my keeping, and will only be given up to Grand Lodge, for reasons I do not care to explain further than this—I am well aware that one of the brethren would much like to have them, as they contain "something" which, if published, would probably cause him more than inconvenience. And, to prove that I am not so discourteous as your informant describes me, I beg to say I am quite willing to show you the books, or any one who has the slightest claim to see them, on making an appointment (I am usually at home after 6 p.m.), and, whoever he may be, shall not only receive courtesy from me, but all the information I can give respecting the said books, and I will guarantee to convince him that everything that has been done in connection with the Lodge, from the time that Bro. Hayes and myself were appointed to the position of Preceptor and Secretary, has been effected as honourable men and Freemasons should do, and I am certain no one who knows the Lodge will attempt to refute this statement "openly."

In conclusion, Sir, I shall suggest that your correspondent "Q.," before charging brethren whom he does not even know with "flagrant misconduct," "suppression of truth," "suggestions of untruth," "ignorant bungling," &c., should make an attempt, at any rate, to find out the facts of his case; otherwise a letter charging others falsely, without any foundation, will tend not only to bring him into ridicule, as an officious meddler, but bring discredit on the Craft, of which I presume he is a member. And, finally, when he again attempts to cast dirt, through the medium of your paper, let him not be ashamed of the name he bears, but sign it, and not shelter himself under a *nom de plume*.

Yours fraternally,

SAMPSON GODDEN P.M. 862,

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WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,  
No. 766.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Like your correspondent of last week, I am glad you have brought under public notice the exceedingly un-Masonic conduct of certain former members of this Lodge. Still more glad am I to find from the reports which appear regularly in your columns that those brethren have been foiled in their efforts to bring about the discontinuance of the Lodge. But what it most concerns us to know is, if their conduct has been brought under the notice of the parent Lodge. I would rather pour oil on troubled waters than do anything to perpetuate discord, but I think the interests of Freemasonry demand that the discipline and good order of the Craft should not be set at naught with impunity, nor—and this is the most practical point after all—do I see why the William Preston Lodge of Instruction should be made to bear the loss of its furniture, jewels, &c. In my opinion it would be a very good plan to lodge a protest with the Institution for which the late Bro. Preceptor of the Lodge is acting as Steward against receiving so much of his list as represents the proceeds of the sale of such furniture. The motion that it should be placed on his list was never confirmed, and is, therefore, invalid—I say nothing of the fact that the motion was

illegal, as the members who passed it had, by virtue of their retirement, ceased to have any share in the Lodge property. I have not seen the brother's name in the list of Stewards for the Festival of the Benevolent last month, and I am sure neither Bro. Hedges nor Bro. Binckes would think of accepting what a Steward had no constitutional authority for giving; nor can I imagine the late Preceptor will, on mature consideration, desire the credit of having been the medium of raising for an Institution a sum of money which has been irregularly placed on his list.

Wishing the William Preston Lodge of Instruction all prosperity in its career, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

E. P. W. A.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company will take place at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday next, the 23rd instant, when a highly satisfactory Report and Balance-sheet for the half year to 31st December 1881 will be presented. In this Report the Directors are enabled to congratulate the Shareholders on the satisfactory progress of the Company during the period under review. They announce that the price of gas to the general consumer, which has been reduced since the Christmas quarter, will be still further reduced from Lady Day next, while the Reports of the Gas Examiners of the parishes supplied by the Company continue to be in all respects satisfactory. As regards the accounts, they speak for themselves, and the Directors feel themselves justified in recommending the declaration of a dividend for the half year in question at the following rates per annum, namely, 6 per cent. on the Preference Stock; 7 per cent. on the ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock; 10 per cent. on the Ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock; and 7 per cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Shares—in all cases free of Income Tax. This will amount to £11,178 in round figures, and as the balance of Net Profit for the half year was over £16,233, there will remain the sum of over £5,055 to be carried forward to the profit of the next half year. It is noted also that Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson and Mr. H. P. Stephenson retire by rotation from the Board of Directors, but, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election, as also will the retiring Auditor, Bro. James Glaisher.

A Special Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is to be held in the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Monday afternoon next, when the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., will propose the following resolution:—"That addresses be presented by this Provincial Grand Lodge to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, expressive of the great indignation felt by all the brethren of this Province at the recent dastardly attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sincere thankfulness that Her Majesty, by the merciful interposition of Divine Providence, escaped uninjured."

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has consented to repeat his Lecture, explanatory of the ceremonies of the First Degree, in the Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 28th inst. The Lecture will commence at 7 p.m.

On Monday, the 27th inst., Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, on which occasion the attendance of Masters and Past Masters is particularly invited. Commence at 8 p.m.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, at the Black Horse, York-street, S.W., on Wednesday, 29th inst., by Bro. F. J. Wray P.M. 1604 S.D. 1257. Lodge opens at 7.30 p.m., when as many brethren as can be present will be welcomed.

We were very pleased to see Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, U.S.A., whose name is well known to readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, among those present at the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, and we are assured by Bro. Norton that he fully appreciates the compliment paid him by the officials of Grand Lodge, in allowing his admittance. We think this recognition of Bro. Norton's research and general Masonic knowledge an act of grace on the part of Grand Lodge which will doubtless repay our brother for many an hour spent in his favourite study.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**Scientific Lodge, No. 88.**—At a regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday, the 13th March, Bro. E. Hills the W.M. said, he had a proposition to make, which, he was quite certain, would be acceptable to every Mason present. As Masons they were all loyal—he did not believe there was a more loyal body in the world than the Masonic brotherhood—and therefore it was unnecessary to say with what horror and indignation they had heard of the recent attempt on the Queen's life. They all heartily rejoiced at Her Majesty's providential escape, and he asked them to give expression to their satisfaction by adopting an address of congratulation to their Sovereign. He might add that the Grand Lodge would shortly be engaged in a similar pleasing task. The address, as drafted and read by the Secretary, Bro. T. Nichols, was as follows:—

We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, of Free and Accepted Masons, regularly held and assembled in their Lodge room, at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, most respectfully approach Your Majesty, and desire to express our most loyal and heartfelt congratulations on the providential escape your Majesty lately experienced from the recent attempt made on your life. We, as Masons, view with the utmost horror and detestation this terrible and dastardly crime, and whilst we, the brethren of this Lodge, in common with all other of your Majesty's subjects, deplore the sad circumstance, we feel it tends to inspire within us, if possible, more loyal and affectionate devotion towards your gracious Majesty; and humbly though earnestly do we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may long shield and protect you from all harm, so that your wise and prosperous reign may be long continued to a loyal and devoted people.

Bro. T. Nichols, in seconding the resolution, said he did so with peculiar pleasure, not only because, as a Mason and a citizen, he was at all times anxious to show his loving loyalty to the throne, but also because a very cruel rumour had been current in Cambridge that at a recent meeting of the the Town Council, when a similar address to Her Majesty was proposed, he had abstained from voting for it. He thought such a rumour very cruel indeed, for there was not a more loyal man in that room, nor a more loyal man in Cambridge, than himself; and he need not say that he gave the report a most unqualified contradiction. Indeed, had he been so disloyal as he was charged with being, he should have felt himself unworthy ever to enter a Masonic Lodge again. He most cordially and sincerely seconded the proposition of the W.M. The proposition was carried unanimously, and it was further resolved to have the address engrossed on vellum and then transmit it to the Queen. At the close of the Lodge "God save the Queen" was enthusiastically sung, and three cheers were given for Her Majesty.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Present—Bros. Dignam W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., Gribbell J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, Wolf S.D., Robinson J.D., Richardson I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, Houghton, Glass, A. Ferrar, Galer, E. Woodman, Wenborn, &c. Lodge was regularly opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Glass was questioned and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Glass being candidate. Bro. Percy worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin candidate. Bro. G. Ferrar was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was cordially passed to Bro. Dignam for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

**St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, when the chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. Usher Buck. After preliminaries, Bros. Burr, Aires and Adams were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A candidate for initiation was proposed, the ballot to be taken at the next meeting. After routine work, Lodge was closed.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 10th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. F. Botley W.M., W. Goss P.M. S.W., J. C. Roe P.M. J.W., C. E. Botley Hon. Secretary, Sperring S.D., Tucker (Treasurer) J.D., Lees I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor; Past Master Bro. Blasby; Bros. W. W. Morgan (honorary member), Metcalfe, Maton, Kent, R. Percy P.M. 228, W. Johnson P.M. 342, &c., &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed to second, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Kent candidate. Lodge was resumed to first degree, and called off and on. Bro. Morgan then delivered his promised Lecture on "The Masonic Charities, their Establishment and Development." This paper proved of very great interest to the members, and was listened to with wrapt attention; at its close a hearty and well merited vote of thanks was accorded to the Lecturer, to be recorded on the minutes. This was gracefully acknowledged. Bro. R. Percy P.M. 228 was elected a member, and Bro. Goss appointed W.M. for 31st March. Lodge then closed, and adjourned till the 17th instant (Officers' night).

