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QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton (Grand Treasurer) presided. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bros. J. W. Berrie, J. J. Caney, Captain Colvill, J. F. Corben, W. Dickenson, W. Dodd, E. C. Massey, H. Massey, A. Moore, and C. Pugsley were elected on the General Committee. Colonel Creaton informed the brethren that one of the twenty-eight approved candidates had withdrawn. Bros. J. S. Cumberland P. Prov. G.W. N. and E. Yorkshire moved, "That the day of election of the Girls' School be altered to Thursday instead of Saturday, as at present, except when the Boys' election falls on a Thursday, then on Wednesday, and that the Rules of the Institution be altered accordingly." Bro. Cumberland stated as his ground for moving the alteration the inconvenience to country brethren of staying over Sunday for the Boys' election, and added that it would suit the Provincial brethren better if the two elections were on succeeding days. After the motion had been seconded, a discussion arose, in the course of which it was stated that the present plan was adopted some years ago in deference to the wishes of the country brethren, who then had to stay in London from Thursday to the following Monday for the Boys' election, and it was then found that the greater convenience of the greater number was met by the Girls' election taking place on the Saturday. Brother Binckes pointed out the awkward position both Boys' and Girls' Institutions would be placed in if the present motion was carried that day and a corresponding motion negatived at the Boys' Quarterly Court on Monday, or *vice versa*. On the motion of Bro. W. W. Spaul, seconded by Bro. C. F. Matier, it was resolved "That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire as to the most convenient day for the April and October Quarterly Courts, and that they also consider when the April Court falls in Easter the desirability of adjourning it one week." Col. Creaton, and Bros. Cumberland, Capt. Homfray, A. J. Duff-Filer, C. F. Matier, and H. E. Dehane, were appointed the Committee. Col. Creaton moved, "That the additional vacancy (caused by the retirement of one girl through ill-health), reported by the General Committee, be filled at this election, and that five further vacancies be declared, making in all twenty seven vacancies for this election, and that the twenty-seven approved candidates now on the list be declared duly elected accordingly, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 235." The motion was seconded by Bro. G. J. M'Kay, and carried. A vote of thanks to Col. Creaton for presiding closed the proceedings.

The following is a List of the Girls who are thus enabled to participate in the benefits of the Institution :—

| No. on List | Name |
|-------------|---|
| 1 | Nicholls, Augusta Helen |
| 2 | Fry, Martha Jane Choules (last application) |

- 3 Shrapnel, Lilian Mary S.
- 4 Hopkins, Mabel Elizabeth
- 5 Lister, Elsie
- 6 Hill, Maude Mary F.
- 7 Sherington, Mary Louisa
- 8 Banister, Charlotte Elizabeth
- 9 Fyfe, Agnes (last application)
- 10 Newman, Hilda Maud
- 11 Sykes, Mary Lilian (last application)
- 12 Turner Jane
- 13 Robey, Esther Elizabeth
- 14 Buckley, Ada Hannah
- 15 McMillan, Charlotte Annie
- 16 Besley, Annie Lucy Jane
- 17 Brockbank, Annie
- 18 Habgood, Florence Kate
- 19 Hildred, Fanny
- 21 Matthews, Eleanor
- 22 Owens, Eva Mary (last application)
- 23 Skurray, Gertrude Maude
- 24 Stephenson, Agnes Wilfrida (last application)
- 25 Webb, Charlotte Eliza Freeland
- 26 Wright, Florence Emily
- 27 Greethurst, Maude Kate
- 28 Gooding, Agnes Frazer (last application)

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of subscribers and governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton (Grand Treasurer) in the chair. On the motion of Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., seconded by Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B., Bro. George Plucknett was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Stewart and Filer respectively moved and seconded a vote of condolence with Bro. Plucknett on his recent domestic affliction. This vote having been adopted, Col. Creaton vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Raynham Stewart. Bro. Filer then moved, and Bro. John Constable seconded, a similar vote of condolence with Col. Creaton, which was also unanimously carried, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the vote by letter to the G. Treasurer. Col. Creaton having again taken the chair, the General Committee was re-elected, on the motion of Bro. C. F. Matier, seconded by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse. Bro. J. S. Cumberland's motion, "That the day of election for the Boys' School be altered to Friday instead of Monday, as at present, except when the Friday falls upon Good Friday, then on Thursday; and that the Rules of the Institution be altered accordingly," was referred to a Joint Committee of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Bro. Spaul proposed, and Bro. G. J. M'Kay seconded, the appointment of the Boys' Committee, and Bro. H. Smith Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, stated that the present days of election were fixed some years ago after much consideration and inquiry into the convenience of the provincial brethren; still he thought that when the elections fell at Easter, they might well be postponed a week. Col. Somerville Burney thought the London brethren would consult the convenience of the Provincial brethren, who were at con-

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) (COMFORTING) COCOA.

siderable inconvenience and expense in attending the elections. The motion was then carried, and Brothers Wordsworth (West Yorkshire), F. R. Spaul (N. Wales and Shropshire), G. J. McKay (Cumberland and Westmoreland), Raynham W. Stewart (London), and John Constable (London), were appointed the Committee. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart V.P. P.G.D. moved—"That the House and Building Committee be authorised to purchase the remaining four plots of land opposite the Institution at Wood Green, comprising nearly half an acre, at a price not exceeding £650." The motion was seconded by Bro. John Constable P.M. 185, and carried. Bro. Henry Smith asked what progress had been made with the Fund for the Preparatory School, and Bro. Binckes replied that it was already over a thousand guineas, but the School would not be begun till £8,000 was in hand. Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the election of fifteen boys out of an approved list of sixty-six candidates was proceeded with. At the declaration of the poll at five o'clock, the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

| No. on List. | Name | Forward | To-day | Total |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 43 | Truman Hugh Beckett | 1058 | 1944 | 3002 |
| 3 | Lee Sidney Edward | 1866 | 561 | 2427 |
| 25 | Ashdown Arthur Durham | 1662 | 682 | 2344 |
| 19 | Fowke Alexander W | 1152 | 1133 | 2285 |
| 4 | Clark Frederick Arthur | 1570 | 709 | 2279 |
| 57 | Saville Charles Edward | — | 2279 | 2279 |
| 13 | Jordison Hugh Lloyd | 1830 | 447 | 2277 |
| 10 | Burgess Harold Thomas | 1783 | 474 | 2257 |
| 58 | Lewis Francis William | — | 2250 | 2250 |
| 32 | Hewett John Herbert | 144 | 2094 | 2238 |
| 42 | Roe Frederick Swyer | 1472 | 753 | 2225 |
| 67 | Whittaker William Henry | — | 2119 | 2119 |
| 53 | Seller Frank Russell | — | 2115 | 2115 |
| 7 | Gurney Charles Aubrey | 1708 | 360 | 2068 |
| 12 | Jones Cleophas C B | 1066 | 984 | 2050 |

UNSUCCESSFUL.

| | | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| 23 | Taylor George William | 963 | 879 | 1842 |
| 16 | Crabb Tom Walcot | 169 | 1552 | 1721 |
| 6 | Ecclestone Henry A | 1377 | 226 | 1603 |
| 37 | Templeman James P G | 20 | 1544 | 1564 |
| 15 | Stanford William Bryant | 1338 | 130 | 1468 |
| 11 | Hill George William King | 1050 | 376 | 1426 |
| 28 | Crow Charlie John | 985 | 341 | 1326 |
| 21 | Sanderson Charles Jesse | 246 | 952 | 1198 |
| 40 | Botting Alfred Henry | 447 | 738 | 1185 |
| 27 | Willett George Cross | 487 | 696 | 1183 |
| 5 | Jones William Vincent B | 625 | 557 | 1182 |
| 64 | Tustin Harry Holman | — | 1151 | 1151 |
| 30 | Jones Geoffrey Stuart | 220 | 914 | 1134 |
| 22 | Stewart Charles Edward | 711 | 401 | 1112 |
| 26 | Skelton Fred Francis | 475 | 265 | 740 |
| 55 | Hare Harold Malcolm | — | 657 | 657 |
| 44 | O'Doherty Charles Patrick | 205 | 426 | 631 |
| 14 | Liversidge Charles Percy | 481 | 93 | 574 |
| 1 | *Goldsbrough John Tom | 352 | 33 | 385 |
| 63 | Hooper Lionel Charles | — | 329 | 329 |
| 50 | Williams Arthur Frederick | — | 320 | 320 |
| 56 | Hannah Frederick Wolfe | — | 318 | 318 |
| 49 | Sykes Richard Alfred | — | 316 | 316 |
| 54 | Pratt Alfred | — | 309 | 309 |
| 35 | Simpson Edward Henry | 102 | 147 | 249 |
| 36 | Wyatt Augustine William | 10 | 232 | 242 |
| 61 | Worthington Walter R | — | 240 | 240 |
| 65 | Basham Frederick Charles V | — | 213 | 213 |
| 41 | Tentenborn Arthur J | 112 | 93 | 205 |
| 48 | Delafons Richard William | — | 183 | 183 |
| 17 | Long Joseph William | 154 | — | 154 |
| 9 | Farrar, Ethelbert | 105 | 34 | 139 |
| 66 | Woodward Thomas | — | 132 | 132 |
| 59 | Rosier Reginald Walter A | — | 106 | 106 |
| 47 | Gale Horace | — | 106 | 106 |
| 29 | Cummings Charles Brown | 79 | 15 | 94 |
| 62 | How John | — | 87 | 87 |
| 20 | Putney Frederick | 76 | 7 | 83 |
| 33 | Nicholas Thomas M | 7 | 69 | 76 |
| 8 | Collinson James | 45 | 6 | 51 |
| 51 | Searle Richard Eardley | — | 45 | 45 |
| 24 | Windross John Benjamin | 38 | 4 | 42 |
| 31 | *Cook Frederick John | 38 | 4 | 42 |
| 34 | Potter George | 27 | 13 | 40 |
| 39 | Hurden John Henry | 14 | 8 | 22 |
| 2 | *Pratt Robert Williamson | 5 | 11 | 16 |
| 38 | Pringle William James | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 52 | Clark William Edwards | — | 3 | 3 |
| 45 | Bell Frank William | — | 3 | 3 |
| 18 | Hill Reginald Aug. L | 3 | — | 3 |
| 46 | Douglas Francis C A | — | 1 | 1 |
| 60 | Beaumont George Frederick (withdrawn) | — | — | — |

* Will be removed from List, being Eleven years of age, and unsuccessful, under Law 52.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past Grand Chaplain (in the chair), C. A. Cottebrune, J. H. Leggott, James Brett, G. Bolton, C. G. Dilley, Charles Godtschalk, C. Daniel, W. Stephens, Charles Lacey, C. H. Webb, Raynham W. Stewart, Thomas Cubitt, Edgar Bowyer, T. Hastings Miller, James Willing jun., Charles John Perceval, S. Rawson, Charles Atkins, Thomas W. C. Bush, and James Terry (Secretary). A letter from Colonel Creaton, acknowledging the vote of condolence to him on the death of his wife, was read by Brother Terry, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Finance Committee's Report was read. That Report recommended the signing of cheques for moneys due, and it also recommended that an addition of £100 a year should be made to the Secretary's salary, on account of the great increase in the work of the Institution. Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. proposed, and Brother Edgar Bowyer seconded this last recommendation, but as there was a question whether under Rule X. such an addition could be made without notice, though the chairman held that the construction of the Rule was that it could, the subject was, on the motion of Bro. Leggott, seconded by Bro. Charles Atkins, deferred till next meeting, notice of the motion to be given to the members in the meantime. One of the male annuitants, lately a resident in the Asylum at Croydon, but who was removed for misbehaviour, was heard personally on his petition for assistance; but as his replies to questions were not satisfactory, his petition was refused, and the chairman informed him that if he was not more careful for the future he would jeopardise his annuity. Bros. Colonel Creaton, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hale, and Charles Lacey were appointed the Committee to draw up the annual report. Bro. Perceval gave notice of a motion for a grant of £25 to a widow of an annuitant for services she had rendered at the Institution at Croydon, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

THOUGHTLESS WORDS.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE neophyte is taught that he must exercise "caution," and guard well his lips so that he shall neither divulge the secrets of the Craft nor injure the feelings of a brother. Thoughtless words are like the seed of weeds, rapid in their development, quick in growth, difficult to extirpate. A Mason should ever remember the good old adage, that "speech is silver, and silence is gold." The younger brother should be very careful, especially before strangers, when the subject of Masonry is introduced, it is not a topic for every day conversation, and yet we find people discussing in public questions relative to the Craft, that should only, properly speaking, be mentioned within the tyled doors of the Lodge room. But whilst we advise our younger brethren to be careful in this particular, we cannot too stoutly condemn the "garrulousness" of some of our older friends, who at times, in such places as railway cars, or steamboats, become quite warm in their views upon this and that decision of this and that Grand Master; indeed we have at times heard these gentlemen explaining to a profane (who in all probability thought them both idiots) the mooted point under discussion. Surely such conversation is composed of "thoughtless words."

