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**THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR
THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.**

THE half-yearly election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls takes place, as usual, on the second Saturday in April—the 8th—on which occasion twenty-eight candidates will compete among themselves for the twenty-one vacancies declared by the Committee to be filled at this election. It must be a matter of great relief to the friends of the children seeking admission to the benefits of the Institution to know that as many as three-fourths of the candidates who will go to the poll will be returned as successful; while the Craft at large must experience great satisfaction in being able to take into their School so many of those whose present circumstances in life necessitate an appeal to the benevolence of others. The election itself will be a comparatively easy one to those children who have a few friends able and willing to help on their cases; but there is one item to mar the otherwise bright prospect. There are a few who must of necessity be turned away, and it may be that those who can least afford the delay, or perhaps the loss of the last hope, will find themselves shut out on this occasion, because their friends were too few, or had not influence enough to make their case secure. This is one of the drawbacks attendant on election by ballot; those who have many friends often have numerous other offers of help, while others, perhaps more deserving, but not so well known, lose all chance of success for the want of, it may be, one helping hand. We can only hope that the most deserving cases will secure the vacancies, and that their future, both in the School and afterwards, may prove them worthy of the benefits they may secure.

It is not our intention, on the present occasion, to refer to each individual case, as we are of opinion that, under the special circumstances attending this election, such a course is unnecessary. Doubtless, most of those who have votes have either given them, or promised them, to some of the many applicants; but as there may be a few whose proxies are not yet pledged, we shall take the opportunity of referring to some of the more deserving cases—or rather we should say those which appear, judging from the particulars given on the balloting paper, to be the most deserving. There is another class of brethren to whom our study of these particulars may be of service—those who, having polled what they deem a sufficient number of votes, find themselves later in the day in possession of a few which they would gladly give to the most deserving case provided they knew which it was; but who, from want of such knowledge, may really allow the votes to remain unpolled.

No. 11, Mary Lilian Sykes, one of seven children left without either parent, makes now a first and last application. Surely, if we may judge from the particulars we have at our disposal, this is the most deserving case on the list—a last application on behalf of one of seven orphaned, doubly orphaned, children. We trust that her name may appear among the first in the list of successful. Such a case as this should, we think, enlist support from other than the father's Province, however well off that Province

may be reputed to be, and we can hardly imagine such a thing as her being left out in the cold. We may add that her father was W.M. of St. John Lodge, No. 104, Cheshire, and express a further hope that she, at least, of the family will be taken charge of by the Masons of England. Florence Kate Hargood, No. 18, is also one of a family of children who have lost both father and mother, she and one other being now dependent on their friends for maintenance. Her father's Province—Devonshire—has no other case on this list, so we may hope that she will receive sufficient support from that source to secure a place in the School; but here also a little outside aid could hardly, we imagine, be considered as misapplied. Esther Elizabeth Robey, No. 13, whose father was W.M. of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, is one of nine children now left to the care of their mother. We do not think there are many brethren who subscribe to our Girls' School but can feel a small amount of sympathy for such a case as this, and doubtless many of them would willingly have given their votes in support of her had not others already secured them. Let us hope there are sufficient promised for this case, or left to be secured on the child's behalf, to secure a place in the Institution. Annie Brockbank, No. 17, and Emily Vinton Jewell, No. 20, are each members of families of seven children now left to the care of their widowed mother; the father of the former, a clerk in Holy Orders, was W.M. of Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Malta. We can only hope that the brethren from that quarter—who certainly are not unmindful of our Charities—may receive such assistance from their friends at home as to secure for this orphan the comforts of the Girls' School. The other child, E. V. Jewell, is daughter of a late member of the Musgrave Lodge, No. 1597, Middlesex, from which Province we trust a large amount of support will be forthcoming on her behalf. Among the other cases are three where seven children are dependent, and two where six are unprovided for, while some range down to a single child, the latter being Miss Banister, No. 8, who now makes a second application, with 547 votes already polled to her credit.

Of the twenty-eight candidates, twenty make now their first application, the others comprising two fifth, one third, and five second attempts. Of the first, Augusta Helen Nicholls has 465 votes to the good from her four previous attempts, while Martha Jane Choules Fry has but 19 after as many elections. In her case the limit of age is now reached, and if she is unsuccessful on this occasion she will lose all chance for the future. There are three candidates who stand very well as regards votes brought forward, viz., Nos. 6, 3, and 7, the numbers to their credit being 1245, 1212, and 1174 respectively. We can only hope they will find supporters once again, and we think their success will then be ensured.

We shall leave the consideration of the Boys' List until next week, but cannot do so without expressing our regret that so few vacancies, in comparison with the very large number of applicants, are open for that School.

St. Andrew's Chapter, at Boston, is 112 years old, and now has a membership of 504. Its Charter is dated 28th August 1769.

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

MASONIC CONVIVIALITY.

THERE can be no greater misconception, and it is one which prevails to a greater extent than we, as Masons, know—not that it is a more common fallacy of the outer world than many others we could name—than that Freemasonry is nothing more or less than a huge social club. It is perfectly true that in the old primitive days, when Masonic Lodges were less numerous, and their members perhaps less circumspect, there were roysterings and bouts, the notoriety of which found an echo even beyond the sacred precincts. But even these were shrouded in a veil of mystery, and those who prated about the *bon-vivant*-ism of which they heard a little, and would like to have experienced more, could entertain but a shadowy idea of the real causes and circumstances of these mystic orgies. The merry makings, and perhaps excesses, of the Fourth Degree—or such part of them as could be overheard by the eaves-dropper—were retailed with as profound a show of solemnity as that which invariably envelopes a ghost story. Yet, for all that, the shrewd uninitiated was wont to attach it in some way with the practice and principles of the Craft, and to classify its members in the rollicking category of carousers in conclave. Mrs. Candle, in all her industrious inquisitiveness to extract the “secrets” of the Order, was forced to come to the conclusion that there really was no secret at all worth knowing, and the sole object and aim of Masonry was to provide undutiful husbands with excuses for excess in eating and drinking, smoking and singing, and for remaining longer than honest folk should do from the bosom of their families. So much for the popular idea of Masonic conviviality.

But then comes the point, of which we of the Craft are more intimately cognisant, and that is, apart from the high and glorious distinctions which divide labour from refreshment, there is, and must of necessity be, an atmosphere of geniality and high-minded friendliness wherever the brethren of the mystic tie are assembled. The very tendencies of Freemasonry are to cement men together in the bonds of social amenity and good fellowship, and the only natural outcome is an effervescence and buoyancy of temperament which forms a pleasing relief to the more serious and engaging business of the day. “As iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the countenance of man his friend;” and it is next to impossible for a body of Masons to meet, either before or after labour, without the tendency to that flow of joviality and becoming mirth which, in the eyes of the outside world, have formed a great measure of disparagement, simply from the fact that, not being participators, they cannot enter into the spirit of the scene. We can well afford to leave such thinkers to their own fertile imaginations. To those who can appreciate the grip of a friendly hand, and the interchange of fraternal greeting, the meaning of our purpose is sufficiently clear. The natural tendency of that brotherly love, which draws men into the closest bonds of friendship, is to kindle a flame of wholesome hilarity and those generous sentiments which go far to make up the sum of human happiness. And thus there is nothing anomalous in the fact that brethren, indissolubly cemented in those fraternal bonds, should, after intervals of separation, bend to those generous impulses which stir their hearts, and mingle in the amenities of congratulatory and renewed friendship. Thus, when labour has been well and worthily completed, and the secrets locked up in the “safe and sacred repository,” the most natural thing in the world is that they should gather around the festive board whereat are concentrated all the elements for the cultivation of deeper and nearer affinities. It is so in all other communities, and why not in ours? We have it on authority that Englishmen when entering upon any enterprise, whether of speculation or philanthropy, regard it as part and parcel of their scheme, and as an ingredient of success, that the event shall be celebrated by a dinner. And it might with force be argued that inasmuch as Masons are continually engaged in works of usefulness and beneficence, and that moreover as their aims are so unselfish and disinterested, they should be entitled to a perpetual feast. But it must be borne in mind that of late years a vast and laudable change has taken place in the character of the entertainments with which Masons are wont to terminate their periodical assemblages. Let those who will cling to the old and exploded notions of drinking bouts and free-and-easies. We know that the enormous spread of

Masonry of late years has infused into the ranks men of the highest culture, intelligence and refinement, to whom the boisterous revelry of the tap-room would not only be a scandal, but an abomination. The celebrations of the Fourth Degree are now, almost without exception, such as may well tend to inspire the mind with an elevating and refining influence. Here others find expressions of sentiment which, put into practice, exert a most beneficial effect upon the real work in which Masons are engaged. In the flow of genial intercourse hints are thrown out, and suggestions made, which result in substantial benefit to those classes of the brotherhood who deserve our consideration, for Masons, like the fine old English gentleman of the song, while they themselves enter heartily into the spirit of conviviality, “ne'er forget the small.” To deprive our regular gatherings, therefore, of this essential would, in a great measure, reduce the working of our Lodges to a species of humdrum monotony. The banquet, in addition to being a relief to the weary workman after toil, engenders a benevolence of thought and action which cannot fail to be productive of practical good; and his must be a mean and narrow soul indeed that would withdraw so powerful an agency for the promotion of social intercourse, binding affection, and emulation in good works. In spite of all the ignorant prejudices that prevail on the subject, it is a matter for sincere congratulation and satisfaction that an overstraining of the privileges and pleasures of the Fourth Degree is a thing almost unknown. Of course amongst even the best regulated communities undue exuberance is occasionally manifested; but such a practice as excess at a Masonic feast would be as indignantly scouted as the idea of a cowan forcing his way within the portals of a Lodge. Our experience of gay and festive scenes amongst various institutions of men leads us to the conviction that nowhere are the courtesies of society, and the temperate enjoyment of friendly intercourse, more rigidly and naturally observed than in the Masonic circle, while, on the other hand, the outflow of conviviality which must always appear on the surface, wherever “friends in jolliest friendship meet,” are not selfish, but conduce to the ulterior happiness and comfort of thousands more. Thus, whilst conviviality is an inseparable element of our occasional gatherings—and in our opinion very properly so—it is always of that nature which must commend itself to the sober and intelligent appreciation of all who value the sources from which flow a stream of disinterested charity and generosity.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

AS announced in our last issue, a special meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, Right Hon. Lord Henniker, who was supported by a considerable number of Grand Officers of the Order. Grand Lodge having been opened and the usual formalities observed, an address from the Starkie Lodge of Mark Masters, which Brother F. Binckes Grand Secretary stated he had just received, was read. It was to the following effect:—

“Starkie Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 159, Red Lion Hotel, Acerington, 20th March, 1882.

“To the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master of England, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, and the Officers and Brethren assembled in Grand Mark Lodge on the 21st day of March, 1882.

“Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

“We, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and other brethren of the above Lodge of Mark Master Masons, in the county of Lancaster, have observed, with a deep sense of satisfaction, that it is the intention of Grand Lodge to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on behalf of the Mark Masons of England, their horror and indignation 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.

“We, therefore, are desirous to record our deep satisfaction at the proposal of the Grand Lodge, and to endorse, with thankful hearts, the sentiments of the address, and to express our humble thanks to the Grand Overseer of the Universe for His merciful preservation of one so near and dear to the hearts of her subject.