A pleasing incident in connection with this meeting may be mentioned. One of the Past Masters, in commenting on the Lecturer's remarks as to the character of the education imparted in

our Scholastic Institutions, stated that his wife lately had occasion to advertise for a governess for his daughters. In reply, several candidates offered themselves, but our brother's wife seemed greatly to be taken with the lady-like appearance of the youngest of those who offered their services. The certificates and credentials of this young lady were eminently satisfactory. When the question arose, "Where were you educated?" The reply was, "In the Royal Masonic Girls' School." We may state that the applicant secured the appointment. But a still more gratifying fact was elicited. Bro. Johnson P.M. stated that this was his first visit to the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction. He had listened with great pleasure to the remarks of the last speaker, inasmuch as the candidate's father—whose name had been incidentally mentioned—was an esteemed Past Master of the Lodge to which he had the honour to belong; moreover, he (Bro. Johnson) had taken a lively interest in securing this young lady's election into the School some years back. Owing to the course of events he had to some extent lost sight of his protégé, but it was with great pleasure he now heard she had been so successful in her scholastic career.

**Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174.**—There was a very large attendance of the members of this Lodge on Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when the W.M. Bro. Frederick Brown presided, supported by Bros. James S. Fraser S.W., A. H. Brown J.W., Thomas S. Harvey S.D., William Fraser J.D., C. Lacey P.M. Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Secretary, Frederick J. Dellow I.G.; P.M.'s John Appleby, G. J. Hilliard, E. J. Moore, C. H. Webb, G. Jones, G. T. Seddon, J. Very Tyler, and about thirty other members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Dr. H. Wilson Iles D.P.G.M. Herts, J. G. Stevens P.M. 554, E. Dix P.M. 1421, E. P. Wilson 181, G. J. Ball P.M. 1766 and W.M. 907, William Snelgrove 907, J. G. Frank 212, C. G. Bellman, W. Murch, &c. Lodge having been opened in form, it was announced that there was a blank agenda, but after the transaction of some formal business, a resolution was passed unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, expressing abhorrence at the dastardly attack recently made upon the life of Her Majesty the Queen at Windsor, and of the loyalty and affection entertained towards the Throne, and congratulation upon Her Majesty's providential escape. At the conclusion of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a well-served banquet, under the presidency of the W. Master, by whom the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. Subsequently the health of the W. Master was given and received with the utmost cordiality, and in acknowledging the compliment paid to him Bro. Brown assured the brethren of his unabated interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and of his desire to maintain it in the position of prosperity and usefulness which it had so long enjoyed. During the evening the proceedings were varied by some excellent songs and recitations, and the proceedings throughout were characterised by the utmost harmony and fraternal enjoyment.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 14th inst. Present—Bros. Smyth W.M., T. Clark S.W., Edwards J.W., Corble S.D., Catling J.D., Dignam I.G., F. Carr Hon. Secretary, Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, Bunker, Gosling, Christian, Darnell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bunker answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Bunker was passed to Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Allen worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, and Bro. Brasted the third. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. The W. Master worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present Bros. E. J. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., R. Dowsett S.W., Rev. C. R. Honey J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, Hawkes S.D., Prickett J.D., Cordrey M.C., Tegg Steward, Ravenscroft I.G., Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Pulley and Margrett; Bros. Weatherhead, Collins, Bailey, James, W. Blackwell, Hinkins, H. Ferguson, Rhind, Greenaway. Visitor:—Bros. R. Bradley P.M. 414 Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks. The Lodge being duly formed, the W.M. addressed the brethren as follows:—Brethren, Before commencing the business on the agenda paper, it has been suggested to me, and in this suggestion I most heartily concur, that I should allude in a few brief words to a subject which I am sure must have been uppermost in your minds, as in those of all right thinking people in this vast empire, during the last few days. I allude to the late cowardly and dastardly attempt on the life of our beloved Sovereign, and I fear I very inadequately give expression to our sentiments; but we as Masons, in whom I suppose the spirit of loyalty is as firmly implanted as in that of any other body of men in the world, certainly should not be the last to express our devotion to the Queen, and our heartfelt gratitude that she has escaped the cruel hand of the assassin. It seems to me almost incredible that it should have entered into the mind of any person, unless for the time deprived of his reasoning faculties, to attempt the life of one who has always shown herself to be the very model of a Constitutional Sovereign and a true Christian gentlewoman, who has always displayed the utmost solicitude for the welfare of her people, has ever been foremost in acts of kindness and sympathy and benevolence, and who has never spared herself in anything that would tend to promote the interests and prosperity of the nation. But while we express our deepest horror and indignation at the foul crime, we must also give

expression to our heartfelt gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, that it has pleased Him in His mercy to avert the deadly blow, and to preserve so loved and valued a life to the nation. That she may long be spared to reign over a loyal and devoted people is I feel sure our earnest prayer. I therefore move this resolution:— "That this Lodge desires to record its deep feeling of horror and indignation at the late atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty the Queen, and to express its sincere devotion to Her Majesty, and heartfelt gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, that it has pleased Him, in His overruling Providence, to shield her from harm." This was seconded by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Ferguson, and carried by acclamation, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, after which the National Anthem was sung by the brethren—the first verse as a solo with chorus, the second as a duet with chorus, the following by all the brethren:—

From every latent foe,  
From the assassin's blow,  
God save the Queen.  
O'er her Thine arm extend,  
For Britain's sake defend  
Our mother and our Friend,  
God save the Queen.

Bro. Margrett moved, that a copy of the resolution should be sent to Her Majesty. Bro. Bailey seconded it, and alluded to a party of gentlemen in his house having sent their congratulations to Her Majesty on her birthday, which was immediately replied to. Ordered. Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Blackwell, being a candidate for passing to the second degree, gave proof of his efficiency in the former, was entrusted, and retired. The ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Margrett, of No. 414, as a joining member, who was declared to be elected. Ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Slaughter as an initiate, who was also declared to be elected. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. W. Blackwell was admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The ceremony was admirably performed, the charge after was given with great precision and clearness. The Lodge was closed to the first degree. The Prov. Grand Secretary congratulated the Master and Officers on the working, pronouncing it to be really perfect. The W.M. thanked the Prov. Grand Secretary, and alluded with gratitude to the handsome sum he took up to the R.M.B.I., being by far the largest amount in the Province. Bro. Margrett P.M. would act as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—he hoped the brethren would substantially support him on the occasion. After the usual ceremonies, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

