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FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

THE March number of our esteemed contemporary, the *Masonic Record of Western India* has just reached us. It contains the usual quantum of interesting matter, from which we glean the following particulars:—

In the course of his address at the meeting on 27th December last of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, the District Grand Master referred at considerable length to a difference which had arisen between him and the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry, owing to the establishment by the latter of a Scotch Lodge "Caledonia, No. 661," at Mussoorie, where there was already the English Lodge "Dalhousie, No. 639." When first he heard of this, the D.G.M. said, he anticipated that some unpleasantness might arise in consequence, and with a view to prevent this he addressed himself to Bro. Captain Morland acting G. Master of the Scottish Craft in the absence of Bro. Balfour. Matters seem also to have been somewhat complicated by the action of Bro. Fitch P.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge. The difference does not appear to have yet terminated, but it is only just we should observe of the action taken by the D. Grand Master of Bengal to say, that he has apparently acted throughout the affair with a due regard to the principles of the Fraternity. In the course of the proceedings a vote of condolence with Mrs. Garfield, widow of Brother Garfield, late President of the United States, was unanimously agreed to. It was also announced that, as the result of the labours entrusted to the Committee appointed to do honour to the late D.G. Tyler Bro. J. Blessington Roberts, who had held that office for the period extending from 1848 to 1875, it had been resolved to erect a cenotaph to him, and to have his portrait hung in their banqueting hall; and before D.G. Lodge was closed the portrait in question was unveiled by the D.G. Master. The following are the District Grand Officers for the year 1882:—Bros Hon. Justice Prinsep D.G.M., W. D. Cruickshank D.D.M., W. H. Fitze S.W., Adam Paxton Junior Warden, Rev. T. J. Rawson Chaplain, A. P. Handley Registrar, H. M. Rustomjee Secretary, W. R. Barry Senior Deacon, W. Girling Junior Deacon, G. T. Sparke Superintendent of Works, P. C. Dutt Dir. of Cers., W. C. Bishop Assistant Dir. of Cers., W. Ames S. Bearer, F. F. Handley Organist, J. S. Old Purs., Geo. Alexander D. G. Tyler, R. B. West, J. Louis, and J. C. Banerji Stewards.

At the last meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, a long correspondence was read in reference to a question some time before raised, as to whether it was competent for an Irish or Scotch regularly Installed Master to occupy the chair of an English Lodge in the absence of the Installed Masters of that Lodge. Such a case had, it seems, occurred in Queensland, the result being that the work of the English Lodge had had to be done all over again. It had also been ruled in 1879, by the then Deputy Grand Master of Bombay, that it was incompetent for a foreign Installed Master to perform the duties of the chair. Under these circumstances, it seems to have been thought desirable to obtain the opinion of the responsible authorities of the Grand Lodge of England, the upshot being

that Grand Registrar has expressed it as "his individual opinion," that although it would not be *illegal* under the above circumstances" (as described) "to allow a Foreign Installed Master to sit in the E. chair, it ought to be done under *most exceptional circumstances*." Grand Secretary Clerke, after consultation with Grand Registrar, writes, "as it is always considered that at the conferring of degrees an Installed Master should occupy the chair (although not necessarily working the ceremony), there seems no reason why the Wardens, with the concurrence of the brethren, should not invite some English P.M.—not a member of the Lodge, or failing such, a Foreign regularly Installed Master—to occupy the chair during the ceremony, the Wardens still remaining responsible for its procedure and discipline." Brother McIntyre's letter was addressed to the D. Grand Secretary of Bombay, and Bro. Clerke's to the D. G. Secretary of Queensland.

The Quarterly Communication of all Scottish Freemasonry in India was held in Freemasons' Hall, Nesbitt-lane, Byculla, on 28th January, under the presidency of Bro. Balfour Grand Master, who was supported by M. W. Bro. Mackintosh Balfour Grand Master, R. W. Brothers Captain Henry Morland Immediate Past Grand Master, K. R. Cama Hon. Depute Grand Master, J. D. Wadia Khan Bahadour Hon. Depute Grand Master, J. Y. Lang Sub. Grand Master, M. C. Murzban Khan Bahadour Hon. Sub. Grand Master, D. P. Mehta G. Senior Warden, J. R. Johnson G. Junior Warden, C. D. Furdoojee G. Junior Warden, E. Freeborn Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Darasha S. Tarapoorwalla G. Treasurer, R. W. Bros. R. V. Reid Grand Senior Deacon, D. D. Shroff Grand Jeweller, W. Fearn Grand Bible Bearer, W. Bros. M. M. Cowser Grand Koran Bearer, Janardhan Gopal 3rd Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. W. Bro. Mirza Hoossein Khan 2nd Grand Standard Bearer, W. Bros. Meer Abdool Ali 2nd Grand Marshal, F. Mahon as G. Pursuivant, J. C. Houghland Grand Tyler, and a number of representatives and members.