“Signed on behalf of the above Lodge,

CHRISTOPHER FURNESS W.M.M. P.G.J.O., Lanc.

It was announced that several other letters of sympathy, and regret at inability to attend, had been received. The M.W. G.M.M.M. then rose and proposed the following motion, of which notice had been given:—

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.

The brethren, he said, were well aware of the reason for which they had been summoned—it was in order that the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons might join in the universal feeling of sympathy and congratulation which had been shown to Her Majesty in regard to the recent attempt on her life. He was sure the way in which the proposition would be received would show the feeling of the brethren in regard to the atrocious deed, and he felt it needed very few words from him to recommend the resolution. They had no reason to inquire as to the motive which prompted the deed. When they reflected for a moment, they could not have the smallest idea of inquiring into its motive, for who could doubt for an instant but that the man who had performed the deed was alone, without a sympathiser in the act he attempted to perform. While they turned, in the words of the resolution, away from the dark and dastardly deed with horror, they could fortunately turn in the very next moment to a far different picture—a picture of joy and thankfulness at Her Majesty's happy escape. They could turn to the enthusiasm of a devoted people, who knew well how to appreciate any approach to the slightest danger which threatened their beloved Sovereign. Again, they could turn with pleasure and satisfaction to another picture—that touching letter of Her Majesty which had found its way to every Englishman's heart, a letter which had shown anew that the sympathy and devotion displayed by her people were not all on one side. It had also taught them, if it were necessary, or if it were possible for them to do so, to value more the life of the Sovereign. It had been said that Freemasons all over the world, and those under the rule of the English Craft Grand Lodge particularly, would give way to no one in their loyalty and devotion to the Sovereign of these realms. The G.M.M.M. believed that to be perfectly true, but he thought it equally true that the Mark Master Masons under his rule would give way in loyalty and devotion to the Crown to no Freemasons of any other country. He felt he might speak without hesitation for the Grand Lodge as well as for every one separately of the 16,000 members of Mark Masonry over whom he had the honour to preside, when he said the vote they were about to pass that night was no empty vote, but rather a true expression of loyalty and attachment to the Queen, who, he said, they must not forget was the patron of all Freemasonry, and a true expression of their joy and thankfulness at her happy escape. He hoped Her Majesty might be spared for many years to rule over the destinies of this great and prosperous country.

The Prov. G.M.M.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., seconded the proposition. He rejoiced that Grand Lodge had been summoned to give expression to those feelings which, as had been remarked, Mark Masons yielded to no section of the Craft in entertaining. The motion was carried with acclamation, after which the National Anthem was sung, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz officiating at the organ.

Lord Henniker then formally brought forward the other proposition standing in his name—

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

The brethren would recollect that very recently they had had the pleasure of installing H.R.H. the Duke of Albany Past Grand Master into his proper position and place in Grand Lodge. When addressing His Royal Highness on that occasion he (the Grand Master) had ventured to say a few words, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, of congratulation to him on the marriage which had then just been announced; those present would remember that he then very graciously thanked Grand Lodge for the compliment. They could but be pleased to know that the prospect of marriage before His Royal Highness was one of happiness, and that it had the sanction and approval of Her Majesty. All that had passed since that time had tended to increase the pleasure and confidence they felt that the proposed marriage would tend to the result all hoped and wished. He felt he might say in the name of all present, and also in the name of every M. Mason throughout the world, that they all wished him and his bride all the prosperity, all the health, all the happiness, and all

the true domestic felicity, which the world could afford. He thought it might be considered by some that the Grand Lodge should have been called for the special purpose of moving a vote of congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen, but he had thought the matter over, and had come to the conclusion that it was also a good opportunity for them to move a vote of congratulation to His Royal Highness on his marriage. They must recollect that among all the members of the Royal Family who had shared the home of Her Majesty, none had shared it so much as the Duke of Albany and his sister, the Princess Beatrice; so he thought that when Grand Lodge had shown their desire to congratulate the Queen on her escape, they, who thought so much of social and domestic happiness, should be first to congratulate Her Majesty on every increase of domestic prosperity and happiness that might come to her, therefore he thought the occasion a very auspicious one on which to propose the vote. It had been proposed to make a present to His Royal Highness on his marriage, and he hoped the present would be one that should be worthy of his acceptance. The replies which had been received on the subject were most encouraging, and he felt no doubt but that they would be able to present something with which His Royal Highness would be pleased, and which he would be able to keep as a memento of his connection with Mark Masonry. Brother Beach also seconded this motion, which was carried unanimously.

Brother F. Davidson Grand Treasurer then brought forward the proposition that a grant of £25 be made out of Grand Lodge Funds, towards the Subscription to the "Wedding Presentation Fund," which he considered a very good rider to the motion just made by the Grand Master. The proposition was seconded and carried unanimously, after which Grand Lodge was closed.

At a full Lodge of the brethren of the William of Wykham Lodge, No. 1883, presided over by Bro. E. D. Godwin W.M., a hearty congratulatory and sympathetic resolution was ordered to be sent to Her Majesty in reference to the late dastardly attempt on the Queen's life.

We gladly draw the attention of our readers that at the meeting of the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Friday evening next, the 31st inst., in addition to certain strictly Masonic ceremonies, will be given a lecture by Bro. W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, on the subject of "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development." Bro. James Stevens, himself a lecturer, is Preceptor of this worthy and worshipful Lodge, and we doubt not the subject, as treated by Bro. Morgan, will prove highly interesting. We trust the invitation contained in the summons, suggesting that other brethren should prepare essays for delivery in the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, will be acted upon. We think it will be a relief from the tedium of regular work.

It is intended to hold, in the Agricultural Hall, Islington, next month, an exhibition of naval and submarine engineering appliances and apparatus. It will open on Easter Monday, the 10th April, and will not close until the 20th of that month. There will consequently be ample opportunity for the public to judge of the merits of the different exhibits. That this display is likely to prove more than usually interesting may be taken for granted. There have been so many new inventions during the last few years, inventions wonderful as almost to have changed entirely the character of naval engineering and naval construction. In this case the various kinds of machinery and mechanical contrivances employed in, or connected with, the construction and equipment of ships of all classes will be shown. A prize of one hundred guineas is to be given for the best means of saving life in the case of shipwreck, and a second prize of fifty guineas for the best invention, of a humane character, connected with seafaring matters. There will also be provided a large diving tank, in which the various systems of diving, both natural and mechanical, as practised in different countries, will be exemplified. There will also be a course of lectures on naval architecture, mechanics, and cognate subjects during the exhibition. With such a programme, and the liberal support extended towards it by naval men, and engineers, there is every reason why the scheme should not prove a great success.

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

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was not aware until my attention was called, on Tuesday last, by a Past Master of my Mother Lodge, that a public discussion was taking place in your columns respecting the late William Preston Lodge of Instruction, and the conduct of those present at its last meeting. I have carefully read the various letters, also the article that appeared in your paper, and I must state that neither Bro. Godden nor Bro. Hayes deserve the severe remarks that have been used towards them. I have always found them worthy Masons, however much exception may be taken to their so sudden and peremptory closing the Lodge. I do most earnestly deprecate the use of such remarks. It was not my intention to take part in this discussion, but Bro. Godden having thought fit to bring my attendance, or rather the want of it, before your readers, I shall proceed to give the reasons why I discontinued attending their meetings, and similar reasons have I know kept several others away.

I joined the William Preston Lodge of Instruction about five years since, and attended pretty regularly for some time, but finding the working was what is termed the East End working, different to what was, and is, used in my mother Lodge; that the young Masons were treated in a somewhat dictatorial manner by some of the older members; that the Lodge was seldom opened until 9 or half-past; and that any one who might be desirous of leaving as soon as the Lodge was closed was held up to ridicule; caused me to seek a more congenial place for instruction.

I was one, amongst others, who received a circular convening the meeting for the 3rd of February last, and should have attended, but for the dense fog that prevailed that night. I certainly did not think by the wording of that circular that the Lodge was so near its dissolution.

I did not attend the first two meetings of the Committee that assembled at Bro. Dunham's for the reason that I did not know that such a Committee was in existence, not until I received a letter from the acting Secretary (Bro. Moore) inviting me to attend the third meeting, and bring as many brethren as I could with me. I attended that meeting, and was invited to take the post of Preceptor to the new Lodge of Instruction. After consideration, I accepted the post, on the understanding that as soon as a more experienced and competent Preceptor was available I should retire in his favour; but until such an one was found, I would do all I could for the instruction of the brethren.

I feel certain Bro. Godden will, on calm consideration, regret having alluded to an unfortunate circumstance that occurred some two or three years ago.

I regret the undue publicity that has been given to these unfortunate differences, and also that remarks have been made that have not only given pain, but have also ruffled the feelings of brethren who by those that know them are held in the highest esteem. I do most earnestly hope that that excellent virtue of the Craft, Silence, will be more observed in the future.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. COOP.

20th March 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I lose no time in replying to Brother Godden's lengthy communication of last week. I am sorry I cannot congratulate him on the success of his explanation. In his eagerness to meet certain verbal attacks, which are of no moment whatever, he has ignored the main features of the charge brought against certain late members of the existing William Preston Lodge of Instruction. He is mightily indignant that, in criticising a published, and therefore public notice, I should have done so under a pseudonym; but he passes over in silence the really important points of that criticism. All this is very natural, especially in the case of a brother who proposes to himself to be an authority in matters of which he is entirely ignorant. However, I will do the best I can to defend myself from what, in the absence of a more clearly explanatory word, I presume I am called upon to describe as his "arguments."

I will premise that, in spite of his very indignant remonstrance at my adoption of "Q." for a signature, I have no intention of describing myself as any other person. The charges contained in the letter of mine, which appeared in your columns of the 4th instant, were based on a published report, and were levelled, not against individual Masons, but against what I conceive to be a public Masonic scandal. I neither knew, nor cared to know, who was the Secretary, who the majority, or who was anybody else. I criticised the report, not the person who made it, or those to whom it referred. Consequently, though I am probably far less ashamed of my real name than Bro. Godden by this time should be of his imaginary arguments, I still sign myself "Q." in this as in my former communication.

I am not responsible for the errors either of omission or commission in the report on which I commented, and accept unreservedly his corrections. I am very glad to learn that, in his summons, he requested of the brethren to whom it was addressed the favour of

their presence "to take part" in the next meeting of the Lodge, especially as it might affect the "future," not the "fortune of the Lodge." Bro. Godden is pleased to consider these errors are of importance. May I be so rude as to ask him what object he could have in inviting brethren to be present at a Lodge meeting if it was not "to take part in the same;" and further, if it were possible that anything which was calculated to "affect the future of the Lodge" would not certainly affect its "fortune," especially as in the case of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, it would appear as though it were, at the time the summons was written, the almost general belief that its having any "future" at all was extremely problematical.