But whilst we strongly protest against thus ruthlessly dragging Masonry into all ordinary conversation in a "promiscuous" gathering, there are yet other "thoughtless words" of far greater import, and of a deeper character—words that years afterwards perchance may burn like a coal of fire in the secret recesses of a brave man's heart, and may cause the pang of sorrow for a lifetime to exist in the bosom of the erring brother.

Oh! how guarded Masons should be over their lips; how carefully should we note our utterances. The true Freemason will never give offence to a worthy brother, if he can possibly avoid it. If his duty forces him to speak possibly harshly to a Hiramite, there is a certain way in which it can be done—without unnecessarily wounding his feelings. A Mason may have erred, he may have gone astray, he may have fallen, but harsh treatment will not redeem, cruel criticism will not recall him to his right sense of duty; thoughtless words will only anger and embitter him—kindness may save him. Jeer at the drunkard, thoughtlessly laugh at his failing, make a jest of his fall, and you damn him. Take him by the hand, and gently strive to lead him back to the path of virtue, and you may save a soul, over whom the angels will rejoice at the final day. A Mason cannot too carefully weigh his words. It is his duty to be courteous, kind, faithful and true. The man that is ever ready to gossip, and knows all about his neighbour's business, is never a very reliable person.

The giddy quid nunc that "hangs around" the village post-office

and loiters at the town corners, rattles on with a mass of nonsense, caring little whose sensibilities he wounds with his silly sallies and senseless witticisms—he is always a brainless coxcomb; but he is, at the same time, a dangerous man—not intentionally dangerous, but nevertheless an unfit guide for the young, a bad companion for those of his own age, and unfortunate associate for those of maturer years. The trifler has no place in Masonry. He who by thoughtless words wounds a brother's feelings, as a rule, deserves censure. A man may and does occasionally give a stab, quite unintentionally, but that, of course, is an unforeseen mistake. We allude to those brethren who rattle on about anything and everything, retailing every "tidbit" of scandal, dilating with glee upon the slips and falls of a neighbour, and gossiping and tattling upon all the small talk of the hour. Such men (if men they can be called) should never be admitted within the pale of Freemasonry. We want only earnest men, good men, thoughtful men. The miserable, rattle-brained retailer of "small talk" is a first cousin once removed from "the liar," and the liar is a brother of the murderer and seducer; for he who would take away the character of a brother by loose and careless talk is very close to him who wilfully lies, and he who would blacken the character of a Mason by thoughtless words, would only hesitate through cowardice to rob the innocent maiden of her virtue, and stab her father in the dark, if he thought it would save him from detection.

Thoughtless words do great harm, and cause much misery; brethren, therefore, should be very careful in all their expressions as well as actions. It is a duty they owe to the Craft and to themselves. We cannot tell how much unhappiness we may cause in a family by a word lightly and thoughtlessly spoken. Wounds are often thus made that take years to heal, and even then leave ugly scars, and at times sores, that will ever and again break out in all their original virulence. We cannot be too guarded in our expressions, too careful in not hurting the feelings of others. Some are so sensitive, the least whisper cuts them like the surgeon's knife, but, like it, does not cut to heal, but becomes a deadly taint in the system like the jagged wound from the poisoned arrow. A thoughtless word, a senseless, meaningless expression, may ruin the character of the man we call "brother," or destroy the fair name of a pure and virtuous woman. How careful then should we be to guard that unruly member, the tongue. Hiramites are bound by every sacred tie to be very guarded, to be very particular in this respect; they should weigh well every expression they use, and never by a single word blacken the name of any man, woman or child. Freemasonry teaches this, the God of Freemasonry has declared it, and we as followers of the Widow's Son are bound by every tie of honour and truth to obey. Brethren, never indulge in "THOUGHTLESS WORDS."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE FUTURE OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While I do not agree entirely with you in the remarks you made last week on the Fund of Benevolence, I must say the statistics you have obtained, and which I presume I may accept as trustworthy, show an excess of zeal on the part of the Lodge of Benevolence in disbursing the funds entrusted to its care with which I should not otherwise have credited it. From what you state it appears that in grants of £100 and upwards the Lodge has given away £4,950 during the last two years as against £3,825 in the preceding four years; or, at the rate of £2,475 per annum in the one case, as compared with £956 per annum in the other. In fact, if I take only the grants in excess of £100 in the former case, and leave the latter as before, I find that in the two years in question sixteen persons have received among them grants to the amount of £2,950, while the thirty-five relieved with sums ranging from £100 upwards in the years 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1879 received, as before stated, £3,825, or, again striking an average, £1,475 per annum in the two, and £956 in the four years. This shows that the Lodge of Benevolence during the two years in question has been distributing their funds, in grants in excess of £100 alone, at a rate which is rather more than half as much again what it was in the preceding four years, even with grants of £100 included. It is not surprising that, with thirty-six large grants in two years amounting to £4,950, as against thirty-five large grants in four years amounting only to £3,825, the Lodge of Benevolence should have been obliged to sell out £3,000, in order to bring itself level.

As to Bro. Clabon's proposition to increase the quarterages from four shillings per annum to six shillings in the case of London brethren, and from two shillings per annum to three shillings in that of Provincial brethren, the proposition seems reasonable enough at first sight, and, moreover, the amounts are really insignificant. But before adopting this plan, I think it would be well to see if it is absolutely impossible for the Lodge of Benevolence to live within its income. I am very far from suggesting there should be any undue interference on the part of Grand Lodge with the recommendations of what is, in fact, its own chosen Committee of Charity, and it would be an interference with the delicate functions entrusted to the Lodge of Benevolence if Grand Lodge declined to confirm the grants for any

one year because in the aggregate they exceeded the income for the year. No, of the two ideas I prefer Bro. Clabon's. The Lodge of Benevolence will know well how to guard itself against unworthy applicants, and the quarterages, even when increased, will be no more likely to be mis-spent than they have been heretofore. If the income of the Fund is now insufficient to meet the annual demands regularly made upon it, either the Reserve Fund must be drawn upon until it is exhausted, and then the quarterages will have to be increased, or the quarterages, as suggested by Bro. Clabon, must be increased now. Where the mistake lies is, in my opinion, in the great increase in the number of the larger grants, which are becoming far too frequent to be pleasant.

Yours fraternally, H. H.

[Our correspondent, in the above letter, has been kind enough to take our figures on trust; but for our own sake, as well as for that of the general body of our readers, we think it right to append the following statement of particulars. One slight error in connection with our statement of last week must be noted. In the first three quarters of 1877 there will be found two grants of £200 each, and three of £150 each. According to our former reckoning these were one grant of £200 and four of £150 each. The difference—£50 only—is immaterial; but we think it desirable on all occasions to be as accurate as possible. We may add that the statement is derived from the several agenda papers of Grand Lodge.—Ed. F.C.]

| Quarterly Communication. | No. of Grants recommended. | Total amount. £ | £ 50 | £ 60 | £ 75 | £ 100 | £ 125 | £ 150 | £ 200 | £ 250 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| March 1876 | 5 | 325 | 2 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — |
| June " | 6 | 350 | 5 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Sept. " | 4 | 200 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Dec. " | 7 | 450 | 5 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — |
| March 1877 | 6 | 600 | 3 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — |
| June " | 10 | 900 | 3 | — | 2 | 3 | — | 2 | — | — |
| Sept. " | 6 | 525 | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — |
| Dec. " | 6 | 450 | 3 | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — |
| March 1878 | 4 | 250 | 3 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| June " | 5 | 400 | 1 | — | 3 | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| Sept. " | 3 | 150 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Dec. " | 6 | 450 | 3 | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — |
| March 1879 | 10 | *800 | 3 | — | 2 | *5 | — | — | — | — |
| June " | 8 | 475 | 6 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Sept. " | 10 | 800 | 4 | — | — | 6 | — | — | — | — |
| Dec. " | 17 | 1000 | 13 | — | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — |
| March 1880 | 15 | †1075 | 6 | — | 5 | †4 | — | — | — | — |
| June " | 13 | 1300 | 5 | — | 2 | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sept. " | 10 | †800 | 6 | — | — | 2 | — | †2 | — | — |
| Dec. " | 11 | 750 | 6 | — | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | — |
| March 1881 | 10 | 725 | 5 | — | 3 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — |
| June " | 12 | 1275 | 5 | — | 1 | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Sept. " | 11 | 1225 | 3 | — | 1 | 4 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Dec. " | 14 | 1125 | 7 | — | 3 | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | — |
| March 1882 | 19 | 1360 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 3 | — | — | 1 | — |
| Total for the 25 quarters | 228 | £17,760 | 117 | 1 | 35 | 53 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 3 |

Average per recommendation about £77 18s.

* March 1879. One of the grants recommended this quarter was made on behalf of the widow of a brother to whom £100 was recommended at the previous meeting, but which was rendered void by the death of the brother before confirmation. The £100 recommendation of March 1879 is therefore really in lieu of one of the same amount which appeared in the previous quarter.

† March 1880. The petition of a brother to whom £100 was recommended at the December Communication having been referred back, the same was reconsidered, and the recommendation was repeated. This recommendation of £100 therefore appears twice—viz., in December 1879, and March 1880 totals.

‡ September 1880. One of these recommendations for £150 was referred back, and ultimately cancelled, except so far as the £10 paid on account was concerned.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad your correspondent, Bro. "R. L. F.," has drawn attention to what I will call the pace at which the number of pupils in the Girls' School is being increased. Heaven knows I would be the last to suggest any undue limitation of the scholars, but it strikes me we are going too far ahead. We ought to have a little more "backbone" before we further increase the liabilities of the Craft in regard to this Institution. As "R. L. F." points out, it is not so very long ago that we provided for 150 Girls. Now we have 235, and have spent besides, as he says, quite £20,000 in respect of buildings and additional accommodation. It is of course quite true there is plenty of room just now, and I doubt not there are, presently, ample funds for the immediate expenditure. But the present is not our only consideration. We have to take into account the future as well, and the question very naturally arises,—Is it safe to go on increasing, at rapid pace, our liabilities, when, in the nature of things, it must be at least doubtful if it will be always, and of a certainty, possible for us to meet the demands on us in respect of this Institution, to say nothing of those we are continually increasing in respect of the other two.

I remain, yours fraternally, A.

REVIEWS.

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Two Turns of the Wheel. By John Baker Hopkins. Illustrated by A. Fairfax Lumley. London: Newman and Co., 43 Hart-street, Bloomsbury, W.C.