The principal business of the meeting was the passing of a resolution of sympathy with His Excellency Bro. Sir James Ferguson, Bart., K.C.M.G., &c., Governor of Bombay, at the great loss recently sustained by him through the death of Lady Ferguson. The resolution was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be engraved on vellum, and transmitted to His Excellency at an early date.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn President, James Brett Junior Vice-President, and Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past Grand Chaplain, occupied the three chairs. There was not a large attendance of brethren. The Lodge first confirmed recommendations made at last meeting to the extent of £235. There were thirty-seven new cases on the list. Thirty-three of these were relieved, with a total of £775. Two cases were deferred, being incomplete, and two cases were dismissed as not being entitled to relief.

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS.—No. IX.

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THE SO-CALLED "ANCIENT" MASONS.

(Concluded from page 266.)

SETTING aside the question, when and under what circumstances the Great Secession of last century arose, there is no doubt that, after the establishment of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge in 1753, and especially under the auspices of Bro. Laurence Dermott, author of the *Ahimon Rezon*, or Book of Constitutions of the Masonic Body of which he was so distinguished a member—if, indeed, I may not go the length of calling him its main pillar—the Schismatics went on rapidly increasing in numbers. But especially was this the case when, in 1771, John, third Duke of Athole, accepted the office of Grand Master, and, as has already been remarked, it is to his influence and that of his successor in the Dukedom, who presided over that section of the English Craft for two periods, amounting together to twenty-eight years, that the members were as frequently called "Athole" as they were "Ancient" Masons. Not only were numerous Lodges founded in London and the Provinces, but Provincial Grand Lodges were established in the Colonies, especially in those situated in North America. In fact, though Provincial Grand Deputations were granted by England, before a Schism was dreamt of—though not before dissatisfaction had broken out in the ranks of the English Craft—many of the parent G. Lodges of the United States of North America owe their origin rather to the Deputations granted by the "Ancients" than to those of its rival, or of the *one* Grand Lodge of England anterior to 1750. Thus in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, the Carolinas, &c., there were Lodges which owed their origin to the Regular Grand Lodge of England, and though some of these still exist, the Constituted Grand Lodges trace their descent rather from the "Ancients" than the "Moderns," this being, however, a matter of no great moment, now that the distinction between the two bodies no longer exists. As showing, however, the extent to which the schism prevailed, it is worthy of note, that of the 333 Lodges constituted prior to the Union of 1813, which are still on the roll of our United Grand Lodge—the highest number is 339, but six of them no longer remain—no less than 126 worked under the régime of the "Ancients." This coupled with what I have said as to its wide ramifications both at home and abroad is sufficient to show how influential a body it must have been, and consequently how deep is the debt of gratitude we owe to the Dukes of Kent and Sussex, and their distinguished coadjutor, the Earl of Moira, afterwards Marquis of Hastings, for having healed the wounds which, for three parts of a century, had afflicted Freemasonry in England.

Another feature in connection with the "Ancients" deserves attention. It is often stated that more intimate relations existed between the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland and the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" than with the "Regular" Grand Lodge, and that, as regards Scotland, it was not till the Earl of Moira visited Edinburgh, in the early years of this century, that our Scottish brethren were fully informed of the circumstances of Freemasonry in England, its division into two bodies, and the mutual recriminations in which those bodies indulged. It is certainly the case that with the exception of Lord Aberdour, who was Grand Master of the "Regular" Grand Lodge of London from 1757 to 1761, and Grand Master of Scotland in 1755-56, no Regular Grand Master in England had any part in the Government, as Grand Master, of the Craft in Scotland from 1753 till the year 1806-7, when the Earl of Moira, Acting Grand Master of the "Regular" or "Modern" Lodge, was elected Grand Master of Scotland. On the other hand, both the Dukes of Athole were Grand Masters of Scotland as well as of the "Ancients," the third Duke, as stated in the earlier portion of this paper, in 1773, and the fourth Duke in 1778-79; while, as regards Ireland, the greater intimacy between its Grand Lodge and the "Ancients" is, no doubt, to be explained by the fact that the Earl of Blessington, the Hon. Thomas Mathew, and the Earl, afterwards Marquis, of Antrim, who were Grand Masters of the "Ancients" or "Seceders" in 1756-60, 1766-70, and 1783-91 respectively, were connected with the Craft in Ireland, the Earl

of Blessington as Grand Master in 1738-9, the Earl of Antrim as Grand Master in 1773 and again in 1779, and the Hon. T. Mathew as Provincial Grand Master of Munster.