I accept Bro. Godden's description of the events anterior to the meeting of the 3rd February, and likewise his minutes of the meeting on that day. What then? Do they disturb my allegation as to the complete illegality of the whole proceedings? Do they in the slightest degree affect the force of my statement, based on the report of the 10th February meeting, as published in your columns, that in accordance with the fourth of the Lodge Bye Laws, it was necessary the minutes of one meeting should be read by the Secretary for confirmation at the next. If the Bye Laws prescribed that the proceedings of a meeting should be confirmed in order to become valid, and they were not even, submitted for confirmation, then it follows, in my humble judgment, and with all deference for the remarkably superior intelligence of Bro. Godden, that proceedings taken in accordance with certain minutes, which were never confirmed, are entirely, and *ipso facto*, illegal. It is not for me to attempt to explain "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." Equally unconcerned am I to learn that neither Bro. Godden 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." Such ignorance on the part of Bro. Godden and his associate brethren would have been impossible had due respect been paid to the aforesaid fourth Lodge Bye-Law, which made it imperative that the minutes of a meeting should be submitted for confirmation—of course at the next meeting. Therefore, in order to legalise what has since been done in obedience to the several resolutions passed on the 3rd ultimo, the meeting should have been adjourned to the 10th ultimo, in order that the minutes in which those resolutions were recorded, and, as a matter of course, the resolutions themselves, might be submitted for confirmation. No such adjournment was moved, though the Lodge appears to have assembled, as usual; and consequently, as far as Bro. Godden, &c., are concerned, the proceedings in which they played so leading a part are not only illegal, because they were acted upon without the requisite confirmation; but other members of the Lodge, by a legal resolution, passed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, and since legally confirmed, have resolved, in the exercise of their undoubted prerogative, that the minutes of the aforesaid 3rd February should not be, and they have accordingly, not been confirmed. Consequently, the property of the said William Preston Lodge of Instruction has been illegally sold, and the proceeds placed illegally on the late Preceptor's list as Steward for one of our Charity Festivals.

I think no one will be astonished that "in your report of the meeting of the 24th ult., 'surprise' was expressed" at Bro. Godden's "discourtesy in not answering Bro. Moore's application for the Lodge Books." I do not profess to know more than other people about the usages of civilised society; but this much I do know, that civilised people are, generally speaking, very much and very justly "surprised" when their official communications are left unanswered. The books of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction were placed in the hands of its late Secretary in his official capacity as such. Their restoration to the Lodge which so entrusted them to him has been officially and legally demanded by the acting Secretary, and though Bro. Godden may, for aught I know to the contrary, be a veritable Master of the Ceremonies in respect of the amenities of official correspondence, I yet fail to see what ground there is for wonderment that the members of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction should have expressed "surprise" at his very grave "discourtesy." Had they not so expressed themselves there would, indeed, have been ground for astonishment. As for the reason he suggests for the non-restoration of the Lodge Books, I say nothing. It is not for me, who am a stranger, to call in question a course which has approved itself to his conscience.

I am sorry I cannot waste more time over this matter. In my former letter, I wrote of the retiring members of the Lodge and what they had done, as officials, not as individuals. It is no fault of mine if in my present letter, I have spoken of the late Secretary otherwise. I have no manner of doubt that Bro. Godden is personally one of the most amiable and obliging of men. I have intended throughout to view him simply and solely in his late official capacity. If, unintentionally, I have over-stepped this limit, I regret it.

Fraternally yours,
"Q."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see that Bro. Godden, in the letter you published last week, speaks of giving up the books of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction only to Grand Lodge. I fancy the announcement will not be hailed with satisfaction by the officials of that distinguished body. It is no more right to suggest that Grand Lodge should take cognizance of the petty squabbles of a Lodge of Instruction than that the Lord Chief Justice of England should waste his valuable time in trying a man for being (say) drunk and incapable. Why not hand them over to the parent Lodge?

I remain, yours truly and fraternally,
M. B. A.

REVIEWS.

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Paris: Secrétariat Général du Grand Orient de France. 16 Rue Cadet.

WE gather from this Masonic Calendar that there are at the present time in France, the French possessions, and Foreign Countries, in full working order, 276 Lodges, 35 Chapters, and 12 Councils, with a Consistory and Grand College of Rites, making a grand total of 325 Masonic bodies. Of these, there are in Paris 52 Lodges, five Chapters, two Councils, and the Grand College of Rites—total 60; in the Department of the Seine nine Lodges; in the other Departments 176 Lodges, sixteen Chapters, and six Councils, total 196; in Algeria twelve Lodges, two Chapters, and one Council—total 15; in the Colonies, seven Lodges, seven Chapters, and one Council—total 15; and in Foreign Countries twenty Lodges, five Chapters, two Councils, and a Consistory—total 28. All the requisite particulars respecting these and the dates and places of meeting are furnished, as well as of the Supreme Council of thirty-three members, by which the government of the Grand Orient is administered. Moreover, these particulars, while we can only say that, on the face of things, they appear to be accurate, are admirably arranged both in nominal and tabular lists. It is worth while noticing the distribution of French Lodges, &c., in Foreign Countries, which is as follows:—A Lodge and Chapter at Barcelona, in Spain; one Lodge at Corfu; six Lodges and two Chapters in Roumania; one Lodge at Geneva; three at Constantinople; one at Beyrout, in Syria; one at Alexandria, Egypt; three Lodges, one Chapter, and one Council in the Mauritius; one Lodge, Valparaiso, Chili; one Lodge at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Confederation; and a Lodge, Chapter, and Council at Monte Video, in the Republic of Uruguay. While, however, we think the officials charged with the compilation of this Calendar have ably fulfilled their duty as far as French Masonry is concerned, we cannot speak as favourably of its foreign information. One instance, that of our own United Grand Lodge, must suffice. The name of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, is altogether omitted. Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., and Bro. H. C. Okeover, who were appointed Grand Wardens in 1874 are returned as filling those offices at the present time; while Bros. Samuel Tomkins and John Hervey, both deceased, are set down as Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary respectively. Further "Major Shadwell Clerke" is stated to be Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite, an office he resigned two years ago on his appointment as Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, in succession to Bro. John Hervey resigned, and since, as we have said, deceased. We noticed a similar error in last year's Calendar, and we think it nearly time, after the lapse of close on some eight years, that such errors should be corrected. We have no doubt the Secretaries of the Council of the Order, Bros. Poulle and Wyrnoff, are capable of accomplishing the not very difficult task of being accurate, and we trust they will see the propriety, as well as the advantage, of being so in future years.

Masonic Calendar and Official Directory for the Province of Wiltshire, 1882. Issued with the sanction of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Lord Methuen and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Edited by William Nott P.M. 663, P.Z. 632, &c., Provincial Charity Secretary, Devises: Printed by W. H. Buch, Wine-street.

THIS is the second year of publication, and Bro. Nott has evidently missed no opportunity of making his Calendar as complete as possible. The Calendar for the year is exceedingly well done, and has the great advantage of being interleaved, so that the possessor may make notes in reference to any particular meetings, or the events of any particular day. Then follow nominal lists of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers for the year, with the Officers of the subordinate Lodges and their Past Masters, and of the Grand and Provincial Grand Chapters and subordinate Chapters of the Mark Grand Lodge and the one Mark Lodge in the county. In addition are details and the necessary information as to the Masonic Institutions, the votes possessed by the Province, and the Provincial Charity Organisation, which, though it has not been more than one year in existence, has a balance in hand of over £105, the receipts having been £110 and some shillings, and the expenditure only a fraction over £5. Though Wiltshire is but a small Province, with ten Lodges, four R.A. Chapters, and one Mark Lodge, and though the Craft Masons muster no more than 449, it has to its credit in respect of the Schools and Benevolent Institution 1117 votes, so that it can reasonably look forward to carrying a candidate for one of the Schools about once in two years, and for a Benevolent Institution Annuity in a somewhat longer period of time. All which is eminently creditable to the Province, while the manner in which it is recorded in the pages of the Calendar by Bro. Nott is worthy of all commendation.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Gloucester, 1882. Published by authority of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Compiled by Brother Colonel H. Basevi Past Deputy District Grand Master Panjab, and Past Provincial Grand Registrar Gloucester: Printed by John Bellows. 1882.

In addition to the Calendar and the usual information respecting the meeting days of the various Masonic bodies in the Province, their Officers and Past Masters, &c., Colonel Basevi gives a list of Lodges, Chapters, &c., &c., in the adjoining Provinces of Berkshire, Bristol,

Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, and Worcestershire, together with a mass of details respecting the votes and contributions of the Lodges and brethren to our three Central Institutions, and the Provincial Charity Association of Gloucestershire, established in 1876, its regulations, objects, officers, and members. In the preface an appeal is made to the members of the Craft in the Province to support it more generally, and so enhance its usefulness—an appeal which we sincerely trust will not be without a satisfactory result. The compilation, which is now in its fourth year, is well worthy of commendation, and Colonel Basevi may justly flatter himself on the clearness, precision, and method with which he has arranged its contents. Considering the limited space at his command, it is surprising how much information he has brought together.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1882. Fourth year of publication. Published by authority of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Compiled by Bro. Samuel S. Partridge P.M. P.Z., P.P.S.G.W., Provincial Grand Secretary.

THE Calendar and the requisite information as to the dates and places of meetings, and the Officers of the different Masonic bodies in the Provinces, constitute the bulk of the contents of this useful and well-compiled Calendar. In addition are lists of the Lodges, Chapters, Mark Lodges, &c., in the adjoining Provinces of Warwickshire, Norths and Hunts, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, and Staffordshire, while the central Institutions and the Masonic Charity Association of the Province receive their due share of attention. In addition is a tabular statement showing the voting strength of the Province. Bro. Partridge is to be congratulated on the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled his task.

Masonic March and Song, The Power of Friendship. Dedicated to W. Brother J. H. Southwood (P.M. and P.Z. 1260, England, and P.M. 120, Dublin), as a token of sincere regard and esteem by the author. Words by Bro. J. A. Wade, F.S.A. (No. 2, Scotland). Music by Bro. Louis Honig (Lodge Asaph 1319). London: Published by the composer, at his Academy of Music, 725 Commercial-road, E.

WHEN we say that "Bro. J. A. Wade is a veteran song writer, and author of "Billy Barlow," and "Meet me by moonlight alone," and "Love was once a little boy," our readers will at once feel favourably disposed towards his latest effusion, "The Power of Friendship." Nor will they be wrong in so doing, for Bro. Wade's latest song is in all respects worthy of his long-established reputation. The words, though simple, are very charming; and, what will please the Craft above all things, they have in them the genuine Masonic ring. As for Bro. Honig's music, we shall content ourselves with saying that it admirably interprets the words that are set to it. The March, too, is a spirited one, and though there is a small chance at our Lodge meetings of the spirit of geniality flagging, still, whenever an extra fillip may seem desirable, Bro. Honig's March will supply it.

Some Observations on Fire Insurance. In the form of a Lecture, explanatory of the principles on which the Perpetual and General Fire Insurance Company, Limited, has been founded. By Bro. E. C. Massey. Published by Winter and Bailey, 24 Chancery-lane, W.C.

ON the ordinary scheme of Fire Insurance, as set forth so lucidly in Bro. Massey's lecture, no remarks are necessary. The propriety of insuring against fire is recognised generally, the majority of sensible people looking upon it as a duty, which it is imperative they should fulfil. The scheme of Perpetual Fire Insurance, however, is a novelty, and must be described, at all events, briefly. It is remarkably simple. It is proposed to establish a Perpetual Fire Insurance Fund of £562,500, and a Perpetual Fire Insurance Reserve Fund of £62,500, making together £625,000. This will be done by issuing half a million Policy Contracts at 25s each, payable half-a-crown on application—to be returned, however, if the application is declined—and £1 2s 6d on allotment, or according to special arrangement, and entitling the holder to interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum (payable half-yearly), until the Policy Contracts are exchanged for Perpetual Fire Insurance Policies of £100 each, for the insurance of approved dwelling houses, and for the approved contents of such dwellings. Thus a person desirous of insuring against fire to the extent of £100, can do so under this plan by the payment at once or as arranged of £1 5s, for a Policy Contract which, in due course, is exchanged for a Perpetual Policy for the said £100. If he wishes to insure to the extent of £1,000, he must buy ten Policy Contracts, value £1 5s each, to be exchanged for as many Perpetual Policies, each value £100. A strong Board of Directors has been formed, and the important and responsible post of General Manager and Secretary entrusted to Bro. E. C. Massey, who, we feel confident, will be found a most efficient man in that capacity. We strongly recommend the scheme to our readers.