WE were inclined, on glancing through the first few pages of this volume, to lay it aside as the effort of some 'prentice hand in literature who, in the exercise of his vaulting ambition, had overleaped himself. Upon many minds the rough-and-ready style adopted by the author in the opening of his design will grate somewhat harshly, and there is a suggestion of an undue use of "flashy" epithets and expressions attributed to the hero who is supposed to be writing his own autobiography. But as the machine travels the wheels are more judiciously oiled, and the interest of the reader is quickened as the skein of incidents and life pictures is unravelled. We can quite see, in the wayward, headstrong, spoilt child of the cobbler's family down at Bow, the personification of many a precocious youth who, breaking away early from the maternal apron-strings, bounds along through life in acrobatic fashion till some inevitable ballast finds its way into his mental hold. And when our hero plunges fairly into life, has wooed and wedded and finds his "troubles begin," we do not know that he comes out much the worse for his precipitate rushing in where many an angel would fear to tread. His boarding-school exploits, his upstart aspirations, and peevish peccadilloes at home, might probably be attributed more to the overweening pampering to which the mothers of only sons are so invariably prone than to any fault of his own; and there is much broad humour in the account he gives of himself when, shuffling off the swaddling clothes of parental control, he rushes into the choice of a profession and a wife. Like all his other ventures, Mr. Gummer junior makes love in a slap-dash hurry, and the only wonder is that the daughter of a spendthrift, who has to eke out an existence by needlework, and whose style of conversation is so fragrant of back-alley phraseology, brightens up so sensibly as the pages of her life are read. Matilda, in her courting and early married days, suggests to us the buxom lass who, with sleeves rolled up and arms akimbo, would gossip with fluent tongue with whomsoever came along, and in language which, though argumentative, is rather unrefined. For instance, in the tenderest and most melting moments of courtship she professes an objection to being kissed as if she was "a Pope's toe," and to being squeezed as if she were "a lemonade lemon" which her lover had "bought and paid for." Still the maiden seems to have a shrewd sense of practical utility in life, and carries it out in a manner illustrated by her sage remark that "a half pennyworth of bread done up French-roll fashion may be more genteel, but I would rather have a big loaf any shape, with enough to eat, and something in the cupboard." Matilda is decidedly not poetical or genteel, and she has an eye to quantity rather than quality in her estimate of things mundane. As with most impetuous tempers, Matilda is jealous, and the green eye'd monster early appears, placing his victim in many ludicrous situations, which the author delineates with something of the broad humour of Mark Twain. But though the wifely temper betrays much of the nettle-rash of irritation, it must not be supposed that Mr. and Mrs. Gummer are by any means "a snap-dog and a spitfire-cat couple." True, as the family are growing up, and the two daughters are enabled, by the improved pecuniary circumstances of Paterfamilias, to receive a superior education our hero's domestic happiness becomes a little marred by the strong proclivities of Mrs. Gummer and "the girls" to ape gentility. He rather mournfully relates:—

"The neighbours we had known for years were snubbed and cut. I was not allowed to ride outside an omnibus, nor to smoke a clay pipe in my own garden, unless I stood between the washhouse and the dust-bin, where I could not be seen. Our rooms were darkened by curtains being drawn across the windows, plenty of daylight being unfashionable. When we went to a theatre, instead of omnibus and leave your bonnet, or tuck it under your cloak, there was full dress and a fly. Mamma, who had been accustomed to substantial refreshment, was restricted to an ice and a sweet cake. The girls wanted to abolish hot suppers, and to have a six o'clock tea. . . . So our one o'clock meal was called lunch, and the last meal was at eight instead of nine o'clock, and was described as dinner."

In point of fact, our hero is very much married; and who does not know of scores of cases in which rapid progress and unexpected affluence have not their counterbalancing disadvantages and restrictions imposed by family aspirations to "gentility" and a pandering to the foibles of "fashion?" Yet Tom seems to bowl along the matrimonial greensward fairly easy, and submits with a good deal of hard-headed common sense to the "nagging" and occasional explosions of bottled-up temper and importance on the part of "Mamma" and her fledglings. Some of these flint-and-steel passages of domestic controversy are capitally told, though the cayenne powdered into poor Tom's homely soup is occasionally hot. Mrs. Gummer is a candid woman, and speaks her mind. For instance, when the question of the girls' future prospects is under consideration, the brnte of a husband makes her say:—

"Tom, for the sake of the girls I would swim through an ocean of blazing brimstone, provided I was a swimmer and could stand burning. Suppose we took a villa in a high neighbourhood, standing in its own grounds, or, at the worst, semi-detached? Mark my words, Tom, in a year or two the girls would marry on a par with their merits and what is coming to them. You know, if there were the most beautiful empresses at Bow that ever lived, and every hair of their heads was hung with a Koh-i-noor diamond, gentility would no more think of marrying them than they would think of putting on scarlet jackets and setting off with their keepers to shoot London sparrows."

At last woman's will is triumphant, as is usually the case, and the

genteel family are perked up in their stucco-fronted villa, standing in its own grounds. They have a page, at small wages, but with a tremendous appetite. Troubles with "superior" and fastidious servants come on apace. "The tightest pinching could hardly keep the spending at the level of the incoming;" and thus the even tenour of domestic ease is sacrificed at the shrine of "gentility," whose gregarious and ever-increasing appetite must be satisfied with ever increasing devotion. But, for all that, gentility refused to rub shoulders with the Gummers, and even when the curate called, as he was expected to do, seeing the Gummers had a "whole pew and never passed the plate," he merely sipped a glass of wine, looked at the girls sweetly through his eye-glass, talked about the weather, and then gave Mrs. Gummer and the girls a knock-down blow by asking them where they came from? But though the girls embroidered slippers and worked braces, which were sent with delicate hinting compliments, the girls angled clumsily, and the curate was not caught. Then came the inevitable parties to which "gentility" was invited; still the young ladies did not "go off," but remained a drug upon the matrimonial market. Dainty living and extravagant dress caused the skeleton to grow uneasy in the cupboard, as it always does when the household expenditure exceeds the income. But presently comes a windfall from a deceased relative, and gentility once more reigns supreme in the bosom of the Gummer family. Of course this sudden accession of wealth begets the usual worries. Instead of duns and tradesmen's bills, there were appeals for donations to charities, tempting baits from bubble companies, "tips" from sporting men, and dazzling offers from authors. No doubt, as our hero puts it, "we could not read all the letters, much less answer them!" Mr. Gummer is courted and flattered, is asked to preside over public meetings, and to officiate as judge at local Flower Shows; he is made a Fellow of the Antediluvian Society of Great Britain, and Vice-President of the Mental Emancipation Association. He invests in an outlandish mining company (limited); and finally, to crown his indiscretions, he is persuaded to start a newspaper! Mr. Jordan O'Staapler is the unprecedented genius selected to preside over that glittering venture.

"Editors did not like his articles. Publishers declined his works. Managers would not read his plays. But O'Staapler never lost faith in his literary capacity. When he was reproached for getting into debt, he replied that he devoted his talents to the service of the public, and he had a right to live upon the public. Moreover, O'Staapler was always on the eve of making a great fortune. . . . He was to be the editor, at a nominal salary. He assured me that £500 would be ample capital, and, indeed more than was necessary! All the expenses would be paid by the advertisements! His estimate was so nicely prepared, and his explanations were so plausible, that I agreed to supply the capital for the *Universal Regenerator and Modern Babylon Advertiser*. Mrs. Gummer was to have the boxes at the opera, the boxes at the theatres, and the presents sent to the editor. I was to be the director of the paper, and Jordan O'Staapler was to be the working editor.

"This was weak of me, I know; but then it was a human weakness. Every man thinks he is capable of being a Prime Minister, a Foreign Secretary, a Chancellor of the Exchequer, an Adonis with the ladies, and an Editor. . . . O'Staapler introduced me to a score of unappreciated geniuses, and I had to treat these gentlemen, who drank like feverish fish, at all hours in the day, besides giving very wet dinners to O'Staapler's intimates. O'Staapler, who had charge of the petty cash, smoked the finest cigars, and saturated his body with fours of whiskey cold, except during the early hours of the morning, when he drank bitter beer as a pick up.

"There were disappointments even before the paper appeared. Our advertisement canvasser, who was certain that he could fill up four pages, signally failed. Advertisers, he said, would not go in till they had seen the paper. So we had to start with a couple of pages of dummies—that is advertisements copied from other papers. The theatres declined to put us on the free list. I proposed to pay.

"'Never,' said O'Staapler, 'will I submit to such an imposition. Pay! What for? To fill the pockets of dramatists, actors, and managers? It is all humbug for the critic of a weekly to go to the theatre. I shall just look into the dailies and make mince-meat of the pieces and the theatres. The managers will be civil to us before long.'

"The publishers did not send us their new books, though we condescended to apply for them.

"'So much the better,' said O'Staapler, 'it will save the trouble of cutting the leaves. I am well up in literature, Mr. Gummer, and you will find that I can slate the trash without so much as seeing the covers of the books. After a week or two the publishers will be down with their advertisements and their books.'

"Six numbers of the paper appeared. Nobody bought it. Nobody advertised in it, except some quack medicine dealers, at a shilling for half a column, upon which the canvasser took a commission of 25 per cent., and omitted to hand over the balance. The theatres ignored us, and so did the publishers. . . . Besides, Jordan O'Staapler was unpleasantly familiar. He had borrowed nearly £100 in the six weeks, and I offered him the copyright of the paper; but that he would not accept, and threatened to sue me for a year's salary. When the *Universal Regenerator and Modern Babylon Advertiser* ceased to appear, he wrote me a letter in which he bemoaned my folly in throwing away £5,000 a year, and my wickedness in spoiling his scheme. By the time all the bills were paid I had lost £900 by my venture in journalism.

"'Mr. O'Staapler may be a genius,' said Mrs. Gummer, 'for his clothes are never brushed; he always wants a loan till he sees you next time; his hair has not been cut for years; and he seems to think he has a right to other people's money. But, genius or no genius, a party who is thirsting for nips of spirit-and-water all day long will never make a paper or anything else pay. A morning, noon, and night-drinker is no better than a sleep-walker half awake, though Jordan O'Staapler, with his half awake, could plunder the

father of a family who, being so awfully shortsighted that he could not see the biggest wen on his own nose, ought to wear spectacles."

The more exciting acts of this domestic drama came on, when, attracted by the reported wealth of our hero, suitors for the hands of "the girls," appear in the persons of a pseudo-"Baron" of Russian extraction, and the avaricious son of a Colonel of "blue blood." How the former insinuated himself into the credulity of Mr. Gummer, and tickled the vanity of mamma, with the end of marrying Nancy, and the ignoble *dénouement*, the collapse of hopes based upon too dazzling expectations, must be read to be appreciated. Nor will we spoil the reader's interest by relating how poor Janet was jilted by her adventurous and unscrupulous lover, whose hawking was after the money, and not the love, of the trusting and confiding maiden, but who, when it turned out that the golden prize was not so glittering as he supposed, turned on his heel, and made a cruel and despicable retreat from his engagement. These situations are depicted in facile language by the author, who invests his characters with all the requisite *verve* and natural force in the more prominent situations into which they are called. Of course, the history of a man who springs suddenly into the foremost ranks of affluence and popularity would not be complete unless he was made a Member of Parliament, and in the election sketch we are brought into laughable contact with some of the inflated election-mongers of the Borough of Marrowbone—veritable types of the pot-valliant politicians that are to be found in almost every small and rotten constituency. Mr. Nathaniel Busted, who is churchwarden, vestry-man, and chairman of ever so many local coteries all rolled into one, gives us a portrayal of that clumsy fussiness and consummate self-importance of which those know the most who have any experience in electioneering, either parliamentary, municipal, or parochial. He puts us in mind of the inimitable Toole as Simmons in the "Spitalfield's Weaver," only he is very much more coarse, venial, and impudent. But go when you will to any electioneering bout, and you will find a Nathaniel Busted, swaggering, and drinking, and forcing his besotted and impertinent vulgarity into the front on every occasion, both in season and out. The author has depicted him to the letter, and in a way that marks him as a close observer of men and things in every-day life. We are unable, with the space at our command, to enter more in detail into the varying turns of the wheel of fortune, and the changing episodes in the life of the Gummer family. Suffice it to say, that in spite of the little faults, if they can be so termed, we detected at the outset, the interest of the reader is caught after the first two or three chapters, and is retained irresistibly to the end of the volume. The writer gives us a faithful and vivid delineation of many of the characters we constantly meet in the ordinary walks of life, and there is no straining after effect, such as we find in many authors who are eager to find themselves famous. He has evidently drawn his pictures from the life, and we recognise them in an instant. He puts his round women and square men all into their proper spheres, and makes them do and say precisely that which we should expect of them. Nor is there wanting plenty of sparkling and buoyant humour in the tale so admirably told. There are grotesque situations, and racy little bits of byplay which will not fail to excite the risible faculties of the reader, and carry him irresistibly to the end of the story. These brilliant sallies of quaint and peculiar fun are relieved by the light and shade of gaiety and pathos, and there is no lack of harmony in the tints that are thrown in, here to heighten, and there to mellow, the picture before us. We congratulate Mr. Hopkins upon his successful treatment of a subject none the less difficult because, in dealing with this class of character, there is a strong temptation to exaggerate and over-colour. He has judiciously avoided this fault, and his faithfulness to life is one of the chief recommendations of his narrative. The volume bristles with mirth and entertainment, and will be welcomed into many a household as a chatty and agreeable satire on the foibles and vanities which are every day abundantly cropping up in all sorts and conditions of society, and which, though we may ourselves imitate them, we naturally see more strongly marked in others. In style of typography and binding, the work is an ornament to the library or drawing-room table, while the entertaining character of its contents will raise many a smile in the intervals of relaxation and leisure between the more solid hours of business duty. To converse mentally with such characters, and to follow the incidents here recorded, is a splendid tonic for driving dull care away; and we can only share the natural desire of the author that his audience may be as extensive and appreciative as he has found it to be in respect to the previous efforts of his pen.