**Upton Lodge, No. 1227.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th instant, at the usual house of assembly, the Spotted Dog, Upton, Essex. Bro. Adolphus Clark the W.M. took the chair of K.S., and, assisted by his Officers, all of whom were present, opened the Lodge in the usual form punctually at the time mentioned in the summons. Bros. R. W. Pearcy S.W., W. Sergeant J.W., Wayland Treasurer, Rowe Secretary, Gieseke S.D., Horley acting J.D., Patrick I.G., Stroud W.S. The Past Masters present were Bros. Pickny, Fenner, and Lyons. Among the members were Bros. Hartmann, Horley, Sneth, Ager, Schmidt, Clark, Free, Gover, Turbfield, Walbrecht, Morris, Hickingbotham, Dawson, Dover. The Lodge, famed alike for its hospitality as for its excellent working, had among the visitors Bros. Fathom and Cox, City of Westminster Lodge, W. S. Kent, West Kent, and Wilson, Excelsior. The business consisted in raising Bro. George Henry Clark, and the ceremony was most impressively rendered. The Lodge then resumed, and a ballot was severally taken for Mr. Martin Doerr, Mr. J. Dawson, and Mr. Geo. W. Hickingbotham, and being in each case unanimous in their favour, those gentlemen were duly initiated and made members among Masons. The labours of the evening over, the brethren sat down to an ample repast, to which justice was done. In proposing the time-honoured toast, the Queen and the Craft, the W.M. Bro. A. Clark touchingly alluded to the dastardly attempt made on the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and said all must rejoice at her happy deliverance from the hands of the world-be assassin. That the sovereign was beloved by the whole nation might go without saying. Her long and happy reign had endeared her to all; but among all her subjects there were none more loyal, loving, and true, than those enrolled under the banner of Freemasonry. The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, and the usual stanzas of the National Anthem most heartily joined in by all present. The other Loyal and patriotic toasts were given and duly responded to, and the brethren separated after having spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, with Mr. Alderman Figgins, and other celebrities, have extended their patronage to a Grand Concert, which will be given at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, E.C., on Wednesday next, 22nd inst., in aid of the Funds of ye Antiente Fraternite of ye Rahere Almoners. A capital programme has been provided.

Bro. G. W. Moore, of the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, announces his annual benefit at St. James's Great Hall, on the 28th inst. Afternoon at 2.30; Evening at 7.30; when, in addition to his talented company, a number of celebrated artistes in the theatrical profession will give their valuable services.

## REVIEWS.

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

*The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and Neighbourhood, 1882.* With the consent and under the immediate patronage of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., Past Grand Warden of England, and Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of the Province. Oxford: Bro. W. R. Bowden, 59 High-street.

Bro. BOWDEN, who is editor as well as publisher of this Calendar and Directory, must be congratulated on the excellent and business-like manner in which he has fulfilled his task. In addition to the Calendar for the year, with meetings of Masonic Bodies, will be found lists of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers past and present, the past in the case of Grand Lodge extending over the last few years only, while the Past Provincial Grand Officers are traced from the year 1837. Full lists of Officers and Past Masters as well of the Oxfordshire Lodges as of those in the adjacent Province of Berks and Bucks, are likewise furnished, and also similar particulars of the Grand and Provincial Grand Chapters and subordinate Chapters, of the Grand Mark Lodge, and the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon and its subordinate Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, &c., in addition to Lodges and Chapters, such as Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, University Lodge, No. 1118, London, which are very closely associated with Apollo University, No. 357. Such an array of information is, of course, most useful, but Bro. Bowden is by no means satisfied with what he has done so far, and announces his intention of making his Calendar still more complete.

*The Freemasons' Calendar for the Province of Nottinghamshire for the Year A.D. 1882.* Published under the Sanction and by the Authority of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Compiled by Bro. C. G. Wragg, P.G.S. Nottingham. Bros. Norris and Cokayne, the Poultry. 1882.

Bro. WRAGG's compilation is a most creditable one. Like those we have already noticed, it has a well-arranged Calendar, with dates of Lodge meetings, lists of Grand, Provincial Grand, and subordinate Lodge and Chapter Officers; similar particulars as to the Mark Lodges and Rose Croix Chapters, Encampments, &c., together with a list and dates of meeting of Lodges in the adjoining Provinces of Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, and Lincolnshire. We would suggest to Bro. Wragg that in future issues he should find a place for particulars as to the voting power of the Province in connection with our Institutions, as well as of the Charity organisation, if any, belonging to the Province. We note incidentally that Nottinghamshire has thirteen Lodges, of which nine have been constituted within the last ten years, and of these five have received their Warrants from Grand Master the Prince of Wales. Of the four Royal Arch Chapters, two were warranted last year. In addition, there are two Mark Lodges, one Time Immemorial, and one founded in 1880, a Time Immemorial Encampment, and a Rose Croix Chapter of the year 1863. It will be seen from this statement that Freemasonry has been making rapid progress in Northamptonshire during the last few years, especially under the genial rule of the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. Grand Master. We thank Bro. Wragg for his courtesy in forwarding copy of his Calendar.

Her Majesty the Queen, before her departure for Mentone, acknowledged, in a gracefully worded letter, the extreme pleasure it had given her to receive a special large paper copy of Mr. Tuer's "Bartolozzi and his works." Both of these sumptuous volumes are enriched with duplicates, in protective mounts, of the principal illustrations, on satin.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, ROBINSON CRUSOE. On Wednesday, and Saturday, at 1.30 also.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 7.45, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, OURS.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, MANOLA.

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

AVENUE.—At 7.20, THE GENIUS. At 8.10, MADAME FAVART.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE MANAGER.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, THE BLACK CROOK.

COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8, THE MASCOTTE.

GAIETY.—At 7.15, THOSE GIRLS. At 8.30, ALADDIN.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY. At 8.30 AUNTIE.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, QUID PRO QUO. At 8.30, MOTHER-IN-LAW, &c.

GLOBE.—At 7.40, MANKIND.

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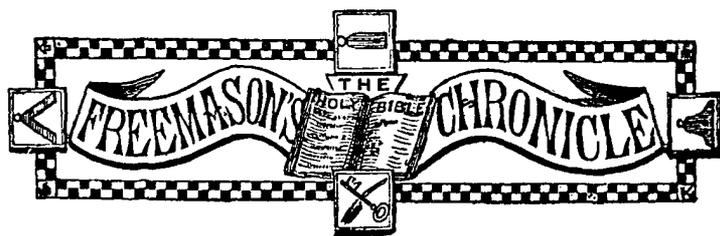
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That an Address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by this Grand Lodge, which shall express the horror and indignation of all Mark Master Masons under Grand Lodge, at the atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sense of deep and lasting gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape, under Divine Providence.

That an Address of Congratulation be presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, P.G.M.M.M., on his approaching marriage.

In connection with this latter item there is also a notice of motion on the Agenda, proposing, "That a grant of £25 be made, out of Grand Lodge Funds, towards the Subscription to the 'Wedding Presentation Fund,' which we may state refers to a proposition made, on the suggestion of the Mark Grand Master, and approved by the General Board, that a fund be raised by the voluntary offerings of the Mark Master Masons under the juris-

diction of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of providing a fitting and suitable wedding present to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, who has so recently accepted high rank in the Degree, to mark at once the appreciation of Mark Masters of the honour conferred on them, and as a substantial proof of the sincerity of their congratulations on so interesting and auspicious an event as the marriage of His Royal Highness. Lodges and individual members are invited to contribute, in amounts not exceeding £10. The M.W. the Grand Mark Master has headed the list with that amount. We must congratulate our brethren of the Mark Degree on the opportunities thus afforded them of expressing their feelings, both to Her Majesty the Queen and also to their newly appointed Past Grand Master, and we trust the gift which will be presented to the latter will be in every way worthy the body from which it emanates, and that His Royal Highness may have reason to look upon it as one of the most sincere of the many tangible proofs of esteem he will doubtless receive.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### CONSECRATION OF THE ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