Great strides having of late been made in instantaneous photography, the Lessees of the Alexandra Palace have offered prizes of gold, silver, and bronze medals for competition among professionals and amateurs, for the best photographs of the crowd assembled on Easter Monday. Last Easter Monday 76,824 persons visited the Palace, and it is intended to summon the whole number of visitors on the southern slopes of the Park at a certain moment for the views to be taken.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting of this very prosperous Lodge was held on 17th inst. at the St. George's Hall, Deal. Bros. W. Carterfield W.M., H. B. L. Botting I.P.M., G. Band S.W., R. S. Davey J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. Chap. P.P.G. Chap., E. Kirby P.M. P.G.S. Treas., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, H. Chambers S.D., E. Rea J.D., G. C. Harding I.G., F. Leith P.M. Lord of the Manor M.C., H. E. J. Webb Steward; Bros. R. Measham, J. W. Court, S. Willey, I. E. Laurence, W. J. A. Norris, J. Fawcett, J. B. Brown, R. Duval, S. Holgate Tyler. Visitor—Bro. J. Sheppard Metham Lodge. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M., who was unwell, vacated in favour of Bro. H. R. L. Botting I.P.M., who in a most able and impressive manner initiated Mr. W. R. Minter, who had been balloted for at a previous meeting. Bro. E. Kirby, in earnest and impressive manner gave the E.A. charge. Bro. G. Band S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. E. Kirby P.M. was with acclamation re-elected Treasurer, the W.M. paying him a high compliment, and in the name of the Lodge thanking him for his past services, and hoped he would long be spared to them. Bro. E. Kirby thanked the W.M. and brethren for the high honour they had done him; it was very pleasing to know that his small services were so much appreciated; he could assure them that his services were at their disposal. Bro. Rev. J. B. Harrison announced himself as Steward for the Boys' School, the Festival to be held in June next. He was sure he should receive the hearty support of the brethren. Ten guineas was at once voted to the Boys', the same to be placed on Bro. Harrison's list. Lodge was closed with prayer in solemn form, the brethren afterwards spending a very pleasant and social hour together.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held on Thursday, 23rd inst., at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Nicholson W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., Cotton J.W., J. Wells Sec., T. A. Smith J.D., W. Seward I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. H. Kasner, and A. J. Barr. Visitors—Bros. Webb, Nye, Murch, Gasson, Pitt, and Yeonens. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Murch candidate. Bro. Gasson answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened up to the third, and closed down to first degree. Bro. C. Bellerby was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge was closed, and adjourned to the 30th instant.

Trinity Lodge, No. 1734.—The Installation Festival of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Golden Lion, Rayleigh. Bro. F. J. Wiseman P.M. 160 Prov. J.G. Warden W.M. presided; and the following brethren were present:—Bros. Edward Judd P.M. 160 and 1734 P.P.G.R. M.E.Z. elect 1000 I.P.M. and Treasurer, E. E. Phillips P.M. and P.Z. 379 and 1000 P.P.G.D. Essex P.P.J.G.W. Somerset S.W., W.J. Belcham jun. J.W., Wm. Pissey P.M. 160 and 1734 M.E.Z. P.P.J.G. Warden Essex Sec., W. V. Willson S.D., H. Harper W.M. 160 J.D., James Syer D.C., Sidney Smith I.G., C. T. Witham Tyler, J. Belcham P.P.G.D., F. D. Grayson, and D. B. Grout P.M. No. 160; Visitors—Bros. R. M. Beeson 160, J. Taylor jun. 1000 160 and J.D. 1817. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The installation of Bro. E. E. Phillips S.W. the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. William Pissey. At its conclusion the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing twelve months, as follow:—Bros. Frederick J. Wiseman I.P.M., Wm. Isaac Belcham jun. S.W., Wm. V. Willson J.W., Edward Judd re-elected Treasurer, Wm. Pissey re-appointed Sec., H. Harper S.W., Sidney Smith J.W., Jas. Syer D.C., John Belcham I.G., C. T. Witham re-elected Tyler. A vote of thanks having been passed to the installing Master, and duly acknowledged, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. At five o'clock the brethren, under the presidency of the W.M., sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was well served by Mr. Hodson, and gave great satisfaction. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The W.M. stated that he had received the following letter from Lord Tenterden, the Prov.G.M. :—

4th March 1882.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I am sorry I am unable to accept your hospitality on the occasion of your installation on the 8th, but I have a previous engagement for that day, and it is very difficult for me to leave London at this time of year. With best wishes for your Mastership,

Yours fraternally,

TENTERDEN.

The W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M." presented Bro. Frederick J. Wiseman, in the name of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, for which the I.P.M. returned thanks in a humorous and appropriate speech. The proceedings, which terminated at about half-past eleven, were agreeably diversified with songs and recitations, by Bros. Wiseman, Smith, Willson, Taylor, &c., and the general arrangements were excellently carried out under the superintendence of Bro. William Pissey.

Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Northampton, on Tuesday, 21st instant. Present—Bros. H. Brown W.M., Atkins I.P.M., H. Hill S.W., I. J. Hunt J.W. 360 as J.W., G. Morris S.D., Rev. T. C. Beasley J.D., Parker P.M. 360 Treasurer, H. Spoor Secretary, G. Ellard P.M. 260 M.C., G. Butcher Assist. M.C., Manning as I.G., Rev. S. J. W. San-

ders P.M., Rev. S. W. Wigg P.P.G.C., Emery and Franklin Stewards, Dean and Kirby Tylers; also Bros. Perceval, Haviland, Abel, Clarke, Manfield, Goldeney, H. Jebbutt, J. A. Hill, A. Jones, Hodges, Johnston, Newman, Carrall, Dorman, and others. Bros. W. J. Clarke and Manfield having proved their efficiency, Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and those brethren were admitted to the sublime degree respectively by the W.M. and Bros. Sanders P.M., while Bro. Atkins I.P.M. continued the traditional history. Lodge being resumed in the first degree, the Worshipful Master rose to move "That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressive of the horror and indignation felt by the brethren of this 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." In submitting this resolution, the Worshipful Master observed that no further words of his were required to express the feelings which must have arisen in the breast of every Mason, not only in England but in every part of this vast Empire, when we were startled to hear of this diabolical outrage on the life of one who had always been held up as a pattern of every public as well as private virtue—it seemed incredible that a being in the form of a man, and that an Englishman, could be found bad enough to attempt such a crime. It was the duty of brethren to avail themselves of an opportunity of expressing gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, who in His providence had palsied the arm raised to slay our Queen, but for which intervention they might be mourning the loss of a pre-eminently good and beloved Sovereign. In answer to the probable suggestion that the proposition was superfluous or unnecessary, he would add that, as there was but one Northampton, as there was but one town that had been brought by the light of recent events so notably to the front, the present was a most fitting opportunity for letting the country know that even in Northampton were many loyal hearts who were true to their Queen and country. The Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.M., in seconding the proposition, did so with pleasure, because he felt that it was a good thing to show that Freemasons' Lodges in England were not what they had in times past been suspected of being, and what he feared they sometimes were in other countries, namely, nests of sedition and conspiracy. He so far applauded the idea of the address to Her Majesty that he would, as Master of De la Pré Lodge, ask the brethren of the Eleanor Cross to allow himself and his Wardens to sign the address on behalf of the members of that Lodge. The proposition was carried unanimously, and was greeted with Masonic applause. The special verses of the National Anthem were then sung respectively as solo, duet, and trio by Bros. Atkins, Hart, and Brown, the whole of the brethren joining in chorus. Bro. Abel, acting Organist, accompanied. After the usual routine business Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some capital patriotic songs were sung. The Tyler's toast brought a very enthusiastic meeting to a close.

THE EAST END LICENSED VICTUALLERS BALL.

THE first annual Ball took place on Tuesday last at the Limehouse Town Hall, the whole of the proceedings passing off with much éclat. Over 150 ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the opportunity of combining assistance to the very excellent Schools of the Licensed Victuallers with an evening's pleasure. Brother Louis Honig supplied a highly efficient band, and under his spirited direction a capital selection of dance music was discoursed to the delight of the followers of Terpsichore. Supper was served shortly after 12 o'clock, Bro. W. Davies, Cape of Good Hope, and Governor of the Licensed Victuallers School, presiding, Brothers Lamb and H. Chown acting as Vice-president. The Supper (which was elegantly served, reflected great credit upon the proprietor of the Cape of Good Hope Tavern) being ended, Bro. W. Davies toasted the "Queen and the Royal Family" which was heartily received. The chairman next gave the "Visitors," many of whom, he said, had come long distances, from all parts of London, to support him in the present undertaking. He could not sufficiently thank them, but hoped that, as the Ball had been so successful, he, or perhaps his successor, Mr. Deacon, would have the pleasure of asking them to come again upon another occasion. He would call upon Mr. Deacon to respond, being the Governor elect for next year. Mr. Deacon suitably replied, and gave the health of Mr. W. Davies, the worthy Chairman, and the promoter of the Ball, and Mrs. Davies, which was received with honours. In acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Davies expressed himself grateful for the cordial reception of the toast, and for the hearty support of the undertaking. As he had said, he hoped to have a second Ball in connection with the Licensed Victuallers' School. The Ladies were next toasted, in brief terms, coupled with the name of Mr. G. H. Stephens, who responded in felicitous terms. Subsequently dancing was resumed, and was much enjoyed until four o'clock in the morning. The duties of M.C. were most ably performed by Mr. T. Butler.

We are requested to state that the Lecture, by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., announced for delivery at the Domestic Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday evening next, the 28th inst., is postponed for a few weeks.

A very strong meeting of gentlemen connected with our Colonies was held on Thursday afternoon, at Marlborough House, under the presidency of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the object being to promote the establishment of the Royal College of Music. Among those present were the Earl of Kimberley, the Duke of Manchester, Sir Cunliffe P. Owen, K.C.M.G. The meeting was in all respects a successful one.

ROYAL ARCH.

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Portsmouth Chapter, No. 487.—On Tuesday, 14th inst., the following vote of congratulation was proposed by Comp. Robert Osborne, seconded by Comp. R. J. Rastrick, the same to be transmitted through the 1st Grand Principal of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales K.G. :—

May it please Your Most Gracious Majesty.

We, the Principals and Companions of the Portsmouth Royal Arch Chapter, and numbered 487 on the roll of the Grand Chapter of England, in Open Chapter assembled this day, humbly beg leave to tender our sincere congratulations to Your Most Gracious Majesty on your Providential escape from a cruel death on the 2nd inst., and fervently pray that the Most High may be pleased to spare your precious life for many years to come to reign over your faithful and devoted subjects.