On Tuesday next, the 18th instant, at the Beethoven Rooms 27 Harley-street, Cavendish-square, Bro. Signor Macchiavelli will give a Soirée Musicale, which, to judge from the character of the programme that has been issued, is likely to prove of surpassing interest. Among the vocalists, in addition to the beneficiary himself, are Mesdles. G. Avigliana and Eugenie Papritz, Miss Nettie Mertens, and Signori E. Bonetti and A. Zoboli. Signor Tito Mattei will preside at the pianoforte, and Signor G. Erba will discourse sweet music on the violin. Conductor Signor A. Romili. The programme, which includes choice selections from the works of Verdi, Balfe, Donizetti, Rossini, Schubert, Gounod, Boucetti, Mattei, &c., is a most attractive one.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the annual supper of the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, will take place at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury-square, on Monday, the 24th instant, at 7.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by the esteemed Preceptor Bro. Trevinnard P.M., who will be seconded in the fulfilment of his task by the worthy Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. R. P. Forge. We have every confidence that this anniversary meeting will pass off successfully.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900.

THE regular meeting of this new and rapidly increasing Lodge was held on the 12th instant, at the Inns of Court, Lincoln's Inn Fields, where the members were honoured by the presence of several Provincial Grand Officers. The first banner, with the arms of Right Worshipful Bro. Montague Guest, was hung over the W.M.'s chair. Bros. W. H. Dean P.P.G.S.B. Dorset W.M., G. P. Festa S.W., F. R. W. Hedges J.W., J. D. Collier P.M. 1366 Secretary, Dr. Capou S.D., H. Slyman J.D., W. H. Gardner I.G., S. Brooks P.M. M.C., W. Staff Org., E. Doble Steward, B. Bantz Tyler. Visitors—Dr. S. Skinner P.P.G.A.D.C. Dorset W.M. 665, L. Bailey P.M. 257, E. Dunkley 874, H. Massey W.M. 1928 P.M. 619, J. Docker P.M. 1687, Platt P.P.G.W. Cheshire, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The W.M. in the name of Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.D., Prov. G.M. Dorset, proposed, and the proposition was duly seconded, "That this Lodge begs to express to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen its deep sense of indignation and horror at the recent outrageous attempt on her life, and its feeling of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. at Her Majesty's most providential escape therefrom." This was carried by acclamation, Bro. Festa S.W. making some supplementary remarks. Bro. Brooke P.M. 1608 M.C. presented to the Lodge a very elegant silver square, with the names of the founders engraved on it, and for which a special vote of thanks was accorded, the same to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Austin was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Young was passed. Messrs. H. Nisbett Pratt and Edenborough were balloted for, and accepted. The former gentleman, being in attendance, was duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. rendering the ceremony perfectly and impressively; indeed, every Officer was perfect. Bro. C. Hambro D.P.G.M. Dorset, and Dr. Shorter Skinner, W.M. Montague Lodge 665, Lyme Regis, were unanimously elected joining members. The Bye-Laws were read, and the election for W.M. took place, the choice of the brethren falling on Bro. Festa S.W., who was unanimously elected to that office. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Festa, and said no better Master could have been selected; he was sure he would carry out every duty required of him, and all wished him health and strength. Bro. Festa, in suitable terms, returned thanks. The W.M. here announced that the R.W. Bro. Montague Guest had taken the office of Treasurer for the first year only, and the brethren then unanimously elected the present W.M., Bro. Dean, to henceforth fulfil the duties. An Audit Committee was next appointed. The W.M. stated that, as the Lodge would be adjourned until October, he proposed to hold a Lodge of emergency during the summer months, to enable those brethren who to-night were unable to be present to be initiated. The W.M. stated he was about to act as Steward for the Girls' School, and he thanked the Officers and brethren for the help they had given him, whereby he had been able to collect seventy guineas for his list. Bro. Festa S.W. proposed that the sum of ten guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge to present the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, and two and a half guineas for a P.M.'s collar and jewel, in consideration of the admirable manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, and in token of the respect he is held in; this was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned until October. The brethren sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Gosden. The W.M. briefly introduced the Loyal toasts, which received full honour, and then Bro. Brookes P.M. M.C. rose; he felt a great pleasure in taking the gavel to propose the health of the W.M.; he was sure the brethren would honour the toast. Bro. Dean was a model as to how Masons' work should be carried out; he had set an example such as all Worshipful Masters should follow. The members had seen his working, which had been, and would continue to be perfect, and would be continued by the Lodge in the future. He would ask them to drink the toast with the sincerity it merited. The Worshipful Master, in replying, thanked Bro. Brookes; it was to him a great pleasure to work in and for the Lodge; but he had to thank his Officers for their assistance. He sincerely hoped the Lodge would continue as successful. What had been achieved was far beyond his expectations. When he handed the gavel to his successor he was sure it would be to a Mason worthy to hold it. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiate, who by his attention to the ceremony led them to believe he was one who would be a credit to the Order. Bro. Pratt in a humorous speech responded. The W.M. then complimented the Visitors. The Lodge was proud to see them. Visiting created a good feeling and a fraternal regard each for the other. Bro. Platt P.P.G.W. Cheshire in responding said, he never saw the working of the three degrees better performed than he had seen that evening. Brother Bailey P.M. 251 fully endorsed what had just been said; he had been all over the Provinces, and never saw better working than that of the W.M. and his Officers. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Brookes, who took the Office with great readiness, and all were indebted to him for his services, not only as I.P.M. but also as M.C. Brother Brooke thought it the duty of every one who had passed the chair to render service to a Lodge with which he was associated; he should only be too pleased to do so in this Lodge. He thanked them for the reception they had given the toast. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Secretary, stated that Bro. Collier had been a great acquisition to the Lodge. He was proficient in his duties, and had fulfilled them conscientiously. He hoped Brother Collier might be among them for many years. Bro. Collier P.M. responded; while he occupied the position of Secretary he hoped to do his duty to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Joining Member, Bro. Dr. Skinner P. Prov. G.A.D.C. The Lodge would be pleased to receive joining members, but none would be more welcome than the brethren from Dorset. The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Dr. Skinner, in appro-

private terms, responded. The toast of the Officers came next. All had done their duty, and the W.M. was proud of them. Bro. Festa responded. He felt highly gratified, and could only express his thanks for the unanimous manner in which he had been elected to the chair; he would try to emulate the present W.M., and, if the Officers would support him, he would do all required. He, with the Founders and members, had the welfare of the Lodge at heart. On behalf of the Officers, he begged to return sincere thanks. The Tyler's toast was next given, and the proceedings terminated. Bros. Staff, Austin, Gardner, and Dr. Capon, contributed to the hamony.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the following Officers being present:—Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., R. Barleton S.W., J. Barker J.W., L. F. Littell P.M. Sec., J. H. Pavitt S.D., M. Christian J.D., Seymour-Smith Organist, A. Sanders I.G., J. L. Cornu Steward, several of the Past Masters of the Lodge, a fair attendance of members, and the following among visitors:—Bros. C. Hogg P.M. 92, A. Hines P.M. 1609, G. Manners W.M. 1589, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, C. B. Todd 27, W. H. Making I.G. 1278, H. Evans S. 144, J. Hoare 1744, John Fisher 1744, T. Bolt 45, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, J. Doterill 1624, J. Hunt P.M. 1772, Walter Elliott 1567, T. C. Walls P.M. 1512, J. W. Braund 72, A. Barfield Prov. J.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, F. A. Jewson 1827, D. Hart 1681, H. Follett P.M. 45, D. Wetherill J.W. 1681, W. Honeyball S.W. 1681, J. Byrne 1681, T. Minstrell J.W. 1928. The business of the day comprised, besides the installation of Bro. Barleton, the working of the first and third ceremonies, the former in favour of Bro. Ames, and the latter on behalf of Bro. Jenkins. The W.M. elect having been duly placed in the chair, invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Barker S.W., Pavitt J.W., W. H. Wallington P.M. Treasurer (absent through ill health), Littell Sec., Christian S.D., Sanders J.D., Seymour-Smith Org., Cornu I.G., and Bond Steward. The whole of the ceremonies of the day were worked by the W.M. Bro. Smith in really excellent style, the praise bestowed on him later in the evening being well deserved. In due course, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given. The Master having proposed the healths of the Queen, the G. Master, and the G. Officers, the I.P.M. Bro. Smith assumed the gavel. He had a very pleasing duty to perform—to propose the health of the W.M., and he was sure the toast would be received with a great amount of enthusiasm. He had worked side by side with their W.M. for many years, and had found him at all times attentive to his duties. He began at the lowest office in the Lodge, and began, too, with the determination of doing well; indeed, he might say that Bro. Barleton was one of the best Stewards of a Lodge he had ever met with. When a brother began well in the minor offices, he was sure to become a good Master. He had much pleasure in submitting the toast. The brethren having responded most heartily, Bro. T. B. Dodson sang "Nil Desperandum," in first-rate form, and this was followed by a violin solo by Miss Dunbar Perkins, which was justly applauded. The W.M., in reply, desired to thank the brethren for the very cordial reception they had given to the toast just proposed by their I.P.M. When he joined the Lodge, he had the good fortune to be initiated by their esteemed Bro. Wallington, who, he regretted, was not present that evening. He then felt he should never be satisfied if he did not attain the chair of the Lodge, and that, he was pleased to say, he now occupied. He had worked through many of the minor offices, and had acted as Steward—to which office the I.P.M. had specially referred—for two years. He was very pleased to be in the chair of this, his mother Lodge. From what he knew of it, he believed the members liked to enjoy themselves. It should certainly not be his fault if they did not enjoy themselves during the coming year. The next toast, given from the chair, was that of the I.P.M. The W.M. felt the Lodge had never had a member more respected than was Bro. Smith. He had really the good of Freemasonry at heart, and was a proficient in the various ceremonies. He had that evening worked the third, the first, and the installation ceremony—a fair test for any brother—but he had always been a hard worker in the Order. The W.M. had great pleasure in now placing on the breast of his predecessor the jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren, and hoped that Bro. Smith might live for many years to wear it in the Dalhousie Lodge. He was sure that so long as Bro. Smith remained in this world he would be one of the best members of the Craft. Bro. Smith tendered his thanks for the very kind way in which the brethren had received the toast, and for the uniform kindness he had received at their hands in the past; it far exceeded anything he could have anticipated. He trusted he might be spared for many years to be present at Dalhousie Lodge. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Initiate. This was, he said, a toast always approved in Freemasonry. They had that night received into their Lodge a worthy man, and one who he felt would become a worthy brother. Indeed he was sure such would be the case, from the way in which he had answered the several questions during his initiation; he could only hope he might become a credit to the Lodge. The Entered Apprentice Song was sung by Bro. Seymour-Smith, and then Bro. Weige gave his popular drinking song, after which the initiate replied. He trusted he should always conduct himself in a way that would meet the approval of the brethren. He was very thankful for the way in which he had been received that evening, and proud to become a member of the Craft. The toast of the Visitors was given, after another violin solo. This was a toast, the Master said, which was always well received in the Dalhousie Lodge. It was really a noted one for hospitality, it not unfrequently having as many visitors as members at its meetings. They had many present that night, of whom not a few were well known at their meetings—a fact which proved they were so well entertained as to be willing to come again—an example the members, one and all, would be pleased to see followed by the several guests.