IN chronicling the establishment of this new Chapter we are naturally led to refer to the progress of the Lodge to which it may trace its parentage. The Eccleston Lodge was consecrated on the 16th August 1876, consequently it is now in the sixth year of its existence, during which time it may be credited with an uninterrupted career of prosperity. The first W.M. was Bro. H. A. Hunt, a gentleman who had identified himself with the building and establishment of the Grosvenor Club; and it may incidentally be mentioned that to the members of this club may be traced the formation of the Lodge itself. Bro. Hyde Pullen acted as Consecrating Officer, and that worthy Craftsman had the able assistance of Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, now Grand Chaplain of England, and the late Bro. John Coutts P.G.P., who filled the chair of S.W., while Bro. Verity, at that time W.M. of the Ebury Lodge, officiated as Junior Warden. As a matter of course, it was naturally to be expected that application should in due time be made for a Warrant for a Chapter, and on the prayer of Comps. W. Vincent Past Master 1624, H. J. Johnson Senior Deacon 1624, J. G. Fisher W.M. 1624, C. Tayler J.W. 1624, A. W. Beckham Secretary 1624, I. Isaacs Treasurer 1624, J. Carter P.M. 1624, H. Bond S.W. 1314, J. Wyer P.M. 1314, C. Pulman P.M. 720—this was duly granted by the Most Excellent the Grand Zerubbabel, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and to the Grand Scribe E. Most Excellent Companion Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was entrusted the duty of consecrating the Chapter. The ceremony took place on Monday last, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, where Col. Clerke was assisted by M.E. Companion Captain N. G. Phillips P.G.S.N., who filled the chair of H., and M.E. Companion Ambrose Hall Grand Assist. Soj., who acted as J. The Companions assembled in the Ante-room at 3.30 p.m., when the Principals entered the Chapter Room, and opened the Chapter. The Companions of the new Chapter were then arranged, and the Consecrating Officer addressed them on the nature of the meeting, and called on the S.E. to state the wishes of the Companions, and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the formation of the Chapter. The acting S.E. addressed the Principals on the nature of the duties they were about to undertake, and the Consecrating Officer instructed the acting S.E. to read the petition and Charter. The Companions having signified their approval of the Officers nominated in the Charter, the Rev. Comp. Hall delivered the following oration:—

COMPANIONS,—I to-day approach with pleasure the task (if I may so call it) of assisting to add to the Eccleston Lodge a Royal Arch Chapter, to be called after its name; and I can but congratulate you upon attaching so glorious an adjunct to your numerous and distinguished body, whereby, step by step, you will be led on to the development of those Masonic mysteries prefigured in our Craft Degrees, and to the unfolding of many obscure shadows of the great truths opened out in this truly sublime Order. It is a degree which, in my opinion, should be coupled with every Lodge in the land, and I trust that many will follow your example, so that as years roll on we may see the star which in our Masonic Calendar marks a Chapter as belonging to a Lodge not so thinly scattered as now, but adorning the respective numbers of many more of the Lodges already on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England.

I am the more gratified at filling the honourable chair of Joshua on this interesting occasion because it carries my mind back to a memorable day in my recollection, when, in the capacity of Consecrating Chaplain, I had the opportunity of addressing you at the foundation of the Eccleston Lodge (some five or six years ago), and when I committed you to the care and guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe, bidding you God speed in your then new undertaking; and those wishes have been, so far as I can see, fulfilled, by a steady increase; a brotherly unity; and I trust an advancement individually in the Masonic virtues, which will win for you in your Royal Arch Chapter the success that has accompanied your Lodge.

To-day, I again accept at your hands the prominent and honourable position of speaking to you once more upon the Nature, Privileges,

and Principles of our Order. It is a responsible task, and one with regard to which difficulties will arise—I mean the difficulty of putting into some new and more interesting form those Masonic duties which, in my sacred office, I have so often inculcated, and which you know so well—viz., the Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty of our teachings, the Lessons and Symbols which are to animate us, and to bring us, heart and mind, closer together in that brotherly union, that mutual equality, which makes all men, high and low, rich and poor, alike in the All-seeing eye of God.

The wisdom of our teaching consists in this, that it represents "Speculative Masonry," by means of which we apply to our morals the working tools of the skilful artist. The strength represents Operative Masonry, by which an edifice is erected to the glory of Jehovah (like your Chapter to-day), offering blessings, I trust, to the Companions now and hereafter, till time shall be no more, while beauty is the personification of both limited; a life-giving power, modelled into a form upon which the eye of the mind can dwell with pleasure, and which constitutes a subject for the consideration of every one who would understand the great principles of the Science into which he has been initiated.

I will now, Companions, as suitable to this day's work, and for your edification, make a brief sketch of the characters and deeds of the three ancient worthies that three of you will in future represent in your Chapter, viz., Zerubbabel, Haggai, and Joshua. Zerubbabel, we are told, after many difficulties and dangers returned to Jerusalem, having during his captivity preserved the mysteries of our Order; he then immediately erected a temporary tabernacle, and called a Council, presided over by himself, Haggai, and Joshua, when they determined to rebuild the Temple on the foundation of the structure of King Solomon. The first step was to remove the rubbish of the old Temple, when the important discovery was made, by three sojourners, from which originated our Order of the Holy Arch. That discovery and its sacred import you all know. It was Zerubbabel who, when asked by King Darius whether the Power of Wine, Woman, or the King was greatest, made the memorable reply, that the powers of wine, woman, and the King might be great, but that the power of TRUTH bore the victory above all these. Teaching you and I that one of the great Principles of our Order is potent above everything. May it flourish in its brightness in your Chapter, and may the example of Zerubbabel guide the members into all Truth! Let us next take Haggai. After the return from Babylon, he zealously encouraged the brethren to rebuild the Temple, and in his ardour for the cause, remonstrated with them for letting it lie in ruins, whilst their own houses were well cared for. He told them that their neglect of God's house and God's honour, had provoked Him to punish them. Copy him, Companions, in your new edifice, and never allow the name of Jehovah to be lightly spoken, but let his honour be preserved among you, both by word and deed. We now come to Joshua, that great High Priest who superintended the reconstruction of the Temple, and who is represented by the third Principal in our Chapters. His zeal, his energy, his ability to withstand the assaults of Satan is also a bright example, to all assisting to construct this Masonic edifice, for you will find all these virtues called forth as years go on if you would make your work to-day worthy of the builders, a work to be looked upon by the outer world with respect and veneration.

And now, Companions, a word of advice from an old Mason—as to steering the vessel you launch to-day safely on its future voyage. Remember what the solemn doctrines of Freemasonry teach you, think upon the high morality it inculcates, and be especially careful in the choice of your "shipmates," for all is lost if the barque is not manned by brethren good and true; choose those only who come recommended by some well-known brother for their amiable qualities, for their moral worth, and from their desire to make their lives beneficial to their brethren. And, for yourselves, bear in mind that you have one day to give an account to Jehovah. Remember, too, the wants of others, help the weak, and even deny yourselves to comfort those that are in sorrow; above all, use every effort to support the three noble Charities of the Order—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Royal Benevolent Institution for the Aged; "so shall you have a good reward in the day of necessity."

In conclusion, Companions, receive my hearty good wishes. May your work prosper! To which end never forget the glorious light into which you have been initiated. Study the Sacred Law, regulate your lives by God's precepts, fulfil the three great moral duties you owe to God, to your neighbour, and yourselves; to God, by reverencing His name; to your neighbour, by acting on the Square; and to yourselves, by using God's gifts, and not abusing them. So shall you journey on in brotherly unity, with one faith and one hope. After life's few years are o'er, meet in the Grand Lodge above, your spirits clothed with immortality!