We also humbly beg leave to add that this being the day on which Your Most Gracious Majesty leaves this loyal old town of Portsmouth for Mentone, we devoutly supplicate the Most High to support you in all your actions—designed as they ever have been—for the welfare of those committed, by Providence, to your benign rule, and that your Majesty will shortly return to your dutiful subjects, benefited by the change, of which Your Majesty must now stand so much in need of.

Signed on behalf of the Principals and Companions of the above Chapter this fourteenth day of March, in the 45th year of Her Majesty's reign.

ROBERT OSBORNE, 1st Principal,
Past Prov. G. Reg. and Past Prov. G. Org.
Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED AS UNDER :—

At the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891 (by the members), at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 27th inst. The chair will be taken, and the Lodge opened at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely, by the Preceptor, Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey. Bro. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., Grand Chaplain of England, will act as Chaplain on the occasion. Brethren to wear Masonic costume. The Sections will be worked by the following brethren :—First Lecture—Bros. Boswell, Cooper, Appleton, Taylor, Pincott, Lanfield, and Matz. Second Lecture—Bros. Plowman, Ayling, Palmer, W. H. Boswell, and Webb. Third Lecture—Bros. Cockburn, Foot, and Moss.

At the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Mare-street, Hackney, on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bros. Stephens W.M., Barnes S.W., Webb J.W., Musto. I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Musto, Bardoulean, Loane, Wooding, Stewart, Moss, and Pringle. Second Lecture—Bros. Richardson, Eschwege, Musto, Webb, and Job. Third Lecture—Bros. Myers, Taylor, and Cundick. Bro. Diamond Hon. Sec.

A luncheon was given at the Mansion House on Monday, in connection with the Royal College of Music. A meeting was afterwards held, at which His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught spoke at considerable length in behalf of the movement. Other speeches were made, and the meeting, which consisted chiefly of bankers and merchants of the City, was closed with the highly satisfactory announcement that a sum of £5,000 had been subscribed in the room towards the College, thus raising the total hitherto collected in its behalf to about £53,000.

THE THEATRES, &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 8.15, MANOLA.
- SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.
- AVENUE.—At 8, MADAME FAVART.
- COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.15, 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.
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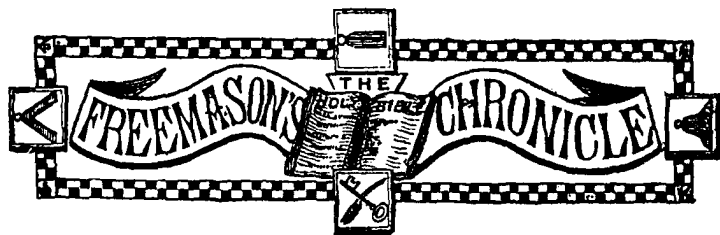
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CONSECRATION OF THE FREEMASONS' HALL AT AUCKLAND.

THE splendid new hall erected in Princes-street, Auckland, for
the purposes of Freemasonry, was consecrated on 6th December,
with full Masonic ceremonies, and, to grace the occasion, there was
one of the largest attendances of Master Masons and high dignitaries
of the Order that has ever assembled in Auckland. There were
upwards of 400 brethren present, including Masters, Past Masters,
Officers, and Brethren of all the country Lodges, which were well
represented. The proceedings were of a most imposing character,
and the arrangements as perfect as possible.

Exactly at half-past-two, the Lodge was tyled, and the Ara Lodge,
No. 348 I.C., was opened to the third degree by the W.M., Bro. J. B.
Crother, who thus had the honour of opening the first Lodge of
Freemasons in the new hall, and he very ably performed the duties
incumbent upon him, and was well assisted by his Officers. On the
dais were—Bros. Sniter W.M., United Service Lodge; Levy,
Mitchell, Buchanan, Page, and Asher P.M.'s, and C. Johnston W.M.,
Beta Lodge. Bro. Angelo Forrest presided at the organ in an
efficient manner. The District Grand Lodge of Auckland, with Bro.
G. S. Graham D.G.M., the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand
I.C., with Bro. G. P. Pierce P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Lodge of
New Zealand North S.C., with Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker P.G.M.,
were then admitted and received with the customary honours,
Bro. P.M. Malcolm Niccol officiating as D.C. Bro. Graham took the
chair, with Bro. Pierce on his right, and Bro. Whitaker on his left.
The District Grand Lodge E.C. having been opened, the chorale
"Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung, when the D.G.M., by the
request of Bro. L. Nathan, Chairman of Trustees, consecrated the
building, and the D.G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. C. M. Nelson, read an
appropriate selection of Scripture. The anthem, "Behold how good
and joyful a thing it is," was sung, after which the brethren
formed in procession outside the hall and marched to St. Paul's
Cathedral. On arriving at the door the brethren opened out right
and left, and the Grand Lodges proceeded through the centre to their
places in the church, the brethren filing in afterwards in the usual
manner. The church was crowded, and there was a large number
of ladies present, as well as a strong choir. The clergymen who
took part in the service were Bros. R. Gould, Gulliver, Dr. Kidd,
Tebbs, and C. M. Nelson. The service was chanted under the
direction of the Rev. C. Nelson. Mr. Tebbs read the lesson from the
Wisdom of Solomon. Appropriate psalms were chanted, and the
hymn "O, Praise our God to-day" was sung; after which, the Rev.
Mr. Gulliver ascended the pulpit, and taking for his text a portion
of the 30th verse of the 10th chapter of St. Luke, "Fell among
thieves," preached a most eloquent sermon.

The 168th hymn was then sung, and an offertory taken up for the
poor of the parish, after which the service was closed, and the
brethren returned in procession to the hall.

When the Grand Lodge was again formed, the Prayer of Benedic-

tion was offered by the D.G. Chaplain, and grand honours were accorded; after which the Chairman of Trustees addressed the D.G.M., and the architect, Bro. Skinner, presented the plans, which were duly received. The dedication hymn, "O First and Sole Foundation," was sung, and the D.G.M. addressed the brethren on the duty which they had met to perform. A procession of Grand Lodge Officers was formed, and halting at the pedestal, the D.G.M. sprinkled salt, and dedicated the hall to Masonry, the choir singing "Genius of Masonry." Bro. Pierce P.G.M. I.C. scattered corn, and dedicated the hall to Virtue; and Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker P.G.M. S.C., poured the wine, dedicating the hall to Universal Benevolence; Bro. Graham D.G.M., dropping the oil, and dedicating the hall to all the purposes of Masonry. Each act of dedication was recognised by grand honours, and the verses of the consecration hymn were sung in the intervals as the procession advanced around the hall.

Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker then addressed the brethren. He said it was now his duty and pleasure on this interesting occasion to offer a few remarks. Many of them would recollect that, a few months ago, they had met to lay the foundation-stone of this structure, and he trusted they were now all satisfied with it. It had been an ancient custom to dedicate and consecrate buildings of this class, but they must not confound consecration with dedication. They had met here to consecrate this handsome temple, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, to Masonry. All Lodges must, when practicable, be held in a consecrated building, and they now set this place apart for the rites of Freemasonry, and he hoped it would long remain as a monument of the efforts of the brethren of the present day in erecting a building worthy of the Craft to which they belonged. He thought they might well be proud of what they had done. He had told them at the laying of the foundation-stone that, in the earliest days of the colony, Masonry had taken a firm root, but they did not dream then of laying the foundation of such a magnificent building as that in which they were assembled. It required great exertion on the part of the brethren to provide such a building as this, but it was an advantage to wait, for now they had one entirely adequate, and they could desire no better,—it had no equal in the colony. He hoped that in future the brethren would be more diligent in their attendance, and that their meetings would be worthy of the hall. No doubt many had reasonable objections to meeting in an hotel, but now that objection no longer existed, for they had the best hall in New Zealand, if not in the Australian Colonies. But this had not been accomplished without great effort. The cost was £3,500. Already subscriptions to the amount of £2,100 had been received, leaving a debt of £1,400. He hoped that debt would be soon wiped out, and felt sure it was not beyond their power to get rid of it. He had been requested to announce that a collection would be raised in the room for the building-fund. They now saw the position in which they stood. Unity had enabled them to get this building, and he hoped they would live long in unity, and pull with a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether.

Offerings were then received. Bro. Suiter, on behalf of the United Service Lodge, handed in £40, in addition to what had already been subscribed. £10 were received from Coromandel Lodge, and £30 from Mercury Bay. The total received was £160.

The D.G.M., after the chant "O Praise God" had been sung, addressed the brethren, congratulating them on the erection of the building.

The closing hymn, "Now the evening shadows," was sung, after which the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the Grand Lodge Officers retired in procession.

The chairs were then resumed by the W.M. and Officers of the Ara Lodge, and the Lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

On the following evening, a grand ball was held in the Choral Hall, in honour of the occasion, and was attended by all the beauty, wealth, and fashion of Auckland District.—*New Zealand Freemason.*

MARK MASONRY.

HAWTON LODGE, No. 100.

THE yearly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 8th instant, at the Masonic Rooms in Ivybridge. After the advancement of three brethren of the Craft Lodge, and the admission of a joining member, Bro. W. H. Mackey, the unanimous choice of the Lodge was duly installed as the W.M. This interesting ceremony was well performed by the Secretary, Bro. T. Searle P.M., ably assisted by Brother C. Spence-Bate, in a Board of Installed Masters consisting of Bros. J. B. Gover, E. Aitken Davies, F. J. Pratt, H. Cole, T. C. Lewarne, W. Boxall, J. Gidley, H. Langmaid. A vote of thanks was passed in favour of the D. Prov. G.M. and the visitors. The following brethren were appointed as the Officers for the ensuing year:—F. J. Pratt I.P.M., Richard Lavers S.W., T. D. Ford J.W., H. Cole Treasurer, T. Searle Secretary, G. H. Grills M.O., Richard King jun. S.O., W. Crimpe J.O., J. D. Cobbedick M.O., W. R. Velvin J.D., James Horton I.G., W. Boxall P.M. M.C., A. S. Royte Tyler.

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ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

Royal Veterans Encampment, No. 10.—The annual convocation of the "United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple" was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Friday, 17th inst., when E. Sir Knight Francis Beer Westlake P.P.G.D.C. was duly installed as the Eminent Commander. The ceremony was by special request most impressively performed by E. Sir Knight C. F. Matier P.E.C. and K.C.T. of the Order, assisted by E. Sir Knight Col. Fitz Gerald P.E.C. P. 2nd Cap. Eng. P.P. 1st C., I. Watts P.E.C. P.P.G.T., J. Batten Gover P.E.C. P.P.G.T., L. D. Westcott P.E.C. P.P.G.M., E. Aitken Davies P.E.C. P.P.G.V.C., J. H. Keats P.E.C. P.P.G.H., and others. The following Officers were appointed for the year:—E. Sir Knight S. L. R. Templer P.P.G. S.Wks. P.E.C., John James 1st Captain, George R. Barrett 2nd Captain, E. Aitken Davies Prelate, Josiah Austin P.E.C. P.P.G.C. Treasurer, I. Watts Registrar, E. Binding Ex., W. A. Fowler C. of L., S. Jew P.E.C. P.P.G.T. H., L. D. Westcott S.B., J. B. Gover Almoner, W. W. Phillips G. A Priory of Malta was opened and two Fraters were incepted and installed; after which a Board of Installed Priors was opened, and herein E. Sir Knight Westlake was installed as E. Prior of the Priory. Sir Knight Matier again officiated, and he was warmly thanked by the assembled Fraters for kindly consenting, at short notice, to undertake such important ceremonies, so ably done. The Fraters adjourned for refectio to the hostelry of Bro. Watts, the Globe. E. Sir Knight F. B. Westlake presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were fully honoured.