He could only say that he hoped each and all had enjoyed the proceedings they had witnessed during the evening. Bro. Walls was the first to reply. He always considered it a pleasing duty to respond to the toast of the Visitors, as it was one of the toasts which was usually proposed and received most heartily in a Masonic Lodge. It was, at the same time, a toast always to be encouraged, as visiting was—in his estimation—one of the principal parts of Freemasonry. He was also glad to hear that the M.W. the Grand Master had been pleased to bestow the honour of Grand Office on one of the Officers of this Lodge, and, in the name of the Visitors, begged to offer congratulations, not only to Bro. Littell, but to the Lodge of which he was so distinguished a member. Bro. Barfield followed. He felt each Visitor could but feel delighted at the reception accorded by the members of the Dalhousie Lodge, which, he hoped, would go on prospering in the future as it had done in the past. Other of the guests having replied, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. He was, indeed, sorry that Bro. Wallington, their esteemed Past Master and Treasurer, was prevented, by ill health, from being among them that day. He thought he might say it was the first time that brother had been absent since he (the W.M.) had been a member of the Lodge. While they all regretted his absence, they even more regretted the cause which led to it, and he felt all would unite in wishing him a speedy return to health. It was unnecessary to refer to his services to Freemasonry, as he was so well known in the Craft, particularly as Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, at Hackney. In Bro. Littell, their Treasurer, they had a worthy Secretary. The Master was pleased, as he felt each member would be, to hear that Bro. Littell had been selected by the M.W. the Grand Master as an Officer of Grand Lodge. He felt, as it had been said, that it was not possible for every London Lodge to receive such an honour, but he was sure there were few brethren who more deserved the compliment than did Bro. Littell. Bro. Secretary thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the toast. He must first express his great regret at the absence of his colleague, Bro. Wallington. He remembered, many years since, when their present Treasurer was in a minor office, one of the Past Masters remarking that the Lodge had a very worthy Mason in the Inner Guard, which was the office Bro. Wallington then filled. Since that time he had proved the remark was quite justified. Bro. Wallington had occupied the office of Treasurer for some years, and in that position it had been his good fortune as Secretary to work side by side with him, and when he looked back, he was very very proud of the association. On his own behalf, Bro. Littell thanked the brethren for the reception always accorded him; he trusted he might ever merit the esteem and approval of every brother in the Lodge. The toast of the Past Masters followed, Bros. Dodson, Weige, and Dickens replying. Bro. Dodson was sorry to think he was the oldest Past Master left at the festive board, as it reminded him it must be getting very late, and accordingly that the enjoyment of the meeting was coming to an end. It was only some eight years since he had had the honour of being initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge; now he replied to the toast of the Past Masters thereof. At the time of his initiation the Lodge was much smaller than at present; he and the Past Masters generally were gratified at its general success. Bro. Weige could refer to a membership of twelve years in the Lodge. He had served each of the offices in it, and hoped to remain as one of its Past Masters for many years to come. He trusted he had performed the work entrusted to him as well as any who had gone before him; of one thing he was certain—he had endeavoured to do his duty. It was his privilege to visit many Lodges, and naturally he liked to compare what he saw elsewhere with what he knew took place at the Dalhousie. His experience was that the Dalhousie was really to the fore, and that harmony and the true spirit of brotherhood prevailed among its members. Bro. Dickens, as the last, and, he said, the least, of the Past Masters, also thanked the brethren. He was very proud of the position he had attained in the Lodge, and trusted he might live for many years to be present as one of its Past Masters. The toast of the Officers brought the programme to an end. The evening was rendered enjoyable by the musical ability of the members, many of whom, particularly Bros. Smith, Dodson, Weige, Walls, &c., rendered their songs in first-rate style.

STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THIS ancient Lodge, a brief outline of the establishment of which we gave in an early number of our volume for 1875, celebrated its anniversary, on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Leadenhall-street, City: thus marking, according to the W.M., an existence of a century and a half. Bro. Cordingley, the W.M. of the past year, occupied the chair, and was well supported, notwithstanding the fact that the Lodge was called for an early hour. The following Officers were present during the meeting:—Bros. W. A. S. Humphries S.W., W. Ball J.W., H. Follett P.M. Treasurer, A. Wing P.M. Secretary, J. Smith S.D., W. Nell J.D., T. S. Fountaine I.G., J. Vass D.C., V. R. Callow and R. E. Hunt Stewards; Past Masters Dyer, Driver, Moss, J. G. Defriez. The second degree having been conferred on Bro. Locke, Bro. Moss, P.M. and Father of the Lodge, assumed the gavel, and Bro. W. A. S. Humphries being duly presented, he was regularly installed, afterwards appointing the following as his assistant Officers:—Bros. Ball S.W., Smith J.W., Follett Treasurer, Wing Secretary, Driver P.M. M.C., Nell S.D., Fountaine J.D., Callow I.G., Hunt, Stanton, and Thomas Stewards. The ceremony of installation was then completed, the whole having been performed in a manner which left nothing to be desired. Bro. Hemsworth P.M. presented to the Lodge an ancient Masonic sword, which he said he believed could only be equalled by the one at Grand Lodge. Bro. Follett P.M. and Treasurer also made a present to the Lodge in the form of a kneeling-stool, which he remarked they had long been in want of. In recognition of these presents, the two donors were unanimously thanked by

the brethren, and a memorandum of the fact was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. After the transaction of other minor business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet, the usual toasts following in due course. The Queen having been honoured, that of His Royal Highness the Grand Master was given. All who had had the opportunity of attending the special Grand Lodge must have been struck with the great enthusiasm manifested when it was known the Prince would attend, and the desire on all sides to give the Grand Master a fitting welcome. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers followed. It was of course impossible for the rulers of the Craft to attend every meeting of the Grand Body, but the Master felt assured they were pleased to do so whenever it was possible, and at all times they had the interest of the Craft at heart. The Master next proposed Masonic Charity, or rather, as it had been put on the toast list as the Masonic Charities, he would adopt that reading. He had intended the toast in its broadest sense of Masonic charity, but he had particular pleasure in referring to the three Institutions of the Order. He looked upon them as the finest Charities in the world, and would urge on every brother who had not already supported them, to do so at once, while to those who had worked for them in the past, he would recommend increased exertions. As he had not the company of any one officially connected with the Institutions, he would call upon Bros. Massey and Morgan, the representatives of the Masonic Press, to reply to the toast, as, the Masonic Press having done so much on their behalf, he felt those two brethren were well able to reply. Bro. Massey acknowledged the toast, willingly responding to the call of the W.M., but regretting he should have been selected, as, although the Masonic Press did all in its power to promote the true interests of the three Institutions, he was personally unequal, at a moment's notice, to make a speech in their defence, except perhaps on general grounds. He had not the advantage, as the several Secretaries had, of a large mass of figures at his fingers' end to which to refer, but felt he could conscientiously recommend their support to one and all. Bro. Cordingley gave the toast of the W.M. He felt the proposition of this toast did not require many words from him. The Lodge had gone on for a century, a half century, and yet more, and on that night, as well this year as in the past, a new Master had been installed. Bro. Humphries, their present Worshipful Master, was fitted for the post, being well up in the work, and proficient in his knowledge of the Craft. Before drinking the toast, he could but refer to the pleasure they had experienced in having among them so old a P.M. as Bro. Moss, who had attended at very great trouble, having got up specially from a bed of sickness to work the ceremony of installation on that occasion. Bro. Humphries briefly returned his thanks. Whatever he could do to further the interests of the Strong Man Lodge he should most certainly undertake. He was almost afraid they were expecting too much of him; still he would do his best. He had hoped to have had the pleasure of proposing the health of an initiate of their own Lodge that evening, but unfortunately the brother expected was unable to attend; he therefore felt justified in asking the brethren to drink the health of an initiate of another Lodge they had among them on this occasion. He had only just joined the Craft, and would doubtless appreciate the honour now paid him in a strange Lodge as much as he would do in his mother Lodge. He, therefore, asked the brethren to drink with him the health of Bro. Charlton, and at the same time to wish him success in his Masonic career. The next toast was that of the I.P.M.—given from the chair. The Master was sure the manner in which Bro. Cordingley had performed the work of his year of office merited the approval of every member. He had done remarkably well; his hope was, that he might be as successful, and he trusted that at the conclusion of his tenure of office he might be equally as worthy to receive a jewel as he that night considered his immediate predecessor was. He then presented to Bro. Cordingley a Past Master's jewel, accompanying the presentation with good wishes for his future. Bro. Cordingley thanked the W.M. and brethren. He was glad to think his efforts in the chair had met with approval. He should endeavour to still further advance the fortunes of the Strong Man Lodge, and fix it on a still firmer basis. The health of the Visitors was the next toast. The W.M. gave all a hearty welcome, and was very pleased to see so goodly an array. He was himself what he might call an erratic visitor—going first to one Lodge, then to another, seldom repeating visits—and by this means made many friends, cemented old friendships, and otherwise enjoyed his visits. Bro. Wilday, Bilbay, and Crowder replied, as did also other of the guests. The Past Masters having been toasted, the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was submitted. Bro. Follett, the Treasurer, promised to do his utmost to make the Strong Man Lodge strong in more than name. He referred to his knowledge of it in the past, and was pleased to know it was still prospering. Bro. Wing, as Secretary, also said a few words, likewise comparing the present position of the Lodge, with that it enjoyed some few years since. The Officers of the Lodge concluded the programme, which was interspersed with some first-rate songs, the musical arrangements, both in Lodge and at the banquet, being under the direction of Bro. Knight-Smith, who was supported by Bros. Frost, Evans and Kift. One special song, "The Strong Man Lodge," we give in extenso; it was composed by H. H. Leask, and sung on this occasion by Bro. Knight-Smith, the brethren heartily joining in the good wishes expressed in the chorus.

"THE STRONG MAN LODGE."

When brothers at the festive board,
Masonic toasts go round,
May the chief be—"The Strong Man Lodge,"
Its ancient fame resound.
A hundred years and more have gone
Since it was founded fast,
Oh! may the present be with us
As prosperous as the past!

CHORUS—

Then here's "The Strong Man Lodge,"
And, prompt at duty's call;
Long may the brethren thrive,
The Strong Men one and all.

In courage strong, as Masons true,
Our Order to defend;
And strong the welcome which we give,
A brother and a friend,
Strong in our purpose to uphold
Our Brotherhood of love;
Founded on earth, to be confirmed
In the Grand Lodge above.

CHORUS—Then here's, &c.

Among the Visitors were Bros. R. C. Hallows 33, T. F. Knight-Smith P.M. 1441, John Evans J.W. 753, W. H. Frost 1728, J. Kift 1791, W. C. Niblett 1196, B. H. Ridge 1347, L. Wilday J.D. 11, J. H. Crowther P.M. 1457 P.G. Reg. Essex, Richard Josey J.W. 1828, E. F. Day 534, F. Gabriel 860, A. G. Fidler J.W. 1237, F. H. A. Hardcastle 1328, T. Charlton 1712, D. R. Byer 1507, James Bonce 813, R. W. Bilby 19, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, H. J. Dean 1260.

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The annual meeting of the Constantine Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 145, was held on Wednesday evening, 12th inst., at the George Hotel, Colchester, when Wor. Bro. Rev. E. H. Crate P.M.M. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Nine candidates were balloted for and elected, and Monday, 15th May, was fixed for their advancement. A joining member was also elected.

We sincerely congratulate the *Evening News* on the excellence of its Masonic Column. Its collection of news shows great judgment, and the manner in which it is conveyed leaves nothing to be desired. In its issue of the current week are several interesting paragraphs. Thus, in the first instance, it announces that the John Hervey Memorial Fund propose distributing a portion of its funds to the four highest unsuccessful candidates, male and female, immediately after the election in May next to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. But the Committee, as will be seen, are anxious the Fund should be still further increased, and in the following terms invite co-operation:—"Before closing the subscription list the committee are anxious to enlist the co-operation of those Lodges and Chapters that have not yet replied to their former appeal. They have to report that upwards of £900 having been received by them, they have already invested £800 in New Three per Cent. Annuities, in the names of four trustees, and in order fully to carry out the original benevolent intentions on which this effect is based, they earnestly ask that should your Lodge not have already contributed, it will respond with a donation, if only one of small amount." Be it added, that the sum proposed to be given to each of the four unsuccessful candidates is set down at £10. The same authority announces that the Lord Mayor, Bro. J. Whittaker Ellis W.M. No. 1, will be the Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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. On Monday at 2 also.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.
HAYMARKET.—SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER, and A LESSON.
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. This day (Saturday) at 2 also.
COURT.—At 7.45, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU.
ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.
COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8, THE MASCOTTE. (Last night.)
GAIETY.—At 7.15, THOSE GIRLS. At 8.30, THE FORTY THIEVES.
TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, OUT AT ELBOWS. At 8.30, AUNTIE, &c.
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.50, MOTHER-IN-LAW. At 10, VULCAN, &c.
GLOBE.—At 8, MANKIND.
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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-inn-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 8th April 1882,

Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the General Business was disposed of, the whole of the APPROVED CANDIDATES, were declared duly ELECTED.