Comp. Hall's address was listened to with rapt attention, and being delivered as it was with our Rev. Companion's wonted fervour, created a deep impression on his hearers. The ceremony was then completed, the whole of it being conducted in an eminently satisfactory manner, Comp. Frank Richardson P.G.A.S. ably fulfilling the duties of Master of the Ceremonies, while the musical portion of the day's proceedings was conducted by Comp. J. I. Cattle, who had the assistance of Comps. Seymour-Smith and Arthur Thomas. Comp. William Vincent P.M. 1624, the M.E.Z. designate, was then installed by Col. Shadwell Clerke, who also placed Comp. H. J. Johnson P.M. 1791 into the chair of Haggai, and Companion John G. Fisher Worshipful Master 1624 into that of Joshua. The Companions below the respective chairs were then admitted, and the investiture of Officers was proceeded with. The Treasurer, and Scribes E. and N. were balloted for, Comps. I. Isaacs, A. W. Beckham and N. J. Wyer being respectively appointed. Comp. J. C. Tayler was likewise elected, and invested as Principal Sojourner, and Comp. Church was chosen as Janitor. The M.E.Z. was very happy in the selection of words with which he addressed his Officers, and in speaking to Bro. Beckham made graceful allusion to the eminent

services he had rendered the Eccleston Lodge in his capacity of Secretary, expressing the fervent belief that Companion Beckham would exhibit as much zeal in the fulfilment of his new duties as had characterised him in the past. Comp. Henry Bond was appointed First Assistant Sojourner, and then, on proposition made and duly seconded, Comps. Shadwell Clerke, Capt. Philips, Rev. Ambrose Hall, and Frank Richardson, were elected Honorary Members of the Chapter. This compliment having been suitably acknowledged by Grand S.E., a heavy list of propositions for candidates for joining and exaltation was read over, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Chapter was closed.

The Companions then repaired to the Banqueting Room, where a capital repast was provided by Companion Alfred Best, served under the superintendence of Companion Dawkins. Grace after meat was sung by the musical party we have already named, who were now supplemented by the talented Miss Grace Godolphin. The M.E.Z. then gave the Loyal toast, the Queen, and Royal Arch Masonry. But little was needed to commend this toast. He must, however, refer to the thankfulness which must pervade the breasts of all at the failure of the dastardly attempt recently made upon the life of Her Majesty. The toast was most enthusiastically received, and the National Anthem was sung. Similar enthusiasm followed the M.E.Z.'s remarks in proposing the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.E.G.Z., and after the toast had been honoured, Bro. Cantle sang the Masonic Ode, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast was the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.E. Pro G.Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom G.H., the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past, and with it was associated the name of Companion Col. Potter M.E. Grand Superintendent of Northumberland. Companion Potter, in acknowledging the honour of having his name associated with the distinguished Companions named in the toast, remarked the M.E.Z. had placed him in a somewhat awkward predicament. He was one of the youngest Officers, and living so far North as he did he had not the opportunity of attending Grand Chapter as frequently as he could desire. He assured the Most Excellent he felt it a great privilege in having been present at the interesting ceremony of the day. He would carry back to Northumberland the experiences he had acquired. He thanked the Companions for the heartiness with which they had received him. Col. Clerke said he had the privilege of being called upon to propose the next toast, the health of the M.E.Z. He had never had the pleasure of seeing Comp. Vincent in a Craft Lodge, but he might tell him he had been highly privileged in going through the three chairs as he had done that night. He (Comp. Clerke) had been engaged for about three quarters of an hour in instructing him in the various duties he was now called upon to fulfil, and he trusted he might benefit by these efforts, and that under the rule of Companion William Vincent the Eccleston Chapter might flourish. Companion Vincent, on rising to reply, thanked Comp. Clerke for so kindly bringing him under the notice of the Companions. It really seemed a wonder to him how it was he came to be selected for the post of First Principal in the Eccleston Chapter. With respect to the zeal displayed by the Grand Scribe E., in endeavouring to make him master of what it was necessary he should acquire to properly fulfil his duties, he could assure Comp. Clerke that though he could hardly be expected to remember all that had been told him that afternoon, between this and their next meeting he would take care anything that required explanation should be perfected. As in the Lodge, so in the Chapter, he would strive earnestly to fulfil his duties, and he trusted he might merit the approval of his Companions. Before setting down he would propose the toast of the Consecrating Officer and those Companions who had assisted him so ably. In his degree as a Consecrating Officer Comp. Clerke had but few equals, certainly no superior. All regretted the absence of Capt. Philips, and especially the cause that necessitated his leaving them at so early a period of the evening. Comp. Vincent then referred to the ability displayed by the Rev. Comp. Hall, while Comp. Richardson had rendered most material assistance in the conduct of the day's proceedings. He called on one and all to do full honour to the toast. Comp. Shadwell Clerke was the first to reply, and each of the others addressed a few words. The other toasts comprised the health of the Visitors, acknowledged by Comp. Cottebrune; the Haggai and Joshua, the Principal Sojourner, and rest of the Officers. To each suitable replies were made, and then the Janitor was summoned, and he gave the parting toast. In addition to those we have already enumerated, there were present Comps. A. L. Annett M.E.Z. 180, C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. 177, Lewis Ascott P.Z. 733, Charles Fuller 1604, R. Stamp 1604, F. J. Wray 1604, James Oddy 1237, H. Lovegrove H. 72, S. Pownceby M.E.Z. 157, Charles Smith M.E.Z. elect 1604, John Soper S.E. 157, W. Ansell J. 157, C. Pulman Org. 157 Z. 1339, T. W. C. Lenty 145, H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey 857, M. Taylor Z. 186, F. Bond 619, H. C. Soper M.E.Z. elect 157, George Boulton H. elect 1604, J. I. Cantle 186, Gilmour McCorbell P.P.J. 196, Arthur Thomas 1319, Seymour Smith Org. 1269, John Seex P.Z. 186, S. Carrington 619, William Poore I.P.Z. 186, W. W. Morgan 141, W. Mann P.Z. 186, R. G. Shute 186, H. Sadler Z. 169, H. A. Hunt H. 1537, John Elliott 1348, Thomas Bull P.Z. 145, Walter Elliott P.S. 382, Addison Potter G.Supt. Northumberland, W. H. Baker S.E. 1604, &c. The proceedings throughout the day were admirably arranged; not a hitch occurred. The appointments of the Chapter were of the most elegant description, and we feel we cannot go far wrong if we prognosticate as great a success for this new Chapter as has attended the Eccleston Lodge. The following, in addition to the pieces we have previously mentioned, comprised the musical programme:—Song "My Sweetheart when a Boy," W. Morgan, Comp. Arthur Thomas—Song, "The Kerry Dance, Molloy, Miss Grace Godolphin—Song, "Comrades in Arms," Seymour Smith, Comp. Ion Cantle—Humorous Sketch, "The Brown's Dinner Party," MSS., Comp. Seymour Smith—Duet, "The Alsatians," Offenbach, Miss Grace Godolphin and Comp. Arthur Thomas—Song, "Hurrah for rosy wine,"

Chumbley, Comp. Ion Cantle—Song, "A bird in the hand," Roeckel, Miss Grace Godolphin—German Characteristic Song, arranged by A. Thomas, Comp. Arthur Thomas—Humorous Song, "Billy Craven," Collier, Comp. Seymour Smith.