A few words seem necessary respecting Bro. Laurence Dermott, who, as I have suggested, must be looked upon as the genius of the "Ancients." It is true that but little is known of him beyond the fact that he came originally from Ireland—another circumstance which will doubtless in great measure help to account for the close intimacy that existed between Ireland and our "Ancient" friends. He, in the first instance, occupied the position of Grand Secretary, and afterwards became Deputy Grand Master. He is best known, however, by his celebrated work, already referred to, the "*Ahimon Rezon*," the first edition of which appeared in 1756, the second in 1764, while others were published subsequently. He is also usually credited with having introduced the "Royal Arch," at all events as the speciality which characterised the Masonic creed of the "Ancients" and distinguished it from that of the "Regular" Craft. Though enthusiastic in the interests of his own section of English Freemasonry, he was by no means slow to take a leaf out of the book of his rivals; and the better regulations for the government of the "Regular" Masons, introduced by Brother, afterwards Lord, Ward, were adopted by him *en bloc*.

Two or three other points may also be noted. Firstly, the Dukes of Athole, two of whom played so distinguished a part in connection with the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," have since retained their interest in the Craft, the sixth Duke having been Grand Master of Scotland from 1846 to 1863, while the present, or seventh Duke, is also a distinguished member of the Scottish Craft. Another point in connection with the "Ancients" is the plan they adopted by which a Lodge holding an inferior place on the roll of their Grand Lodge might purchase a superior one by paying a certain sum to the Fund of Charity. Thus, if, we will say, Lodge No. 35 ceased to be in active working, Lodge No. 145—to take any number for the purpose of illustration—might purchase the warrant for a sum of guineas paid over to the aforesaid Fund of Charity. This, of course, complicates the labours of such zealous investigators of Masonic history as Bros. Hughan and Gould, the latter of whom appears to have taken the "Athole" Lodges under his especial charge. A third point more properly concerns the Calendar Committee of our Board of General Purposes, which, without due reflection, appears to have taken upon itself to place the present Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15, which were all "Ancient," on the same footing as the "Modern" Nos. 2 and 4, which remain of the "Four Old Lodges" which, in 1717, established the Grand Lodge of England. Now, as the readers of *Findel* may discover for themselves, the real "Ancients" are unquestionably, the so-called "Moderns," while the real "Moderns" are the self-styled "Ancients," as it was the latter who seceded from the original *one* Grand Lodge of England. It was no doubt intended by these rival designations to distinguish between the brethren who upheld what were deemed to be the true principles of "Ancient" Masonry as they were enunciated in the days anterior to 1717, from those who upheld the principles laid down by the Grand Lodge constituted in that year. Still, it cannot be denied that the Seceders were, in the order of things, junior to the body from which they separated, and the terms as they were applied to themselves and the Lodges holding under the 1717 Grand Lodge are consequently misleading. Moreover, as the "Four Old Lodges," to which we owe the establishment of the Speculative system of Freemasonry, alone existed before that event, it follows that even the oldest of the Athole Lodges must have been established at known dates, and this is shown in Bro. Kenning's "*Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar*," where, on the authority of Brother Hughan, the dates of the foundation of these Lodges are given as follow:—No. 3 in 1784; No. 5 in 1752; Nos. 7, 9, and 11 in 1751; No. 13 in 1785; and No. 15 in 1752. The application of "Time Immemorial" to these Lodges seems, therefore, to be terribly misapplied.

I have now completed my—I fear, imperfect—sketch of the so-called "Ancient" Masons. That they did good work may not be denied; our present Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is partly of "Ancient" origin, but that till the year 1813 they were anything else than schismatics is equally undeniable. However, there is no longer any such distinction prevailing in our midst. Time healed the wounds of our

English Craft. The wise counsels of the chiefs of its two sections prevailed, and Freemasonry in this country has now been a united body for close on seventy years. I am sure that, in expressing a hope that perfect harmony may continue to exist in our Fraternity, all who read or hear this paper read will heartily join me in echoing the solemn Masonic response, "SO MOTE IT BE!"