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| No. on Poll | No. on List | | Votes |
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| 1 | 43 | Truman, Hugh Becket | 3002 |
| 2 | 3 | Lee, Sidney Edward | 2427 |
| 3 | 25 | Ashdown, Arthur Durham | 2344 |
| 4 | 19 | Fowke, Alexander W. | 2285 |
| 5 | 4 | Clark, Frederick Arthur | 2279 |
| 6 | 57 | Saville, Charles Edward | 2270 |
| 7 | 13 | Jordison, Hugh Lloyd | 2277 |
| 8 | 10 | Burgess, Harold Thomas | 2257 |
| 9 | 58 | Lewis, Francis William | 2250 |
| 10 | 32 | Hewitt, John Herbert | 2238 |
| 11 | 42 | Roe, Frederick Swyer | 2225 |
| 12 | 67 | Whittaker, William Henry | 2119 |
| 13 | 53 | Seller, Frank Russell | 2115 |
| 14 | 7 | Gurney, Charles Aubrey | 2068 |
| 15 | 12 | Jones, Cleophas C. B. | 2050 |

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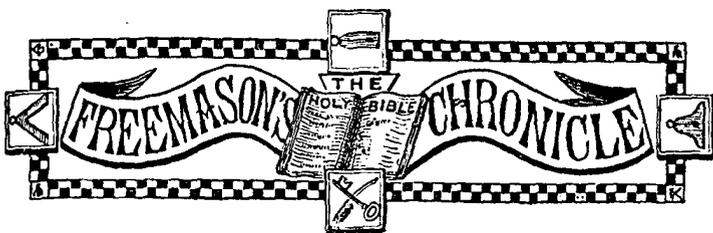
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THE SO-CALLED "ANCIENT" MASONS.

IT is very doubtful if the circumstances which led to the great secession of last century will ever be satisfactorily cleared up, neither is it likely we shall ever be in a position to fix the time when the Seceders became a sufficiently compact and numerous body to justify their organising a Grand Lodge after the manner of that which governed the body with which they had severed their connection. The discovery of unknown records might help us somewhat, but though they might explain many points which are now far from being clear, and might possibly also supply more than one hiatus, I am greatly in doubt if the whole career of the Great Schism, from its inception to its culmination in the establishment of a Grand Lodge, will ever be much better known. So far, however, as I can do so, I purpose, in the present paper, to give a clear and connected sketch of the origin and progress of this so-called "Ancient" Masonry.

Very few years had elapsed after the establishment, in 1717, of our Grand Lodge ere there seemed to be the prospect of a somewhat serious schism in the ranks of the Craft. It is on record that John Duke of Montagu, who was the first nobleman chosen to be Grand Master, gave so much satisfaction to the brethren that he was nominated a second time to fill that high office. His re-nomination, however, gave umbrage to the friends of the eccentric Duke of Wharton. An irregular meeting was held, at which the latter nobleman was chosen Grand Master, and there seemed every likelihood of a violent disruption of the Fraternity even at this early period of its history—all this happened in 1722, or only five years after the establishment of Grand Lodge—when the Duke of Montagu, with a generosity and forbearance which must ever endear his memory to the Craft, stepped forward and waived his undoubted right in favour of his rival, and the Duke of Wharton was duly installed his successor. During the twelve years that followed, our Society appears to have made substantial progress. New Lodges were constituted at home and abroad, the brethren increased not only in numbers but in influence, and were favourably regarded by the public, and there seemed every prospect of the Craft continuing to work harmoniously. In 1734, however, when the Earl of Crawford was Grand Master, it was necessary to pass a somewhat severe enactment with a view to putting a stop to the malpractices of certain unworthy brethren who had "lately met secretly, and to the discredit of the Society," had "initiated persons into Masonry on small and inadequate fees;" and it will probably surprise most of my hearers when I tell them among the brethren who thus brought them-

selves under the ban of Grand Lodge was no less a person than Bro. Anthony Sayer, our first Grand Master. To this unworthy conduct, comparatively trifling as it must seem to us at the present time, is traceable, in my humble opinion, all the dissensions that followed. Moreover, it is in accordance with general experience that most of the great events which have happened in the world's history had their origin in some small and insignificant beginnings. One irregularity begets another and perhaps greater irregularity, and one departure, however slight from the letter and spirit of the law, is pretty certain to be followed by another which is not so slight. This admission of unworthy persons into the ranks of the Fraternity was sure to create trouble. They could not very well be driven out again; indeed, having regard to the short time our Grand Lodge had been in existence, any such course of proceeding would have been impolitic. Still no very serious harm would have been done if the authorities had shown greater wisdom in their administration of the Craft. But about this time, or, to be more precise, in the year 1735, extraordinary privileges were granted to the then newly-constituted Grand Stewards' Lodge. It was permitted to send to Grand Lodge a deputation of twelve members, who were allowed to wear red aprons, and vote as individuals; and it was further resolved that in future the Grand Officers should be chosen from its ranks. This, as Kloss very properly points out, was a grievous mistake, and very soon caused wide-spread dissatisfaction. Then, as now, the office of Grand Steward was an expensive one. This innovation, therefore, was tantamount to placing a premium on mere wealth, as contradistinguished from merit, and brethren began to look upon this wealth as henceforth the basis of promotion to the highest offices of the Masonic State. Such a step would have been unwise at any time, but it was additionally unwise so soon after sundry of the brethren had been taken severely to task. But a course of impolicy, having been once entered upon, was pursued to even greater lengths, and when the new edition of the Book of Constitutions made its appearance in 1738, it was found that sundry alterations had been made in the charges as published in 1723. I am not disposed to lay any great stress on these alterations, and I think it very unlikely that, had they stood alone, they would have greatly imperilled the unity of the Craft. But, following as they did on the innovations already referred to in connection with the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and the difficulties caused by the initiation of unworthy persons, there is, I imagine, no reason to doubt that these alterations brought matters to a climax, and a crisis in our history was hastened, which might have been avoided had greater wisdom been shown in the government of the society.

Thus far I have endeavoured to shew how the Masonic Schism of last century was brought about, and I think it will be pretty generally admitted that it was due, not so much to any one particular cause as to a number of causes put together. Other reasons, however, have been assigned by other writers, and this sketch would be decidedly incomplete if I omitted noticing them. Preston, for instance, in his enumeration of the causes which brought about this lamentable disunion, remarks: "A number of dissatisfied brethren, having separated themselves from the regular Lodges, held meetings in different places, for the purpose of initiating persons into Masonry, contrary to the Laws of the Grand Lodge. These Seceding brethren, taking advantage of the breach which had been made in the friendly intercourse between the Grand Lodges of London and York, on being censured for their conduct, immediately assumed, at the irregular meetings, convened without authority, the character of York Masons." Now, it appears to me, and I have the authority of the learned Findel in support of my opinion, that this notion of Preston's is entirely erroneous. I am not questioning the occurrence of the irregularities he refers to, for I have already included them among the causes which I consider to be at the bottom of the Secession, but I see no reason for importing into the controversy the G. Lodge of all England at York and its supposed disagreement with the G. Lodge in London. So far as is known, the two were on amicable terms. I have shown, in a former paper, that this was so in 1726, and again in 1767, and, moreover, at the time the feeling of dissatisfaction in the Craft was most acute, and for years afterwards, the Grand Lodge at York was in a state of dormancy. It is difficult to understand how a body so circumstanced could have taken umbrage at the presumed

encroachments on its authority by the London Grand Lodge, when the latter established two new Lodges in York—one in 1734 and the second in 1738. Preston observes that from the constitution of the latter "all correspondence between the two Grand Lodges ceased," as well it might have done, seeing that from 1730 to 1761 one of the two bodies was in abeyance, while I have already stated that in 1767 a communication passed between the two, in which reference was made by Grand Secretary Lambert, of York, to the discontinuance of the Lodge No. 259, Stonegate, which had been warranted by the Grand Lodge of London. There is, I think, no evidence whatever to show that, directly or indirectly, the Grand Lodge at York had anything to do with the secession of brethren from the ranks of the Grand Lodge of London, or with their subsequent establishment of the Grand Lodge of so-called "Ancient" Masons in 1753. How could it when it was all the time in abeyance?

Kloss thinks the innovations I have noted "were not by any means a sufficient reason for disunion in the Fraternity. He points out, however, that—see Findel's "History of Freemasonry," p 474—"the war in Flanders from 1741-48, brought the English and French Masons into closer proximity, who had then an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the newly-devised so-called high degrees; and with the invasion of the Pretender Charles Edward Stuart, 1745-46, an offshoot was probably transplanted into Scotland. The seeds thus disseminated had the more time to thrive as the Grand Master Byron from 1747-52, was constantly absent from the country, and the Grand Lodge became completely powerless, as no regularity in the business was observed." There is no doubt considerable force in these views, at least as to the effect of Lord Byron's absence from the country and its consequences. No doubt, too, it was the development of the Royal Arch Degree, which strengthened the determination of the seceders to remain aloof from the Grand Lodge. Yet I hold, with Findel, that the Secession began about 1738-9, and, as I have argued, I believe it arose from the measures taken against the unworthy brethren who had made Masons clandestinely and the innovations introduced into the Society in connection with the Grand Stewards' Lodge. The question, as I said at the outset, will in all probability be set at rest, and therefore I must leave my hearers to form their own opinion of the merits of the case as I have stated it.

What happened in the ranks of the Seceders prior to 1753, beyond the establishment of a Grand Committee as a governing body, is not known. Suffice it to say, that in that year a Bro. Robert Turner was chosen as Grand Master. In 1754 he was succeeded by the Hon. Edward Vaughan. In 1756 the Earl of Blessington, who had been Grand Master of Ireland in 1738-9, was elected Grand Master, and in 1760 was succeeded by the Hon. Thomas Mathew. In 1771 John, third Duke of Athole, who was Grand Master of Scotland 1773, was appointed, and after his death in 1774 John, fourth Duke of Athole, took his place, and retained it till 1781, being chosen Grand Master of Scotland in the interim—1778-9. During the year 1782 the office of Grand Master was vacant, but the authority was exercised by Bro. W. Dickey, the late Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Grand Committee. From 1783 to 1791, however, Randal Earl, and subsequently Marquis, of Antrim, Grand Master of Ireland in 1773 and 1779, was Grand Master of "the Ancients," and then the fourth Duke of Athole resumed the office, and continued to hold it till 1813, when he resigned, in order to make way for H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, and the re-union of the whole body of English Masons under one Grand Lodge. From the long connection of the Athole family with the "Ancients," it will be easy to understand how they came to be known as the "Athole" Masons.

PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL COMPANY.—The ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Freemasons' Hall and Club Company was held in the banquet hall of the club on Monday, 10th inst., Mr. Alderman W. D. King, J.P., in the chair. The Secretary (Mr. E. S. Main) read the report and balance sheet, which declared a dividend of five per cent., and was unanimously adopted. Messrs. S. R. Ellis and J. Craven were re-elected, and Mr. J. Willmott was elected in the place of Mr. George Wilkins, as directors. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and Messrs. T. Pratt Wills and T. H. Casey were elected auditors.

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THE GRAND MASTER AT PORTSMOUTH.