Loyal Brunswick Preceptory.—The annual meeting of this Preceptory, was held at the Masonic Chaptor Room, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse. The principal business was the installation of the V.E. Sir Knight J. Edward Curteis P.E.C. and Arch Treasurer of England. Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon performed the installation, and he was assisted by Sir Knights C. F. Matier, J. B. Gover, I. Watts, Colonel Fitz Gerald, J. J. Daw, J. H. Keats, L. D. Westcott. The usual business having been done, the following Officers were appointed:—J. Harris Square 1st Capt., W. M. St. Anbyn 2nd Capt., Rev. T. W. Lemon Prelate, I. Watts Treasurer, T. S. Bayly Secretary, J. Jarrard Daw Expert, Colonel Fitz Gerald C. of L., J. Rogers G. Apologies from many Knights were received. Business finished, the Fraters adjourned to the Globe Hotel for the banquet—the banquet of the season. Sir Knight Curteis presided, and it goes without saying that a very pleasant evening was spent. The speciality was the "Health of the Queen" (who is the patroness of the Order), and the Prince of Wales, who is the Grand Master.

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UNDER the patronage of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Alderman Figgins, Deputies and Members of the Court of Common Council, for the Ward Farringdon Without, a Grand Concert was given in the Memorial Hall, E.C., on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., in aid of the funds. This Society has been established for the purpose of affording assistance and relief to deserving and necessitous persons; and in memory of the pious Founder of the ancient Priory of St. Bartholomew. It has been decided that its operations shall not, at any time, interfere with any existing lay or clerical institution for the furtherance of charity, but shall be an adjunct to or co-operator with them when circumstances permit.

On Wednesday, PART I. comprised—Part Songs, "Village Choristers" (Moschelles), "May Day" (Muller), Choir; Song, "Laura" (Rastrelli), Miss Florence Cater; Solo Violin (Mendelssohn, Hanser), Miss M. Schumann; Song, "The Old and the Young Marie" (Coven), Miss Ellen Marchant; Song, "The Raft (H. Leslie), Mr. Bantock Pierpoint; Duet Pianoforte, "Die Schone Galathe" (F. von Suppe), Miss Alma Sanders and Mr. Humphrey J. Stark; Song, "Love Knots" (Barri), Mr. Harper Kearton; Songs, "When the Heart is Young," "Twickenham Ferry," Miss Docking; Song, "Distant Shore," Mr. Wakefield Reeves.

PART II.—Solo Pianoforte, "Olivette" (B. Smith), Madlle. Fleur-ella; Solo and Chorus, "Gipsies' Tent" (T. Cooke), Choir; Song, "The Miller and the Maid" (Marzials), Miss Florence Cater; Solo Pianoforte, "Bouree" (Alma Sanders), Miss Alma Saunders; Song, "O mio Fernando" (Donizetti), Miss Ellen Marchant; Song, "I Fear no Foe" (Pinsuti), Mr. Bantock Pierpoint; Chorus of Soldiers in Faust" (Gounod), Choir; Song, "Ehren on the Rhine" (Hutchinson), Mr. Harper Kearton. The Entertainment throughout was of a very satisfactory character, the applause in many instances being enthusiastic. The National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President, presided, Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. J. H. Matthews was placed in the Junior Vice-President's chair. There was a large attendance of brethren. Grants recommended at last meeting of the Lodge, to the amount of £195, were first confirmed. There were thirty-nine cases on the new list. Of these, one was dismissed, and six were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £900. The Lodge sat more than four hours.

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, 25th MARCH.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1824—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Mugggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

MONDAY, 27th MARCH.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Vinduct Hotel
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 28th MARCH.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1380—Rova' Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Hensley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 897—Loyalty, Fleeca Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesleth, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1478—Halkey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 29th MARCH.

- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 802—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 8 Newby Place, Poplar
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)

- 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 30th MARCH.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, 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.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1611—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 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.)
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1680—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 31st MARCH.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyns Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Caruarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1223—Amberst, King's Arms Hotel, Wetherham, Kent
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE installation meeting of this, the oldest Lodge in the Province of Middlesex, took place on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. The brethren were summoned for 2.30, but many took advantage of the glorious weather we have lately been favoured with to enjoy a stroll in the neighbourhood of the Lodge's headquarters, consequently the early trains were in request by Craftsmen who were minded to make a day of it. Those who did so avail themselves may be congratulated, as budding Spring never had a fairer opportunity of displaying her charms than in the glorious sunshine of Monday last. Lodge was opened shortly after the time named in the summons, when the W.M. Bro. C. Russ Prov. G.S. was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters:—G. Fehrenbach (Treasurer), W. Coombes (Secretary), W. Webb, E. C. Woodward, B. H. Swallow, and John Weedon. The Visitors were—Bros. J. Da Silva W.M. 205, W. Ilfray 417, J. N. Stephens 1922, Fred Hill 1563, R. Callingford 1624, Geo. Green 1558, Fred. Green 1687, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, S. Brooks P.M. 1608, Stephen S. Phillips P.M. 173, J. E. Shand P.M. 1563, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., G. Festa S.W. 1900, E. B. Cox 1563, Chas. Dairy P.M. 141, S. Miller 861, C. Andrews P.M. 77, H. E. Tucker S.W. 1612, J. W. Davis 467 New York, T. F. Knight-Smith P.M. 1441, A. Lambert, &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was brought into request. The candidate, Mr. Edward Lewis, was proposed for initiation by Bro. Kendall, seconded by Bro. J. Lonsdale the W.M. elect. The result was unanimous in favour of Mr. Lewis, who was then introduced and initiated by Bro. Russ. The W.M. elect was next presented, and Bro. Russ concluded the duties of a highly successful year by installing his successor, proving by the way he carried out this task that his zeal had not abated in his determination to master the ritual. The following is the list of Officers who were appointed:—G. Rowles S.W., H. W. Nicholson J.W., G. Fehrenbach P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.M. Secretary, E. T. Brown S.D., W. C. Hall J.D., W. Garard I.G., Kendall W.S., Cook P.M. M.C., G. Duffin Tyler, J. J. Wilson Organist. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, who was heartily congratulated at the close of the ceremony. The first duty of Bro. Lonsdale was to present his predecessor with the P.M.'s jewel voted by the brethren. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Russ on the success that had resulted from his efforts, and urged the fact that twelve initiates having joined the Lodge during the Mastership of Bro. Russ testified to the estimation in which the Royal Union Lodge was held. In replying the I.P.M. expressed his appreciation of the kindness shown him by the brethren. He then detailed some very satisfactory facts in regard to the financial condition of the Lodge, which was in a flourishing state. It was most gratifying, and he sincerely trusted that the prestige of the Lodge would be sustained. The sum of £10 10s was then voted from Lodge Funds—for one of the Masonic Institutions—the Royal Benevolent; and after the consideration of several business matters, the Visitors tendered their good wishes, and Lodge was closed. After a short interval, banquet was served. Ample justice was done to the fare provided, and on the removal of the cloth the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. The loyal ones were enthusiastically received. In speaking to the toast of the Prov. Grand Master, the W.M. announced he had received a letter from Sir Francis Bardett regretting his inability to be present. Bro. Russ proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Lonsdale had loyally served in the various offices he had held, and the members looked forward to the prospect of enjoying a pleasant term during his Mastership. In reply, the W.M. said he had for years looked forward to reaching the exalted position he now held. He had worked upwards, and he entered upon his duties under most favourable auspices. The next toast was the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Russ. Bro. Russ had loyally devoted himself to advance the interests of the Lodge during the last twelve months; his duties had been of an arduous character, but he had ably fulfilled them; moreover, he had vacated the chair leaving a substantial balance in hand. He (the W.M.) trusted his year of office might be equally successful. He had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren, and he was assured they would drink it with hearty enthusiasm. After a duet, "While Time rolls gaily on," admirably sung by Bros. Cantle and Knight-Smith, Bro. Russ acknowledged the compliment paid him. For the Visitors, Bros. Da Silva, Morgan, Brooks, and Tucker responded. The initiate received a cordial greeting from the brethren, and gracefully acknowledged the honour done him. In consequence of the lateness of the hour, the other toasts were hurried over, but the proceedings altogether were eminently satisfactory. A capital musical programme had been provided; owing, however, to the heavy work of the day, it had to be curtailed somewhat. Brothers T. F. Knight-Smith and J. Ion Cantle were the artists engaged, while Bro. W. G. Reynolds gave, in vigorous style, a recitation by W. Carleton—"The Tay Bridge." We would suggest, however, that this composition should be materially curtailed. We are convinced it would thus be more acceptable to an audience than in its present state. Before closing this report we must say a word for Bro. Kendall, who was most amusing in the humorous recitation he gave of "Pat and his Guinea."

ERME LODGE, No. 1091.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, in Ivybridge, on Wednesday, 8th instant. There was a large attendance at the Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. Spence-Bate, H. Cole, J. B. Gover, F. J. Pratt, T. Searle, J. H. Sawyer, S. Sandover, W. Boxall, James Gidley, T. C. Lowarne, H. Cameron, J. R. H. Harris, James Fox, Walter Glover, A. C. Bradley.

The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Brother Richard Lavers, the retiring Master, who thus culminated a good year's work well and faithfully done. The Officers who were appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. Thomas Duke Ford W.M., R. Lavers I.P.M., G. H. Grills S.W., R. King jun. J.W., H. Cole Treasurer, J. Cobbedick Secretary, R. King sen. S.D., W. Velvin J.D., J. Horton I.G., F. Henwood M.C., E. Lavers A.M.C., W. Ryder Organist, T. Lavers S.S., H. Lavers J.S., A. Coyte Tyler. The Treasurer's account was very satisfactory. There had been contributions to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, to the Hayshe Memorial Fund, and to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. All arrears had been paid, and a balance of over £25 remained. Brother Mackay, in the name of the Lodge, presented a massive gold P.M.'s jewel, engraved as follows:—

"Presented to W. Brother R. Lavers, by Lodge Erme, No. 1091, for the very able manner in which he conducted the Lodge during his year of office as W.M. 8th March 1882."