The Shire Hall, Chelmsford, was a scene of gaiety and festivity on Thursday evening, when a Ball in aid of the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions was held under the auspices of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, and with the patronage of Lord Tenterden Provincial Grand Master Essex and Lady Tenterden, the Earl of Rosslyn Past Grand Master Scotland and the Countess of Rosslyn, and Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master Essex, Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy Prov. Grand Master Suffolk, Lieut.-Col. Somerville-Burney Provincial Grand Deacon, &c., &c., Brother Dan Godfrey's band was in attendance, and played an attractive programme of dance music. It will be readily understood that Terpsichore had it all her own way, and so charmed her numerous votaries that their dispersion was deferred till the latest possible moment. We trust our Charities will reap a harvest that will be in some degree commensurate with the enjoyment which was experienced by all present.

At the next regular meeting, at the Red Lion, Barnet, of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No 1385, Bro. W. W. Morgan will read his paper on "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development," which has already been delivered in several Lodges, and has uniformly experienced a most appreciative reception. This is a further testimony of the value of our suggestions that the introduction of new and unaccustomed work into the proceedings of our Lodge gatherings would be sure to prove most welcome. We trust the example set by the Gladsmuir will be followed elsewhere.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED AS UNDER:—

At the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday, 24th instant, at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. Moss S.D. 1275 will preside; Bros. T. J. Barnes S.W., W. H. Myers J.W., T. Wooding I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Hammond, Brittain, Habbert, Wooding, Stephens, B. Cundick, and T. J. Barnes. Second Lecture—Bros. W. J. Musto, Eschwege, Stewart, Pringle, and W. H. Myers. Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, McDonald, and Taylor. Bro. B. Stewart Hon. Sec.

At the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, on Thursday, 27th instant, at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. George Andrews P.M. 871 and Preceptor Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, will occupy the chair of W.M. The attendance of brethren is requested. Bros. J. W. Brooke Preceptor, and A. J. Bellis Hon. Sec.

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 29th instant, at 7 p.m. punctually. Bros. H. G. Gush W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., R. Pearey I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. E. Wolf, W. Williams, G. Ferrar, F. Brasted, C. K. Killick, D. Moss, and J. A. Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. H. Hall, R. Pearey, C. Weeden, C. Lorkin, and R. P. Forge. Third Lecture—Bros. A. W. Fenner, E. Dignam, and A. Trewinnard. Bros. A. W. Fenner Hon. Sec., R. Pearey Preceptor.