ON Sunday evening H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., paid a visit to the Masonic Club, Commercial-road, Portsmouth, and was received by the Chairman of Directors (Alderman W. D. King) and the Secretary (Mr. E. S. Main), by whom His Royal Highness was escorted through the handsome Lodge and the capacious banquetting room. Before leaving, the Prince expressed his best wishes for the success of the Institution. On Tuesday at 12:30 the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1,903, of which Commander Lord Charles Beresford, who is now on duty in the Mediterranean, is the first W.M., assembled in their Lodge room, the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, to receive the Prince of Wales, who had on the previous day intimated to Brother A. L. Emanuel, the Hon. Secretary, his desire to visit the Lodge. The staircase leading to the Lodge was dressed with red cloth, and the brethren ranged on either side of the entrance. The Prince was accompanied by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar (who, although not a member of the Craft, was invited to be present, as it was not proposed to tyle the Lodge, the compliment being paid to His Serene Highness in recognition of the honour he had done the Lodge by allowing it to be named after him), Lord Carrington, and several Officers. His Royal Highness, on entering, was introduced to Brother H. W. Townsend the I.P.M. who is acting W.M., and conducted through the line of brethren to the Lodge, where the Officers were severally introduced. The band of the 2nd Battalion Royal Highlanders (Black Watch) were stationed below, and, under the direction of Brother Buck, played "God save the Queen," as the Lodge was entered. Bro. Silvester sang "God bless the Prince of Wales," the chorus being taken by the brethren, and Brother J. Winterbottom, the Organist, accompanying on the harmonium. Brother Townsend said: "My Lord, Gentlemen, and Brethren,—In the absence of Brother the Worshipful Master Lord Charles Beresford, it is my pleasing duty to ask you to drink the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who has kindly honoured us with his presence here to-day. It will need but few words from me to ensure for this toast a hearty reception. Scarcely twelvemonths has passed since the idea was first entertained of forming this Lodge, and I think the promoters of it could scarcely have anticipated that in so short a time it would become, as it now is, one of the strongest Lodges in the Province of Hampshire. This, I am sure, is mainly due to the fact that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and his two illustrious brothers have graciously honoured us by becoming honorary members of the Lodge. I ask you, brethren, without any further comment, to drink most heartily the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in reply, said: I thank you very much for the compliment you have paid me to-day, and I assure you it has given me great pleasure to come to this new Lodge, of which I have heard so much through your Worshipful Master, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. It is with great pleasure I have heard and seen what I have, and experienced your kind reception. All I have now to do is to ask you to drink, as I do most cordially, the health of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, coupled with the name of your Worshipful Master Lord Charles Beresford, whose absence we all, I am sure, deeply regret to-day. Captain Haldane: On the part of the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, I beg to return our most hearty thanks to His Royal Highness for the honour he has done us in coming to this Lodge, and proposing the toast he has done. Brother Townsend next asked those present to drink the health of His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. Prince Edward said he was very obliged to them for drinking his health in that Masonic Lodge, which they had done him the honour to call after him. He felt very much flattered at it, and very much pleased indeed to have attended with His Royal Highness. The Prince then retired, and as he left the building was received with cheers by the people who were collected outside. "Albert Edward G.M." heads the list in the Lodge book, in which the other entries were:—Members of the Lodge—Bros. H. W. Townsend I.P.M., T. Page S.W., Lieutenant Sackville H. Carden, R.N., J.W., Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. L. Emanuel Secretary, R. Martyn S.D., Lieutenant Southwell T. Bourke, R.N., J.D., John Lind P.M. M.C., J. McLeod (Sergeant-Major Royal Engineers) I.G., John Winterbottom Organist, Sam P. Knight S.; P.M.'s James Knight, G. Haldane, Emanuel Hyams; William C. Primmer, Simon Hyne, George Backler, William Royston Pike, T. Tufnell, A. E. Elmes, H. Lane, J. C. Hay, Ian Fraser, W. A. Marshallsay, W. Maybour, John G. Livesay, C. J. D. Mumby, G. L. Green, Major H. M. E. Bruncker, Colonel George R. Bray, General A. Lacy, Sir H. Drummond Wolff, G. M. Nelder, J. Gieve, J. W. D. Pillow, Edward Davis. Visitors:—Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bros. W. B. Goldsmith, E. M. Wells, R. A. Hancock, W. G. Buck, G. Reading, M. Emanuel, I. Simpson, P. H. Emanuel, Henry P. Foster, Thomas O. Harding, J. W. Gieve, W. D. Parkhouse, Lieut.-Colonel Descharmes, George Johnstone, Colonel Stanley Clarke, Lord Carrington, and R. King.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 15th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (I st.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

MONDAY, 17th APRIL.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Road, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 331—Phoenix Public Room Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 935—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1238—Gooch, Alba y Hotel, Twickenham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 18th APRIL.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 39—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel.
 437—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 551—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.)
 1399—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
 1448—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 890—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1008—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrer, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyno.
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 19th APRIL.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 533—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 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)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1349—Friars
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (I-struction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsa Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 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)

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I. W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Choltenham.
 325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Hoite, Hoite Hotel, Aston
 1371—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramshotbottom
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 20th APRIL.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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.)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. Johns Wood
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 902—Iurgoyne, 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.)
 1287—Great Northern, F. eomasons' Hall, W.C.
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1614—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.)
 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.)
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyno
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1332—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgaun Tavern, Plumstead

FRIDAY, 21st APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-st., 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)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 R.C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 M.M. 123—Callender Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THIS Lodge, which was named after, and consecrated by, the late respected Grand Treasurer, in the year 1869, held its Installation Meeting on Wednesday. The proceedings were conducted by the W.M. Bro. Orlando Le M. Latreille, who was supported by Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. (Treasurer), Charles Atkins P.M. Sec., a large proportion of members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—Brothers A. Raff S.W. 95, P. H. Willson S.W. 861, A. W. Hammond 1329, G. S. Fiddes Concord 40 I.C., J. W. Tubby 1507, Arthur Thomas 1319, Edwin Child I.P.M. 538, R. J. Simpson P.G.C., S. G. Langdon J.D. 538, A. Nuthall S.W. 889, Archibald Nagle 186, Thomas Hardy 889, J. B. Sorrell jun. P.M. 176, Thomas Bicknell 538, Louis Honig 1319, John Black 1553, W. Toombs 1445, and W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. Since the election meeting, in February, a Lodge of Emergency had been held, consequently the agenda was somewhat light. Lodge was opened in the first degree, when the minutes of last regular, and the Emergency meeting, held on the 18th March, were read and confirmed. The reports of the Audit Committee, and of the Lodge Benevolent Fund Account, had been printed and sent with the summons to each of the members, consequently, on proposition made, seconded, and duly carried, these were taken as read. It was intimated, however, that £100 Consols had been purchased out of the accumulations of the Benevolent Fund. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Harris, a candidate for raising, was examined as to his proficiency. Bro. Harris, who had secured for his Mentor Bro. J. R. Cox, acquitted himself in an eminently satisfactory degree, and received the test of merit from the W.M. Bro. Harris then retired, and Lodge was opened in the third degree. In due course the ceremony of raising was proceeded with, and completed in a perfect and impressive manner, the Worshipful Master's brilliant elocutionary powers being exercised most effectively, while the organ accompaniment and musical ability of Bro. H. J. Dean added materially to the general effect. On the Lodge being resumed for the installation ceremony, Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson and Edwin Child were appointed respectively to the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs. The W.M. elect, Brother Henry Evans, Junior Warden of the past year, was introduced and obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Evans installed into the chair of King Solomon. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and the following were invested as Officers:—Bros. O. L. M. Latreille Immediate P.M., Captain Joseph Heaton S.W., G. T. Salmon J.W., Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. Treasurer, Charles Atkins Secretary, John Brockett Sorrell P.M. 176 S.D., J. Mansell J.D., J. H. Southwood P.M. Master of Cer., T. G. Reason I.G., H. J. Dean Org., J. R. Cox and S. Hart Baker Stewards, C. T. Speight P.M. 27 (Prov. G. Tyler Surrey) Tyler. Bro. Latreille then delivered the addresses, and that in a manner we may fairly say we have never heard surpassed. The next feature to record is the presentation to Bro. Latreille of the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, which is one to be prized, inasmuch as it bears an artistic presentment of the features of the late Brother John Hervey. Brother Evans, in making the presentation, remarked of Brother Latreille that no brother had ever occupied the chair with greater honour to the Lodge. Brother Latreille, in suitable terms, acknowledged the compliment, and then routine work received attention. A letter of resignation was tendered, and accepted

with regret. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes having been expressed, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served by Bro. Alfred Best, under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. The Loyal toasts were loyally received, and the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" sung. With the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, was associated the names of the Rev. R. J. Simpson and Jabez Hogg. The former, in the course of his remarks in response, said there was a peculiarly happy and melancholy association with this Lodge. Taken as a tribute to men who have won their spurs in the heat and burden of the day, no greater compliment could be paid than the perpetuation of their names. The late Bro. John Hervey's was an example the members of this Lodge were specially enjoined to follow, and the precepts he so earnestly inculcated they were avowed to defend. Their obligation to do this, therefore, must be looked upon as no idle form. There was a peculiar tie binding them to him who, though dead, yet speaketh. He (Bro. Simpson) had stood at the cradle of this Lodge, and when he looked around he seemed to think the spirit of old John Hervey rested on the Lodge, and he hoped that it may do so for many years to come. Bro. Simpson next related an interesting incident that occurred a few days since. An elderly lady with whom he had made casual acquaintance had in the course of a brief conversation somewhat startled him with the assertion, that to Freemasons we must look to unite the world. This remark had struck a chord within him which he felt he could cordially respond to. Our Society is the only Society in the world which unites all religious bodies, and he sincerely hoped that Freemasonry might bring about the consummation so devoutly to be wished,—that the brotherhood of nations might be universally cemented, and that peace and happiness might reign supreme. Brother Latreille proposed the health of the W.M. This, he might say, was the toast of the evening. The unanimous manner in which Brother Evans was voted to the chair denoted that he had secured the goodwill of the members. It was the wish of all that his year of office should be a successful one, and that they might have an accession of good men and true to join the brotherhood of the Lodge. Bro. Evans, in replying, thanked Bro. Latreille. This was indeed a proud moment in his life. He had striven hard to attain his exalted position, and he would exert himself to the uttermost to fulfil his duties. He knew he had a most difficult task before him; he had to follow most competent men, but he felt that if he could succeed in satisfying himself he should be able to please the brethren. He hoped the Lodge would increase, but he would impress upon the members to keep it what it had so long been,—a united and happy family. He felt assured all would assist him in sustaining the prestige and reputation of the John Hervey Lodge. The Visitors were next complimented by the W.M., and Bros. Willson, Sorrell, and Pearson replied. In replying for the Past Masters, Bro. Latreille said that individually he scarcely knew what to say in acknowledgment of the many kind things the W.M. had said of him. He could say this, however, he had striven to the best of his ability to carry out the duties of the installation ceremony, and he could but be gratified at the appreciation that had been vouchsafed his efforts. The jewel he should prize most highly; he could never look upon the figure-head thereon without remembering the man, and he strenuously impressed on all, especially the younger brethren, to omit no effort to add to the lustre of the name they bore. Brother Jabez Hogg, after thanking the members for the cordiality with which they had received his name in connection with the toast, said, he had undertaken to say a few words in respect to the Masonic Charities, which, as the Worshipful Master had remarked, were the wonder and envy of the outer world. Bro. Hogg referred to the clearance of the Girls' list on Saturday last; this was most gratifying. Personally, he had examined the list carefully, and found the claims advanced for the several candidates rendered it most desirable that all should participate in the benefits the Committee were happily in a position to be able to afford. He urged on the members for one of their number to offer his services as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The claims upon that Institution just now were exceptionally heavy. He could promise, on behalf of the Lodge, that £10 10s would be voted to head the list, and he felt assured the brethren would loyally respond. It was matter for gratification that at the Festival, in February last, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Bro. P.M. Southwood (whose absence this evening all regretted) took up the second highest list. The Institutions were essentially the jewel in the Masonic crown, and were indeed worthy of all the support that could be extended to them. Bro. Charles Atkins also replied. He was much gratified at being re-appointed Secretary, and looked forward to receiving the continued and hearty support of the members, one and all. In responding for the toast of the Masonic Press, Bro. Morgan expressed his thanks for the recognition of services rendered by the Masonic newspapers. He had listened to the remarks of Bro. Hogg with much pleasure, and felt the work he had to do that evening would be fitly consummated if the W.M. could allow him to announce that he would act upon their worthy Treasurer's suggestion and consent to serve as a Steward. Several of the members endorsed this, and we think we do not err when we say that Bro. Binckes may count on the assistance of Bro. Evans in order to ensure the success of his Festival in June next. Bro. Captain Heaton next responded to the toast of the Officers, and then the Tyler was summoned. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. J. Dean, Organist of the Lodge, who was ably assisted by Miss Marian Linton, and Bros. Arthur Thomas and Honig. Taken altogether, the meeting was one of the most enjoyable we ever attended.