Other business consequent at the yearly meeting having been satisfactorily finished, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Sandover's, Erme Hotel, for the banquet. This was admirably served, and the hostess and host were subsequently thanked for their care and attention. Brother Ford, the Worshipful Master, presided over the brethren (about fifty), and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Burden presided at the piano, and contributed much to the pleasure of those who were present.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, was held on Monday at their Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, when Bro. W. H. Hunt was unanimously installed as W.M. The ceremony was ably performed by Bros. T. E. Peek the retiring Master, William Powell P.M. and S., Thomas Gibbons P.M., and Hugh Cameron, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. D. Cross, J. B. Gover, J. M. Hifley, E. Aitken Davies, E. J. Knight, A. E. Lean, W. D. Thomas, William Ailsford, J. W. C. Cornish, J. R. H. Harris, W. Glover, W. Coath, Thomas D. Ford, P. G. L. Pearce, Samuel J. Hearle, C. A. Nicholson. On completion of the ceremony the following Officers were appointed and invested:—T. E. Peek I.P.M., R. Dickson S.W., R. J. Smith J.W., Daniel Cross P.M. Treasurer, William Powell P.M. Secretary, P. J. Dnnn S.D., L. Martin J.D., G. Wilson I.G., J. Hayward M.C., H. E. Setters S.S., H. Squires J.S., Thomas Gidley T. Bros. Warne and Poole were appointed the Audit Committee, to meet in a fortnight and report at next meeting. The Lodge then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, at Devonport, where the banquet was held, and, as is usual, the provision was bountiful and the attendance exceptionably good. The Worshipful Master Brother W. H. Hunt presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, especially dwelling upon the recent dastardly attempt on the life of the Queen. The Grand Lodge of England had already expressed the feeling of Freemasons, and he was sure the loyal Masons of the Metham Lodge, so many of whom had already proved their fealty in all parts of the world, would express their abhorrence of the attempted crime, and heartily wish long life, health, and happiness to her Majesty. The Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges were well represented in reply by Bro. J. E. Carteis, and Bro. Gover made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. The W.M., responding for himself, thanked the Lodge for its unanimous vote, and, relying on the assistance of his Past Masters, he hoped to leave the Lodge as harmonious as he found it. The banquet, at which over eighty were present, was made very agreeable by the good arrangements and the indefatigable exertions of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Cross and Powell. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. Gibbons, who also accompanied with much ability; he was assisted by Bros. Dunn, Collings, and Peek. Bro. McCartney gave a reading of "The Dream of Eugene Aram." The health of Mrs. and Brother Parker was duly honoured, and they were thanked for their good catering. Metham Lodge marks this meeting with a white stone.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. Provincial Grand Secretary Surrey, C. Sawyer W.M., John G. Horsey S.W. Worshipful Master elect, W. Pile J.W., W. Russell Crowe Treasurer, Leon A. Mesronze Secretary, E. Dickman S.D., J. W. Baldwin J.D., W. P. Catterson I.G., W. Harwood W.S., G. C. Barry P.P.G.O., Captain R. Crowe, R. R. Davis, J. Edwards, G. W. Filmer, C. D. Maspero, W. W. Weal, S. C. Wilcox, and A. Bishop. Visitors—Bros. Major Williams P.M. 162, Archibald Currie S.W. 1773, R. Tilling W.M. 765, F. G. Frost S.W. 1347, E. Harlock 1601, and R. D. Langton 1673. Lodge was opened at two p.m. for the purpose of disposing of certain business, and also of raising Bro. Weal and passing Bros. Wilcox and Bishop, after which Lodge was called off for a short time. Upon resuming labour, at 5 p.m., Bro. S. P. Catterson P.M. presented the W.M. elect Bro. John G. Horsey S.W. P.M. 1619, J.W. 186, to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Charles Sawyer. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. C. Sawyer I.P.M., W. Pile S.W., E. Dickman J.W., W. R. Crowe P.M. Treasurer, Leone A. Mesronze Secretary, J. W. Baldwin S.D., W. P. Catterson J.D., R. R. Davis P.M. M.C., G. C. Barry P.P.G.O. Org., W. Harwood I.G., Capt. R. Crowe Steward. Bro. Rowley was re-elected and invested as Tyler. The W.M. then rose and said he had now a very pleasing duty to undertake—one, too, that he had performed to the same worthy brother about four years ago—that was to present Bro. Charles Sawyer I.P.M. with the handsome jewel the brethren

had voted him, in recognition of his valuable services as first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. After other business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the King's Arms Hotel. The cloth removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In giving the Queen and the Craft the Worshipful Master made feeling allusion to the late attempt upon the life of Her Majesty, and the great loyalty of her Masonic subjects, as also to the sympathy expressed by the brethren at Grand Lodge on the previous evening, when the Most Worshipful Grand Master occupied the chair. The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Charles Greenwood, responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge, and Bro. Barry Past Prov. G. Organist for those of Prov. Grand Lodge, each speaking in eulogistic terms of the working of the Wallington Lodge. The Worshipful Master, Bro. John G. Horsey, received great credit for his zeal and ability from Bro. C. Sawyer I.P.M., and in reply, and proposing the toast of the I.P.M., said, that he and Bro. Sawyer had worked together for several years, and had before stood in the same relative positions in another Lodge that they now did in this. Bro. Greenwood Prov. Grand Secretary urged the brethren to assist in the great objects of our Masonic Institutions. Bro. R. R. Davis, with the concurrence of the W.M., stated his intention of representing the Wallington Lodge for the Girls' School, and he hoped for the support of the brethren. After the Tyler's toast the proceedings closed.

Constitutional Lodge, No. 55.—The regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 16th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn. Bros. T. B. Linscott W.M., Johnston jun. S.W., Robertson P.M. as J.W., Atkins P.M. Treasurer, Webb J.D., Balfour I.G., Brown M.C. Past Masters Bros. Catherwood, Dwarber, Gilruth, Pownceby, Robertson, Cooper, A. Melhuish, T. Whaley (father of the Lodge), Marston, J. H. Dodson. Visitors—Bros. J. Holloway S.W. 1472, H. Phillips late 55, Goddard P.M. late 55, J. Whaley 172, J. Cox W.M. 157, J. Minter 1538, Mumford 1538, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Harry Price was passed to the second degree in a very perfect manner. Bro. Gilruth proposed, and Bro. Marston seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for presenting the Lodge with three gavels, which were made of the timber of H.M.S. Resolute, which formed part of the expedition sent in search of Sir John Franklin. The vessel was discovered by Capt. Buddington, U.S. whaler "George Henry," in 1855, sent to England at the expense of the U.S. Government, and presented to Her Majesty the Queen, at Southampton, 16th December 1856. The proposition was carried unanimously. Bro. Dwarber proposed that a sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of the W.M., who will act as Steward for the Girls' School at the next Anniversary Festival. This also was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed until the third Thursday in April, and the brethren, fifty-seven in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. Gosden. Grace having been said, the W.M., in proposing the toast of the Queen and the Craft, in elegant terms referred to the late attack on Her Majesty. Every one had seen, that by the meeting in Grand Lodge, specially convened for the express purpose of showing that among all Her Majesty's subjects, however loyal they may be, none are more so than the Masonic body. The National Anthem was sung by Bro. Trantar, and was heartily joined in by the brethren. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Those who were present at Grand Lodge on Wednesday evening saw how enthusiastically he was received; his two Royal brothers must likewise have been gratified at their reception. Those who were present at the last Quarterly Communication knew how enthusiastically the M.W.G.M. was re-elected. All hoped he might be spared among us for many years as ruler of the Craft. The toast of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers was next given. The W.M. referred to the speech made by the Pro Grand Master the previous evening; his telling words evinced to all that he was most enthusiastic in the fulfilment of his duties. The same remarks might equally be applied to the R.W. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master. He would call on the brethren to honour the toast, and incorporate with it the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Cooper Immediate Past Master then rose; with great pleasure he had to take the gavel; it was a pleasure to him to have to propose the health of the W.M., who he was proud to say was esteemed by them all. He (Bro. Cooper) regretted he was not present in Lodge when the gavels made from the ship Resolute were presented. Their W.M. was about to serve a Stewardship for one of the Masonic Institutions. He earnestly pleaded for the support of the members, who doubtless would prove to the Craft at large that what they had done in the past they were ready to repeat in the future. He would call on one and all to honour the toast of the W.M. The Worshipful Master in reply said he had heard such a display of kind words from Brother Cooper, and the brethren had so cordially responded to his remarks, that he felt he had done his duty so far, otherwise perhaps he would not have been elected. Their worthy Past Master had alluded to his having presented them with gavels; he thanked the brethren for accepting them. He had great pleasure in returning his sincere thanks for their reception of the toast. The Treasurer and the Visitors was next given, and Bros. John Cox and H. M. Levy responded; Bro. Goddard (late 55) eloquently spoke of the kind hospitality of the W.M. The W.M. announced with great pleasure that from around the festive board he had had handed to him £73 18s. He hoped to get a still larger sum to support that noble Institution the Girls' School. The toast of the Past Masters followed. The W.M. described them as the pillars of the Lodge; they were not only capable, but willing to impart any knowledge required of them. He would call on Bro. Dwarber—whose knowledge in Freemasonry was well known and appreciated—to respond. Brother Dwarber, in reply, said he felt pleased to respond. Each of the Past

Masters was ready to do all in their power for the good of the Craft in general and their Lodge in particular; in their names he thanked the brethren, and assured them their services were always at command. In proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. remarked that in their Treasurer they had a brother second to none; he showed that at their last audit they had a balance of £100 in hand. Unquestionably they had here the right man in the right place. Bro. Snow, the Secretary, he regretted was not present, his duties, however, were very arduous, and he had worked zealously in their fulfilment. The Lodge was especially indebted to him. The toast of the Officers followed; they had conscientiously discharged their duties. This toast having been replied to, the Tyler gave the parting one, and the brethren separated.

St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was exceptionally well attended. The Lodge was opened by Bro. G. A. B. Fletcher W.M., the Officers present being Bros. J. Wood S.W., W. H. Baker J.W., W. Maxted S.D., Chester J.D., T. A. Donne I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Robinson, Stoner, Farwig, Parsons Sec., Wade, and Miles Treasurer. The minutes were read and confirmed, when Bros. Westrop, Shout, and White having passed the degree of Fellow Craft, were raised to the degree of Master Mason in a very efficient and perfect manner. The Lodge was then closed according to ancient custom, and the members adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which gave great satisfaction. The W.M., who ably presided, proposed the Loyal toasts in a very feeling and patriotic manner, which were received with great enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed the R.W. the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, in a concise yet descriptive speech. The gavel having been placed in the hands of the I.P.M., Bro. C. J. Wade in very complimentary and eulogistic terms proposed the health of the W.M., congratulating him upon his excellent working in the Lodge, and his graceful tact and congenial manner in presiding at the banquet. Bro. Walter Joyce having favoured the brethren with a recitation, which afforded much pleasure, the W.M., in replying to the toast of his health, assured his Officers, Past Masters, and the brethren, of his continued interest and zeal in every thing conducive to the welfare of Freemasonry generally, and the St. James's Union Lodge in particular; he hoped his year of office would continue to be marked by the same cordial good fellowship, and the happy mutual interest which had characterised it so far. Bros. Herbert Dicketts P.M. and Past Grand Steward, R. Baker I.P.M. 188, and W. Joyce, responded to the toast of the Visitors. Bro. P.M. Stoner responded on behalf of the Past Masters, Bro. Wood and the other Officers responded to the toast of the Officers, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and pleasant evening. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Dicketts P.M., R. Baker P.M. 188, and W. Joyce.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held, under the presidency of Bro. T. W. C. Bush W.M., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 20th inst. Being what is termed an off-night, the attendance was not considerable. The Officers, consisting of Bros. W. D. Bayley I.P.M., Staley S.W., S. Barnett J.W., John Constable P.M. Treas., P. Levy Hon. Sec., Boas S.D., Peartree J.D., Lyon I.G., and Potter Tyler, were in their places promptly at the specified time. The P.M.'s were represented by Bros. Bloomfield, J. D. Barnett, John Ross, and E. Gottheil. The following were Visitors:—Bros. A. McDowall W.M. 948, A. Mowling J.D. 948, O. Latreille W.M. 1260, J. Lea Royal Oak, and G. P. Hawkes 101 Temple. The business of the evening included the passing of Bros. Lehman and Schlesinger, and the initiation of Mr. Solomon Leeuw. By the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. G. Nicholson 1379 was raised to the degree of Master Mason. The following notices of motion were agreed to without discussion:—By the W.M., That the sum of £25 be voted from the Lodge funds, as a donation in aid of the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the Russian Jews; by Bro. Treasurer, That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds, and that the same be placed on the list of the W.M. as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Lodge having been closed, and refreshment enjoyed, the W.M. gave, Loyalty to the throne and devotion to the Craft, and said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without saying that the toast on the present occasion demanded their heartiest sympathies and expressions of feelings of horror and disgust at the foul and dastardly crime which had been attempted on the universally beloved Sovereign. As Lord Carnarvon truly said in Grand Lodge, there are no citizens more loyal than Freemasons, and it is therefore in all sincerity that we, as Masons, express our heartfelt gratitude that all evil consequences have been providentially and happily averted. The toast was most enthusiastically received, and followed by the National Anthem, exceedingly well rendered by Bro. Past Master John Ross, Bro. Past Master J. D. Barnett presiding at the pianoforte. The W.M. next gave the health of the initiate. To the toast of the Visitors, Bros. McDowall and O. Latreille responded in almost the same terms, and especially dwelt on the excellency of the working of the W.M., and the attention and discipline of his Officers. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Past Master W. D. Bayley said the duty devolved upon him to act as I.P.M. in the absence of Bro. Croaker, who could not possibly attend, owing to the serious illness of one of his children. He was sure they would extend to Bro. Croaker their heartiest sympathies. Their present W.M. was in all truth the right man in the right place. The Lodge was not likely to suffer under his administration, and there was no doubt the brethren would support him to the fullest extent in his efforts to maintain the dignity and prosperity of the Lodge. He tendered the W.M. his best wishes for health, and hoped his year of office would terminate with credit to himself and to the advantage of the Lodge. Bro. Bush, in respond-