**Beadon Chapter, No. 619.**—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, 9th March, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street. Comp. H. Thompson M.E.Z., Comp. Sharratt H., and Comp. E. Coste P.Z. J. *pro tem.* The other P.Z.'s present were Green S.E., Seaman, Jacobs, and Wyer. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Bond, of the Acacia Lodge, having been balloted for, and being in attendance, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The next business was to elect the Audit Committee, when two Companions were appointed, in addition to the usual Officers, to perform that duty. The next matter before the Chapter was to elect the Principals for the ensuing year, and the result of the first ballot was the unanimous election of Comp. Sharratt as M.E.Z., and for that mark of their confidence and favour he returned his sincere thanks, promising to devote all his energies, and by every means in his power promote the interests and prosperity of the Beadon Chapter. The election for the two other Principals then took place, it was equally unanimous in favour of Comp. Dodman as H., and Comp. Carrington as J. Comp. Dr. Pridmore was elected as P.S., and Comp. Bond was nominated as A.S. Comp. A. Avery was re-elected Treasurer, and Comp. W. H. Green as S.E. Comp. Bavin was re-elected Janitor, and at the same time received the congratulations of the Companions on his restoration to health. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a P.Z.'s jewel of the usual value should be presented to the M.E.Z., Comp. Thompson, at the next Convocation, on his retirement from his exalted position. The M.E.Z., in a few sincere words, thanked the Companions for this renewed mark of their kindness, which had continued ever since he had the honour of being numbered among them, and remarked that, although he had received other jewels, that one would be specially esteemed by him, reminding him, if indeed he required to be reminded at all, of the many happy hours he had spent with the members of the Beadon Chapter. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to a well-served banquet. At the conclusion of it, the M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts, which were drunk with great cordiality. Comp. Wyer I.P.Z. then rose: it gave him great pleasure to propose the next toast; it was the health of Comp. Thompson M.E.Z. of the Chapter; he spoke in warm terms of the manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year; he asked the Companions to join with him in drinking the toast which he had proposed, a request that was responded to with the utmost cordiality. The M.E.Z. in responding expressed his gratitude to Comp. Wyer for the very complimentary terms in which he had proposed his health; he also thanked the Companions for the hearty manner in which they had accepted the toast; he scarcely believed that he was deserving of all the encomiums which had been passed upon him. For his shortcomings he asked their indulgence, but if he had not discharged the duties as he should have wished, he had endeavoured to do so, and again he thanked them for the token of their approbation which they had voted him that evening. When he joined the noble band of P.Z.'s, he should still continue to do everything that he could to promote the interests of the Chapter, and maintain the prestige of it by every means in his power. The next toast was the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, and the M.E.Z. said he should feel proud when he joined that body, who had for years won and enjoyed the esteem of their Companions. He asked them to join him in drinking the health of Comps. Wyer, Seaman, Jacobs, and Green, P.Z.'s of the Chapter. Comps. Wyer, Seaman, Coste, Green, and Jacobs severally returned thanks, the latter alluding with feelings of satisfaction to the time, now upwards of twenty years ago, when he used to meet the M.E.Z. in Lodges of Instruction, and expressed the pleasure that he experienced when he found that he was exalted in the Beadon Chapter. The M.E.Z. then gave the health of the M.E.Z. elect, and said that he thought a better choice could not have been made, for he believed that Comp. Sharratt had sincerely the interests of the Chapter at heart, and would well acquit himself in the dignified position to which he had been elected. Comp. Sharratt thanked the M.E.Z. for the very kind and complimentary terms in which he had spoken of him, and promised to do all in his power to carry out in an efficient manner the duties which would devolve upon him. The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to propose was the health of Comp. Alfred Avery, their esteemed Treasurer. He expressed the sorrow he felt that he was unable, in consequence of illness, to be with them; he fully intended to be present that evening. He had great pleasure, on the one hand, in proposing the toast, but it was somewhat tinged with melancholy on the other, on account of the cause which had kept him from them. He had had the pleasure of knowing Comp. Avery for many years, not only as a teacher of Freemasonry, but as one who was always ready to do anything that lay in his power for the benefit of the Craft. He asked the Companions to join with him in drinking a toast which he was sure would meet with their acceptance; it was the speedy restoration to health of Companion Avery, and to assure him that the Companions deeply sympathised with him in his illness, and wished him a speedy recovery. This toast was drunk with the greatest cordiality. The M.E.Z. said that perhaps Companion Green S.E. would convey to Comp. Avery the feelings of the Chapter towards him. Companion Green said he would be most happy to do so, but Comp. Wyer would see Comp. Avery on the following day, and he was quite sure he would be much pleased at the kind feeling which the Companions had expressed towards him. The M.E.Z. then gave the remaining toasts, which brought a very happy and harmonious evening to a close, Comp. E. Coste (in the absence of the Janitor) giving the closing toast.

## 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, 18th MARCH.

- 108—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 715—Pannure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

## MONDAY, 20th MARCH.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
 174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amlhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction)

- 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge  
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 934—Merit, Dorby Hotel, Whitefield.  
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 R.A. 432—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth  
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Asby-de-la-Zouch  
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.

## TUESDAY, 21st MARCH.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,  
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powhall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.  
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (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.)  
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 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  
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.  
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesen, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Dunstable, Newcastle.  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Bury-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
 1531—Concord, George Hotel, Frestwich.  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.  
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

## WEDNESDAY, 22nd MARCH.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, D'van Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (I st.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Inst: unction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (I struction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1601—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station  
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.  
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 436—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 881—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)  
 1158—Southern Star, Phensant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)]  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Buruley

## FRIDAY, 24th MARCH.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.  
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1294—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 25th MARCH.

- 108—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, Finsbury, 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.  
 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

## UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

A MEETING of the members of this old and efficient Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a goodly attendance of the brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. A. H. Hickman W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. W. Alford S.W., T. J. Hunt J.W., James Terry P.M. and Treasurer (Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), E. Davies Acting Secretary, George Bellot J.D., George W. Edis D.C., W. Wright Organist; P.M.'s Alfred Colston, Robert Snare, T. H. Bromley, James Hillhouse; William Bray, W. J. Randall, G. C. Tidy, Vilett Rolleston, J. Evetts, W. B. Smart, James Jennings, J. Ashley, E. Halford, J. F. Quartly, H. Paine, John Holland, H. F. Sandy, W. Smith, E. H. Johnson, C. Reeve, W. Cauldon, W. H. Bromley, H. G. Flaws, C. Thomas Tyler, &c. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. Constable P.M. 185, T. Goode P. Prov. A.D.C. Herts, Reginald Taylor 177, and J. R. Ardenne 1184. Lodge was opened at half-past five o'clock, in accordance with customary formalities, the Lodge being draped in mourning, in token of regret at the demise of Bro. T. A. Winsland, who had so long and zealously discharged the duties of Treasurer, and whose death, about a month ago, excited the most sincere sorrow amongst a very wide circle of his Masonic and other friends. Lodge having been advanced, Bros. John Lobb, John Thomas Ashley, James Jennings, and John Holland, having answered the interrogatories satisfactorily, were subsequently passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony in a highly satisfactory manner. Some other business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the throne room of the hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was served by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills, elicited the most unqualified expressions of approbation. Dessert having been placed upon the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. In the course of the proceedings, feeling allusion was made to the death of the late Treasurer, and in Lodge it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to the relatives of Bro. Winsland, expressive of the deep sorrow entertained by the brethren at the loss they had sustained, and of appreciation of the manner in which he discharged the duties of his office. The various toasts were interspersed by vocal and instrumental music, and altogether a very harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

## PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

THERE was a large attendance of brethren at the meeting of this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Thursday evening, 9th inst., when Bro. R. W. Beale S.W. was installed as the W. Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed in an impressive and efficient manner by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. P. Palsgrave. After the ceremony W. Bro. Beale appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. P. Palsgrave I.P.M., W. Owtridge S.W., H. Holley J.W., A. Cudlipp P.M. Treas., W. E. Atkins Hon. Sec., W. E. Bond Assist. Hon. Sec., F. H. de Rheims S.D., G. Dean J.D., C. Vine M.C., F. Meredith Assist. M.C., G. Pearman Organist, T. Cowd I.G., G. Couzens and W. Shotton Stewards, Exell and Smith Tylers. Before the Lodge was closed the following resolution was proposed, in appropriate terms, by the Worshipful Master (Bro. Beale), seconded by Bro. Mark E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treas., and carried with acclamation:—

That we, the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, of Free and Accepted Masons, meeting at Portsmouth, in open Lodge assembled, desire to convey to your Majesty, through our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our most sincere congratulations on your recent providential escape from the hands of an assassin. We furthermore wish to convey to your Majesty our loyalty and devotion as Freemasons to your throne and person, and devoutly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare your life to be a blessing to the people of this great nation over whom you rule.

The brethren then sang the National Anthem. The Worshipful Master presented to Bro. Palsgrave a handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by members of the Lodge, in token of the appreciation of his efficient ruling of the Lodge during the past twelve months, and referred in eulogistic terms to the admirable manner in which the ceremony of installation had been carried out by him that evening. After the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a *récherché* banquet was provided by Mr. W. Bond, of the Dolphin Hotel, Portsmouth. The new W.M. presided.