An Emergency meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, will be held at the Albion, Aidersgate-street, on Wednesday next, the 19th instant.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

THE annual meeting for the installation of W.M. of this Lodge took place on the 12th inst., at the Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood, when there were present Bros. E. W. Timewell W.M., B. Phillips S.W., Edward White J.W., Joseph Chaplin Treasurer, J. L. Baker Secretary, F. C. Moullet S.D., H. Hill J.D., M. W. Halliday I.G., J. Drake Steward, several members, and the following Visitors:—B. L. Wilson I.G. 1366, John McCratobia 511, E. D. Willing W.M. 9, E. J. Scott P.M. 749, B. H. Swallow P.M. 1563, E. B. Cox P.M. 1563, J. Garnham 933, W. F. Franklin 127, F. Higgins 280, John Webb W.M. 1223, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107. Lodge having been opened, and the customary formalities duly observed, Bro. White assumed the chair and proceeded to confer the third degree on Bro. Edwards. The W.M. resumed the gavel, and passed Bro. S. Myers, after which Bro. Phillips was presented for installation, and Bro. White, who again occupied the east, proceeded to obligate and regularly place him in the chair, performing the ceremony in his usual able style. The new W.M. having been saluted, appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. White S.W., Moullet J.W., Jos. Chaplain Treasurer, Baker Secretary, Hill S.D., Halliday J.D., Prescott I.G., Drake Steward, Smith M.C. The ceremony of installation having been completed, the newly installed Master proceeded to initiate Mr. Charles Frederick Bonham into the Order, after which Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet room, where a well-served repast was supplied. At its conclusion grace was sung, and then the toasts usual to these occasions were honoured. The toast of the Queen, the W.M. said, was at all times a pleasing one to members of the Craft. He had much pleasure in proposing it, coupled with Success to the Craft. In giving that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he felt he could not say anything in favour of their Grand Master, he being so often spoken of, and his many good qualities being so well known, that anything he might say would not be in favour, but merely in support of, the general opinion. He was a good man, a good Mason, a good father, and generally an exemplification of what a man should be. The toast of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers Present and Past, was next honoured. Bro. Timewell proposed the W.M. He considered the duty he was called upon to perform was a very pleasing one—that of proposing the health of the W.M. He gave it with a great deal of pleasure. He had known Bro. Phillips many years, both in and out of Masonry, and he might say the acquaintance had always redounded to his own benefit and the credit of their W.M. He hoped the year during which he had to preside over the Lodge would be successful, and that Bro. Phillips would enjoy his presidency of the St. Marylebone Lodge. The W.M. having tendered his thanks, proposed the health of the I.P.M. It was usual on such occasions as the present, after a brother had passed through the chair, to present him with some little memento that he might remember the evenings he had spent as president of a Masonic Lodge. He considered it somewhat out of the ordinary to fill the chair of the St. Marylebone Lodge, from the fact that the brethren were particularly devoted to the chair. They had most unanimously voted a jewel—he might say a very handsome jewel—to their I.P.M., and he (the W.M.) was pleased to place it on his breast with the hope that he might live long to wear it. He felt it was agreed that the I.P.M. was worthy of the honour. He had been a good Master and was really a good man. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented by the
St. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305,
To Bro. W. Timewell P.M.
For his valuable services as Worshipful Master
for the year ending 12th April 1882.

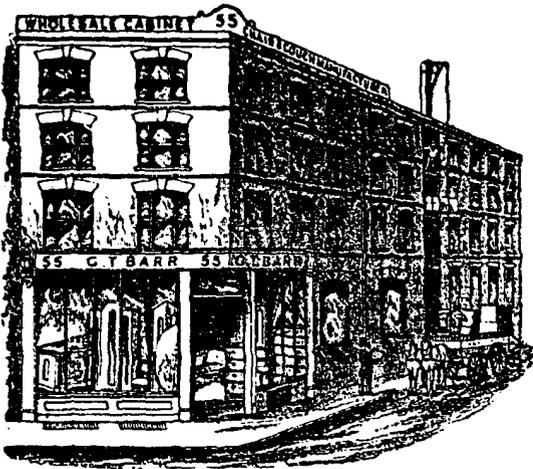
The I.P.M. in reply said, he had for several years past filled various offices in the Lodge with, he might say, but one object in view—the possession of the P.M.'s jewel. He need not therefore say how much he appreciated it. He felt he might take the opportunity of expressing his obligations to the Officers of the Lodge for the way in which they had assisted him during his year of office. The Master next gave the toast of the Initiate—a toast always sure of a welcome in every Masonic Lodge. He was particularly pleased to see new members in the St. Marylebone Lodge, especially when they were such brethren as Bro. Borham. He had had the pleasure of introducing his father and uncles to the Order, and he thought that as the son desired to join, he could not do better than introduce him also. It would indeed be a pity if worthy young men such as he, who really desired to join the Craft, should be allowed to remain outside. As a Mason he was now very pleased to greet him, and, as the initiate of the evening, glad to call upon the brethren to drink his health. The newly-admitted brother tendered his thanks. He was very proud to be in the position of a Freemason. He hoped he might always act as a brother should act, and trusted he might never disgrace the confidence placed in him that evening. The toast of the Visitors followed, from the chair. The members of the St. Marylebone Lodge were always known for their desire to give their visitors the very best entertainment, both in Lodge and out of it, which lay in their power. He, as Worshipful Master, was proud in welcoming so many distinguished guests as he saw around him that night, and felt he justly expressed the opinion of his Lodge when he said they were really proud of the brethren present that evening. Bro. Swallow was the first to reply. He thanked the Worshipful Master and the members generally. The W.M. was an old friend, and he was very glad to be present to witness his installation into the chair of the St. Marylebone Lodge, wherein he trusted he might spend as pleasant evenings as they had spent together in the City of Westminster Lodge. Bros. Willey, Webb, and Wilson followed, each tendering the good wishes of the Visitors for the successful future of the Lodge. The W.M. next had the pleasure of introducing a toast which he felt would be heartily received by all—that of the Installing Master. He considered that

the brethren who had missed the installation ceremony that evening had really missed a great treat, for it might truly be said that their Bro. Senior Warden was capable of and had performed the ceremony perfectly—he might say beautifully. He was really an ornament to the Lodge, and one of whom they ought to be proud. He had the whole of the ritual at his fingers ends, knowing every degree, and working them in that quiet way that induced him to say Bro. White was really one of the best Masons it was possible to find. He was pleased at having the opportunity of speaking of him in that way, as he felt he deserved it. Bro. White thanked the brethren. The present was not the first occasion on which he had the pleasure of installing Bro. Phillips, nor the first occasion on which he had been called upon to work the ceremony in this Lodge. By a strange coincidence they had occupied positions just the reverse to what they now filled some short time since in another Lodge. He was W.M., and Bro. Phillips S.W., and he then had the pleasure of placing the present W.M. in the chair. He was proud of being called upon to do so again. The Master proposed the health of the Past Masters, of whom he was pleased to see so many present. Indeed he was at all times pleased to see Past Masters in a Lodge, especially so when they attended with the view of rendering any assistance to the Lodge that lay in their power. Such he might justly say was the case with the Past Masters of the St. Marylebone Lodge. After a reply from one of the Past Masters, the Master gave the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. He had known Bro. Treasurer many years, and felt the brethren could not have done better than entrust him with the office, while the same might be said of the Secretary, who, since his connection with the Lodge, had done everything he could for its welfare. Personally, he had to thank the Secretary for his kind help in the arrangements for the installation; without him the W.M. felt he should have been at a loss to know how to get the work done. Each having replied, the Master toasted the Officers, and then the Tyler was summoned; he concluded the proceedings. We must certainly congratulate the Worshipful Master on the success of the meeting, which necessarily depended in great measure on his exertions. A first-rate musical programme was arranged, the artistes being Bro. Arthur Thompson, and Hubbard, H. P. Matthews, and J. Kiff.

Lodge of Hope, No. 433.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge, held on the 3rd instant, at Brightlingsea, was rendered specially interesting by the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. Blyth, one of the oldest and most respected P.M.'s. There was a good gathering of members of the Lodge, and two or three visitors were also present. The secret had been so well kept, that when the W.M. rose to make the presentation, the worthy brother who was to be the recipient of it was wholly taken by surprise. The W.M. remarked that he had very great pleasure in being the mouthpiece of the Lodge on that occasion. In some Lodges each P.M. received a jewel on leaving the chair as a matter of course, but in the Lodge of Hope that was not the custom, and jewels were only given in rare cases, and in recognition of special services. Many good and esteemed brethren had presided over the Lodge of Hope from time to time, and there was no desire to detract from their valuable services, but all felt that Bro. Blyth had been so kind in helping forward Freemasonry, both in the Lodge working and by instructing the younger members, besides endearing himself to them all by his sterling good qualities, that some recognition of them was due. The W.M. then placed the jewel on Bro. Blyth's left breast, expressing a hope that that worthy brother might live long to wear it, and that after he was called from this sublunary abode his children would value it as a memento of the esteem in which their father was held among his brethren. Bro. Blyth, who was deeply moved, said this little episode had taken him so much by surprise that he felt quite incapable of giving expression to his thanks in words. He assured them that their kindness brought to his mind his many shortcomings, but if he had been of any help to Freemasonry generally, and to the Lodge of Hope in particular, he was very gratified. He had been actuated in what he had done by a love for Freemasonry, and he should ever value most highly the handsome present they had given him. After the Lodge was closed the brethren spent a pleasant couple of hours at the social board. Among the toasts, that of the Past Masters was coupled with the name of Bro. Blyth, who again took occasion to thank his brethren for the token of their esteem which they had given him. He jocularly remarked that he had been called the "Schoolmaster" of the Lodge; for his part, he thought the scholars had beaten the schoolmaster. Among those present on this interesting occasion were Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec. Essex, Geo. Harvey P.M. 697, R. Clowes S.W. 650, and the following members of No. 433:—W. Bros. R. D. Poppleton W.M., John Dean I.P.M.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Richardson, G. Riches, H. York, W. S. Ling, R. Atbill, C. Blyth, W. Bragg; J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec.; Bros. S. Lord S.W., J. Bowdell J.W., J. Downs S.D., A. Smith J.D., J. French I.G., T. Wilson Tyler; also Bros. F. Cross, Edward Frost, C. Fisher, G. Ainger, J. Wheeler, W. H. Martin, and A. Went.

Speaking of our Charities, the *Evening News* says:—

It is gratifying to find that, while the parent Institutions are being liberally supported to the extent of nearly £50,000 a year by the London, Provincial, and Colonial brethren, the brethren in some of the Provinces have local Charities of the same kind. Bro. Chadwick, the Provincial Grand Secretary of East Lancashire, stated on Monday evening, after the election for the Boys' School, that in his Province they were educating twenty-five children with the income of £4,000 invested, and paying £400 a year to aged Masons and Widows. He also added, that though the Lancashire brethren were making strong efforts in this direction, their support to the Central, or London, Institutions was not, and would not be, in any way diminished.



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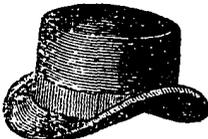
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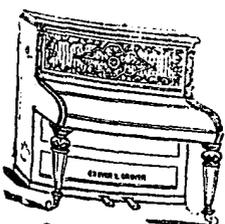
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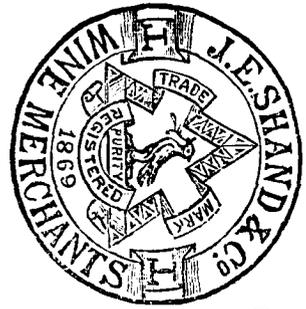
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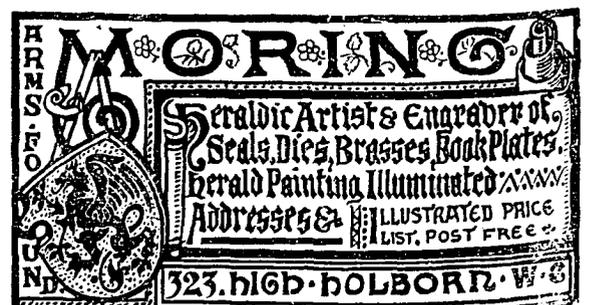
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