ing, thought Bro. Bayley had spoken of him in terms he did not deserve. (No, no.) He would certainly endeavour to do his best to uphold the prestige of the Lodge. Ever since his initiation, by Bro. Past Master Ross, he had experienced nothing but kindness, and trusted that his conduct during his year of office would be such as to merit the continued sympathy and approbation of the brethren. He concluded by mentioning the fact that he would represent the Lodge at the next Boys' Festival, and hoped his list would be worthy of this warranted and worshipful Lodge. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was cordially received. After some remarks by the Treasurer, Bro. Phil Levy Secretary said: He was glad to have the opportunity of stating how gratifying it was to the Jewish brethren that the vote of £25 to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the Russian Jews was so unanimously passed; that fact would brighten the page of any future history of the Lodge, whoever the historian might be. He trusted Bro. Constable might be spared to write that history. On behalf of the Officers, Bro. Staley S.W. responded in suitable terms, and the Tyler's toast terminated a most enjoyable evening. Bros. Bayley, Constable, Ross, Tipper, and J. D. Barnett exerted themselves to contribute to the pleasures of the evening by their vocal efforts, whilst the latter brother played the accompaniments on the pianoforte. Bro. Geo. Mitchell, of 490 New York, U.S., was received as a joining member.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—The March regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, 20th inst. Bro. William Ganner W.M. opened the Lodge at the appointed hour, and there were present during the evening Bros. G. Lilley as S.W., J. Laird as J.W., James Stevens P.M., C. P. McKay P.M., D. Trusler P.M., T. Poore P.M. and Secretary, C. Everist S.D., A. J. Barton J.D., G. Allen P.M. as I.G., C. A. Blogg Organist, S. Ash M.C., C. Thomas Tyler, W. H. Collier, G. R. Smith, G. Mulley, J. Hall, A. Leonard, &c. and Visitor Bro. J. Archer, The Great City, No. 1426. The business comprised the raising of Bro. Smith by Bro. Poore P.M. and the initiation of Mr. Herbert Marsh by Bro. McKay P.M., to whom the W.M. courteously resigned the chair of K.S., to enable him to introduce a personal friend into Freemasonry. The Secretary read a letter which had been received from Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, stating that Bro. Sheadd had informed him officially that the respective offices of Treasurer and Secretary were filled by the same Brother; and requesting the Lodge to alter that arrangement, the same not being in accordance with the Constitutions of the Order. The W.M. explained that whilst, of course, the requirements of Grand Secretary should be observed, it was only right it should be understood that the best interests of the Lodge had been promoted in this particular instance by the connection of the two offices in the person of Bro. Poore; and that the arrangements which had been made, at the request of the Lodge, by Brother Sheadd P.M., who was at that time W.M., but had since resigned, and who now called the attention of the Grand Secretary to the fact, had, although inconsistent with the regulations, worked greatly to the financial prosperity and general good position of the Lodge. Bro. Poore at once tendered his resignation as Treasurer, and the same was accepted with expressions of great regret. Bro. Trusler P.M. was unanimously elected to fill the vacant office. Several members expressed themselves very warmly in respect of the originator of the interference with hitherto existing arrangements; but all agreed that the laws of the Grand Lodge must be specifically observed. Letters of apology from absent members were read, and a petition of a distressed Brother was granted. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an early supper and a couple of hours social intercourse in harmony and good fellowship.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—At the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, W., on the 10th inst. Present—Bro. G. Coop Preceptor, G. W. West P.M. 1287 W.M., A. Braun P.M. P.Z. 766 S.W., G. J. K. Tribbel P.M. 1287 J.W., W. Dunham Treasurer, H. Moore Secretary, Weatherill S.D., Miller P.M. 766 J.D., W. Heath I.G.; also Bros. Kidman P.M. 766, Cleg-horn W.M. 1287, Hart, Bellerby, Chambers, Hemmings, Wilmore, Rowley, Lister, Saunders, J. Owen, G. H. Smith, T. A. Smith, Sedgwick, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and the installation ceremony was rehearsed in a most able manner by the W.M., Bro. Miller P.M. 766 presenting Bro. Coop as his qualified successor. The addresses were given by the W.M. in a very impressive manner, and a section of the brethren saluting the newly-elected W.M. in the three degrees in the customary form. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his Officers, saying a few sympathetic and appropriate words to each. The Secretary then read a copy of the Bye-Laws as had been proposed, and these were discussed. Bro. Bellerby proposed, that one night a-month be set apart as an Officer's night, and the members of the mother Lodge be invited to attend on those occasions, to assist the members of the Lodge of Instruction. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had filled the chair of K.S. for the first time under the roof of the Jacob's Well.

On Friday, 17th inst., present Bros. A. Braun P.M. 766 W.M., G. J. K. Tribbel S.W., A. Jones J.W., C. Bellerby S.D., M. J. Rowley J.D., W. Heath I.G., G. Coop Preceptor, H. Moore Secretary; also Bros. Miller P.M. 766, Kidman P.M. 766, Greenslade 766, Fromholz, Saunders, T. H. Smith, Chambers, R. H. Smith, Ross, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chambers being the candidate. Bro. Greenslade, a candidate for passing in the William Preston mother Lodge, was interrogated by the Worshipful Master, and answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the second section of the lecture. The proposed Bye-Laws were further discussed and amended; a proposition that they be adopted and

printed was moved by Bro. Coop, seconded by Bro. Miller, and agreed to. Several new members were proposed and elected, dues were collected, and the Lodge closed in due form in perfect harmony, and adjourned till Friday, the 24th inst.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 21st inst. Present—Bros. T. Clark W.M., Edwards S.W., Glass J.W., Corble S.D., Baker J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Bunker, Nash, Greenwood, Brasted, Olly. After preliminaries, Bro. Bunker offered himself as candidate for raising, and was interrogated. Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bro. Bunker was raised, the W.M. giving the traditional history. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment. On resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. Brasted worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—A regular meeting was held on the 22nd instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street. Bro. J. Lazarus P.M. occupied the chair, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Syer, through indisposition. Bros. G. T. Mann S.W., Benjamin J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., N. Vallentin S.D., D. M. Davies J.D., W. B. Gulliford I.G., Lindsay Sloper Organist, A. Solomons Steward, S. Pollitzer P.M., Grunnebaum P.M. Visitors—J. Smith 742, E. H. Norden 205, L. Bloomfield 185, J. Levy 188, E. Joseph, Rouchlin, Pzorzheim, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Manger was passed to the second degree, and Bros. L. Walters and Ricci were raised to the third degree by the acting W.M., who performed the work in a most impressive manner. Each Officer was perfect in his working. A letter of apology was read from the W.M., stating his inability to attend, owing to severe indisposition, and the acting W.M. and the brethren expressed a hope that he might speedily be restored to health, and be with them at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed until April, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent and substantial supper, provided by Bro. Nicols. The Acting W.M., Bro. J. Lazarus, ably presided, and proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. E. P. Albert responding for the Grand Officers. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, who they were pleased to see on every occasion the Lodge met. Bro. S. Pollitzer said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the acting W.M., Bro. J. Lazarus; he was pleased to echo the words of the visiting brethren, who had all paid Bro. Lazarus a just compliment for his excellent working. The acting W.M., in reply, said, what he had done had been done with pleasure, and he hoped to their satisfaction. He regretted the absence of the W.M., who he was sure would have rendered the ceremonies to their gratification. Bro. Lazarus exhorted the junior members to work diligently, so that they might in after years occupy the chair with pride and pleasure; he urged them to visit Lodges of Instruction; it was only by so doing they could qualify themselves. The toast of the Past Masters came next, Bros. Albert and Pollitzer replying. The Officers were each severally complimented. In due course the Tyler gave his toast, and the brethren separated. Bros. Dr. Chandler and D. M. Davis contributed some excellent harmony, Bro. Lindsay Sloper efficiently accompanying on the piano.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—On Monday, 20th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Present—Bros. Brittain 1278 W.M., Hammond 1278 S.W., Clark 1178 J.W., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, B. Stewart 1278 Secretary, Barnes S.D., Clements Sec. 1306 J.D., Maud W.M. 1625 I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Myers 820 and 1445, M. Isaacs 511, and Job 1076. After preliminaries, the Lodge opened in the second, and Bro. Hubbert, a candidate for raising to the third degree, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third, and Bro. Hubbert was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Myers worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Hammond was unanimously elected W.M. for the next Lodge meeting, when the ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed.

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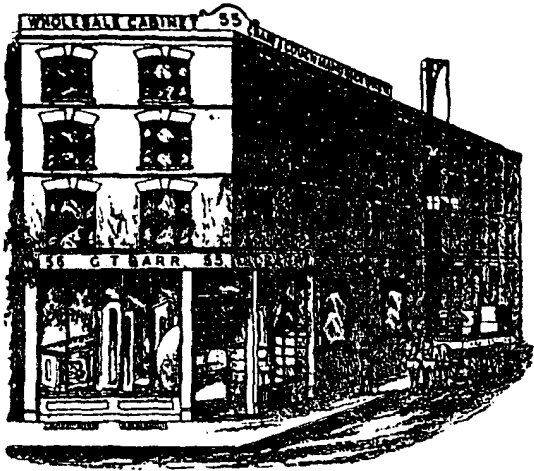


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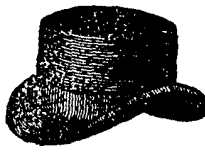
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