## FAWCETT LODGE, No. 661.

THE brethren of this Lodge met on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Seabam Harbour, when Brother Shepherd was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Ayre P.M. He afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year. Brother H. W. Emerson presided in the absence, through illness, of Brother Sinclair W.M. The annual banquet followed, at the Lord Seabam Inn, the newly-elected W.M. Bro. Shepherd presided, and was supported by several Provincial and other Officers, including Bros. J. Clay, H. B. Wright, R. Candlish, W. Liddell, R. B. Lutert, and others.

Wellington Lodge, No. 784.—A numerous attended meeting of this Lodge took place at the Public Rooms, Deal, on

Thursday, the 9th inst. The Worshipful Master (Bro. J. F. Solly) said that since their last meeting they had all heard of the dastardly attempt made upon the life of their Most Gracious Sovereign. Such a vile attack on so beloved a Queen, and so good a woman, was heard of with horror and detestation throughout the land. Whether the miscreant was insane or not did not affect the crime; no doubt he would be properly cared for, as he deserved to be. He could only ask them to join with him in expressing heartfelt thanks that the Great Architect of the Universe had interposed His All-protecting arm to spare so good a life for her family and subjects. He would propose that an address of congratulation, on the occasion of Her Majesty's happy escape from the hand of the assassin, be forwarded from this Lodge to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master. This was seconded by Bro. Apps, the senior Past Master, and carried unanimously.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 8th inst., at the Moor-gate Tavern, 15 Finsbury-pavement, E.C., when the following brethren assembled:—J. Magrath W.M., T. Wooding S.W., J. Horsley J.W., Beck P.M. Treasurer, A. G. Clements Secretary, T. J. Tyler S.D., J. Couture J.D., J. G. Twinn M.C., J. Sommers W.S., G. T. Holdom I.G., J. Loftus and C. Rayner Stewards, and Dawson P.M.; also Bros. T. J. Tarling, S. M. Pipe, Frank Crawley, J. Oxley, T. Morris, H. T. Hardy, C. East, J. M. Stevens, T. Phillips, C. Hansmann. Visitors—Bros. Honeyman P.M. Gooch Lodge 1238, Sherwin Capper Lodge 1076. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; a ballot followed, for Mr. John Legg Green, which proved unanimous. The candidate not being present, the initiation ceremony was deferred. Bro. S. M. Pipe was subsequently passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Thomas Wooding the S.W., who thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him; he would endeavour,—in fact he had determined to study the welfare of the Lodge in every possible way, and the brethren would see that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the prosperity of the St. John of Wapping Lodge. Bro. Beck P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and briefly returned thanks. Brother Longstaff was re-elected to fulfil the duties of Tyler. The business of appointing the Audit Committee was next in order, and this being disposed of, Bro. Dawson proposed, and Bro. Beck seconded, that the Lodge should present their retiring W.M. with the usual ten guinea jewel as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his labours in the business of the Lodge for the past year; this proposition, as might have been expected, was duly carried. A candidate for initiation having been proposed and seconded, and nothing further offering, the Lodge closed and adjourned till the 12th April. As is customary with this Lodge the brethren afterwards spent a little time in recreation, several capital songs being rendered by those of the brethren blessed with musical powers. It might be mentioned that during the evening the W.M. alluded to the diabolical outrage on Her Most Gracious Majesty, full particulars of which they had undoubtedly informed themselves of already. They all knew what a truly English lady the Queen unquestionably was, and when they heard of such an attempt at assassination it was painful in the extreme; he was convinced they were all glad that no harm had befallen her. Without further comment he would ask them to be upstanding, and drink to the health of the Queen, which was done with great enthusiasm. Many other toasts were duly honoured during the evening that of the Tyler bringing the proceedings to a close.

## United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—

On Friday evening, the 10th instant, a very large number of brethren attended the meeting of this Lodge, for the purpose of hearing a lecture on the First Degree by Bro. James Stevens M.P.Z., the newly-appointed Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. J. W. Watts P.M. 507 opened the Lodge at half-past seven, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Butt S.W., C. Peters J.W., J. S. Terry P.M. and M.C. of the mother Lodge Secretary, Walden S.D., E. Francis J.D., Hill I.G. The members present were Bros. H. Baldwin J.D. 1949 Sec. 1777, J. Hill M.C. 1658, A. McKay 1620, C. S. Phillips, George Clark jun. I.P.M. 1777, F. J. Perks, G. J. Venables, J. Letchford, W. Lucas, F. Baxter, C. Patrick, J. S. Smith, J. Cox P.M. 1339, F. Thurston W.M. 72, and H. Lovegrove P.M. 1777, &c. The Visitors were Bros. J. S. Plummer 1553, E. Walker 72, C. Sweet 159, G. B. Wells 1539, R. Poore 1919, J. S. Stacey 1572, C. J. Hill, E. Southain, H. J. Sharpe 1669, J. A. Danks 1669, F. W. Martin 1765, J. Sargeant, A. T. Chambers 650, C. M. Brander 1563, G. Hubbert 1922, J. Dixon P.M. 172, A. Dirch I.P.M. 72. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Stevens then proceeded to deliver his lecture, and the brethren gave most careful attention; indeed, all felt that a little discussion upon some points of ritual was likely to do much good, by interesting those who wish to do something more than repeat words as a parrot would, and to enable all to learn something of the beauty of the ancient working. At the completion of the lecture, Bro. Butt was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the following brethren were elected members:—Brothers Danks, Martin, Sargeant, R. Poore, Wells, Brander, and Stacey. Bro. H. Lovegrove proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, and touched upon certain points in the lecture affecting not only verbiage, but ceremonial, and expressed his pleasure that Bro. Stevens had taken so much trouble in preparing a lecture which ought to be heard in every Lodge of Instruction, and carefully considered by the members. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed, and the members separated.

**The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.**—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 11th March, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and although this was the last regular meeting for the season it was but thinly attended, and certain amount of gloom prevailed on account of a most serious domestic affliction which had fallen upon Bro. Taylor the W.M. In his necessitated absence the chair was taken by the Immediate Past Master Brother Hamer, Brother Kibble being in his proper place as S.W., and Bro. Keeble as J.W. There were some visitors present, but not so numerous as usual; they were Bros. Dapson 834, Downey P.M. 20, Lewis W.M. 20, Smith 996, Batty 902, Green 211, Warner 657, Earle 1695, and Walker 22. The minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed, and the Lodge having been opened in the second and third degrees Bro. Brookman was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The next business was to proceed to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year. A ballot was taken, and it resulted in the election of Brother Kibble S.W. to that office, who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; the Tyler, Almoners, and Audit Committee were also appointed. Two appeals from distressed members were brought before the Lodge, and liberal votes from the Lodge funds were agreed to in each case, with a promise that further aid should be afforded in an appeal to the Board of Benevolence. On the motion of Bro. Blackie Secretary, it was agreed that the usual P.M.'s jewel should be presented to the W.M. on the termination of his year of office, which was unanimously agreed to. It was then proposed and carried unanimously that a letter of condolence should be sent to Bro. Taylor, sympathising with him in his affliction, and that the Secretary should transmit it in the name of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, Bro. T. Hamer W.M. pro tem presiding. The dinner having been disposed of, the W.M. in proposing the first toast, which was "The Queen and the Craft," said he should have done so without further observations, but for the incident which occurred a few days ago. He thought that was a fitting opportunity for them to give expression to their feelings of contempt at the dastardly attempt which had been made upon Her Majesty's life, and he trusted the day might be far distant when they should lose Her Majesty, but never by the hand of a coward or an assassin. The toast was cordially responded to, followed by the National Anthem. The Worshipful Master next gave His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. It was most gratifying to him to propose his health, not only as Grand Master, but as the chief subject of the realm. Next Wednesday His Royal Highness would preside at a Special Grand Lodge, to address Her Majesty on her recent narrow escape, and he hoped the brethren would assemble and show their appreciation. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master—a request which was most enthusiastically responded to. The W.M. next gave the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. Stevens proposed the next toast, which was, in the first place, the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Taylor, and in the next a suggestion that steps should be taken to carry out the vote of condolence which had been proposed in the Lodge, and also to agree to a resolution to do honour to the acting Worshipful Master, Bro. Hamer. The toast was well received, for which Bro. Hamer returned thanks. The W.M. next gave the health of the Worshipful Master elect; he believed that unless Bro. Kibble was prepared to take upon himself the responsibility of the duties of the chair, he would never have accepted the office. Bro. Kibble returned thanks; he said it was most gratifying to him to be placed in such a proud position; he assured the brethren that he would not undertake the office unless he felt he was able to perform the duties of the chair to their satisfaction. With the assistance of the Past Masters, possessing accumulated wisdom, he hoped never to go wrong, and he looked forward with pleasure to the time when he should be installed into the chair. The W.M. then gave the Visitors, for which they individually returned thanks, expressing the gratification they felt in visiting the Lodge. The other toasts were the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge, which were severally responded to. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close, when Lodge adjourned until October next.

**Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.**—A meeting, for election of Officers for the ensuing twelvemonths, and general transaction of business, took place on Wednesday. Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock, when the Worshipful Master (Bro. W. Mason Stiles) was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—Bros. James Willing jun., J. J. Michael, Kingham, and Side. Amongst the Visitors present were Thomas Crabtree Tranquillity 274, R. Johnston 1777, T. C. Lovelock 87, J. Purvis 504, J. Glenn 19, R. Taylor 733, R. R. Forder 1050, G. Mordey 1744, J. C. Smith 1744, W. Robertson 228, R. J. K. Hayday 1534, G. Gardner 177, Charles Reuter P.M. 1107, Frank Fletcher 1732, E. E. Barratt-Kidder 12, T. J. Hyland P.M. 201, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of Worshipful Master was proceeded with, the choice of the brethren being unanimous in favour of the Senior Warden, Bro. Henry Stiles. Bro. J. Willing was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Daly re-appointed Tyler. After this Bros. L. A. Richardson and F. Ashton were raised to the sublime degree. Bro. E. A. Gilkes was now raised to the second degree, and then the ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation—Mr. John Simpson Steel, who was proposed by Bro. J. Mills, and seconded by Bro. S. M. Ormiston. The result was unanimous in favour of the candidate, who was introduced and initiated. A sum of £10 10s was unanimously voted towards a jewel, in recognition of able and zealous services by the Worshipful Master. This Lodge has already qualified itself as a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution; the Lodge has also well established its claim as a supporter of the Girls' School, and by a donation voted at this meeting it will now rank as Vice-President

of the Boys' School. It must therefore be admitted that this Lodge, which has just completed the eighth year of its existence, has, so far, loyally supported the Charitable Institutions of the Order. After an Audit Committee had been appointed, and hearty good wishes expressed, Lodge was closed. Banquet was served in the Pillar-room of the Hotel, and full justice was done to the viands, liberally provided by Bro. Clemow. The W.M. in proposing the first toast—the Queen and the Craft—referred to the Special Meeting of G. Lodge that had been held that evening, at which His Royal Highness and two of his brothers had been present. He felt he was expressing the feeling of every member of the Craft when he said that all were thankful Her Majesty's life had been spared. Bro. Side I.P.M. gave the toast of the W.M., which was enthusiastically received, and ably responded to. To Bro. James Willing was entrusted the toast of the W.M. elect, and he expressed the sentiments of pleasure with which the members looked forward to the year of Mastership of Bro. Henry Stiles. During the evening the W.M., who will act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, received substantial help from the brethren, and before leaving the room Bro. W.M. Stiles was in a position to state that the amount on his List had already reached £135. We sincerely hope that between this and the Festival it will be still further augmented. The proceedings throughout were of a most harmonious character.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, when there was a very full attendance of brethren and many visitors, including Bro. J. Sykes Rymer W.M. of the York Lodge, No. 236. The chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whythead P.M., in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Geo. Simpson the W.M. The Lodge having been opened, a successful ballot was taken for a candidate. Bro. J. Starkey was duly passed to the second degree, and Bros. J. Mennell and the Rev. S. Edge were raised successively to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. T. B. Whythead moved, "That this Lodge do place on record an expression of its heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for the providential escape of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the recent outrage at Windsor." This was seconded by Bro. G. Balmford P.M., upon which the brethren rose to their feet in a body, and carried the resolution with cheers and acclamation. A telegram was read from the W.M., from Mallock Baths, explaining his absence, and conveying kind wishes to the brethren. Bro. T. B. Whythead presented to the Lodge a portrait and Masonic memoir of Bro. General Garfield, as well as a relic of that distinguished brother in the form of a sprig of evergreen, mounted and framed, which had been taken from one of the wreaths on the coffin at Cleveland, by Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia. The Lodge was then closed, refreshments were served, and a happy evening was passed, enlivened by singing and recitations by Bros. Mennell, Horner, and others.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—On Thursday, 16th inst., at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. H. Kasner P.M. W.M., Nicholson S.W., A. Jones J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary, C. Bellerby S.D., Cotton J.D., Burdett I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. C. Andrews, Blasby; also Bros. Gray, Cunningham, Clarke, Meadows, Porter, J. Green, Nicholson and Pitt. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Porter candidate. The W.M. rehearsed the form of opening and closing Lodge, Bro. Nicholson was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

**Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 13th March, at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road. There were present—Bros. Hubbert W.M., Brittain S.W., Clements J.W., T. J. Barnes Treas., B. Stewart Sec., Hammond S.D., H. C. Clark J.D., Johnson I.G.; also Bros. Andrews, Yates, Cooke, Mand, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Clark, as a candidate to be passed to second degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Stewart worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brittain was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting of the Lodge.

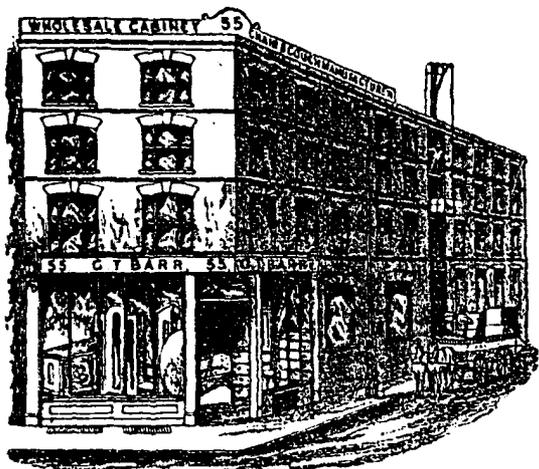
## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

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At the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bros. J. B. Docker W.M., E. Farwig S.W., J. E. Shand J.W. First Lecture—Bros. G. Allen, Maxted, J. E. Shand, A. F. Lowrie, J. Paul, W. C. Smith, and E. Farwig. Second Lecture—Bros. C. Dairy, J. Hemming, W. J. Collens, H. Watts, and A. Carlström. Third Lecture—Bros. W. H. Dean, G. P. Festa, and W. H. Richardson. Bro. W. J. Collens Hon. Sec.

By the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 28th April, at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bros. Pardon W.M., Gush S.W., Larchin J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Jones, Appleton, Minstrell, Snelling, Larchin, Squirrel, and Gush. Second Lecture—Bros. Webb, Abell, Tate, Johnson, and Bolton. Third Lecture—Bros. Denison, Berry, and Caton. Bro. Snelling Hon. Sec.

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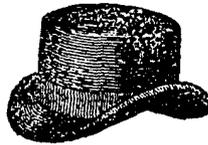
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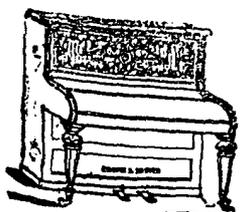
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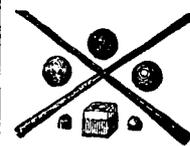
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