Bro. Macchiavelli deserves the thanks of all lovers of music for the excellence of the programme he furnished at his evening concert on Tuesday evening, at the Beethoven Rooms, 27 Harley-street, Cavendish-square. Moreover, the artists who gave effect to the programme very greatly distinguished themselves, and the audience, which was a numerous one, gave hearty and frequent expression to the pleasure they experienced. Let it suffice if we note the more prominent features of the concert. In part I. the violin obligato of Signor G. Erba was very finely rendered, and the encore awarded to Signor Tito Mattei for his piano solo was most justly deserved. The trio of Dionizetti's, in which Mlle. Avigliani and Signori Macchiavelli and Bonetti took part went extremely well, but, to our mind, the gentlemen were not sufficiently careful to encompass their voices, the consequence being that the lady was scarcely audible. In Part II. Signor Erba again distinguished himself, Prune's "Mélancolie," especially in the last movement, being played splendidly. Miss Merten and Signor Bonetti well deserved their recall for the duet "Dunque io son," from Rossini's *Barber of Seville*, and Signor Zoboli was very droll in his Aria-Buffa "Femmine, Femmine," by Fioravanti. Bro. Macchiavelli sang with great expression "When other Lips," from Balfe's "Bohemian Girl," and Signor Bonetti marked another success by his singing of Tosti's "Good-bye." In the hands of Signor A. Romili, as conductor, everything went well, and the audience separated thoroughly well satisfied with the entertainment afforded them.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Meeting held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on the 15th instant. Present—Bros. J. A. Powell W.M., Dignam S.W., C. Weeden J.W., Pearey Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin S.D., Brasted J.D., Marks I.G.; also Bros. Sharpe, R. M. Jones, G. Ferrar, Gush, Williams son., Williams jun., Archer, Robinson, Sillis, Forge, H. Hall, &c. All formalities were duly observed. Bro. G. Ferrar proved himself an efficient Fellow Craft, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. G. Ferrar candidate. The ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. in an excellent manner. Bro. Powell afterwards worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. F. Sillis, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the 29th instant; full par- was elected a member, and Bro. Dignam appointed to preside at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned. The Fifteen particulars are given in another column.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 14th instant, there were present Bros. J. N. Bate W.M., A. Lucas S.W., H. Williams J.W., Plant Martin S.D., A. P. Baxter J.D., H. Goodwin I.G., James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor, J. S. Terry P.M. Secretary, J. W. Waits P.M., J. B. Sargeant, A. T. Chambers, C. H. Phillips, J. Wilmot, J. D. Smith, J. J. James and others. The business comprised the working of the ceremonies in the first and second degrees, with proofs of proficiency and explanations by the Preceptor. It having been stated that Bro. A. T. Chambers would shortly leave England for a permanent residence at the Cape of Good Hope, the hearty good wishes of the brethren were expressed towards Bro. Chambers, who received the same with evident pleasure and satisfaction. Lodge was then closed.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—At the Jacob's Well, 13 George-street, Manchester-square, on Friday, 14th April. Present—Bros. Fromholz W.M., Jones S.W., Bellerby J.W., Wilson S.D., Chambers J.D., T. A. Smith I.G., G. Coop Preceptor, H. Moore Secretary; also Bros. Tribble P.M., Dairy P.M., R. D. Smith, Butson, Tilhou, &c. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Tribble candidate. Bro. T. A. Smith gave the charge. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the lecture. The W.M. gave the charge in each degree. Bro. Dairy called the attention of the brethren to the result of the recent elections for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and expressed the opinion that, with proper organisation the London Lodges might, and ought to be, better represented in those results. He recommended brethren who were subscribers to examine the matter in an impartial manner; and he thought that having done so, they would coincide with him. After other brethren had expressed their views, this discussion was adjourned. Bro. Coop expressed the pleasure he and several volunteers had experienced during their visit to Portsmouth, by their reception at the Portsmouth Masonic Club. He was present during the visit of the M.W.G.M., and desired, on behalf of the brethren, to express their thanks for the honour that had been done them and the Craft in general. Bro. Coop also informed the brethren that Bro. Stevens had promised to deliver his lecture on Masonic Ritual, and it was proposed and carried that Bro. Stevens be invited to attend this Lodge on the 9th of May. After other business, several new members were elected.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—On Saturday, 15th instant, at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal Green Junction, Bros. Clarke W.M., Brittain S.W., Bonner J.W., Richardson S.D., Stewart J.D., Musto Preceptor, Hand Honorary Secretary, Sturtevant jun. I.G. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. opened Lodge in the second degree, and Bro. Loveday answered the questions leading to the third, and in due course was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Stewart worked the first section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clarke vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moss. Bro. Brittain S.W. was elected W.M. for next week. The balance sheet for the year was received and adopted. Bro. Musto was re-elected Preceptor, Dardenne Treasurer, Hand Hon. Sec. Bro. Moss kindly volunteered to act as Deputy Preceptor in the absence of Bro. Musto, on occasions when the latter might not be able to attend. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was passed to Bros. Musto, Dardenne, and Hand, for services they had rendered, while fitting acknowledgment was made to Bro. Moss for the kindness he had shown in offering his services. It was also arranged that Bro. Moss should preside as W.M. for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed and adjourned till Saturday, the 22nd instant.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 17th April, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bros. Clements W.M., Brittain S.W., Scheerboom J.W., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, B. Stewart Secretary, Hammond S.D., Ball J.D., T. Wooding Preceptor, Moss I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Barnes candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Hammond assisted the W.M. to work the first section of the lecture. Bro. Brittain was unanimously elected W.M. for Monday, 1st May.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are securities of health to all nations, of whatever clime. They having given hope, relief, and comfort to millions. In constitutions debilitated by excesses of any kind, or in general prostration of the system, their effect is tonic and restorative. They eradicate from the system the mortal cause of ailment, and renew in the frame its pristine animation, health and vigour. They greatly increase the appetite, give tone to the stomach, assist the digestion, and impart elasticity to the spirits; their essence enters the circulation, and carried through its course exerts its cleansing power over every organ. In the lungs they effect most striking changes, converting the impure venous into pure arterial blood, by which the whole frame is recruited and interstitial deposits removed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual gathering of members of the Masonic Craft for this Province was held on 11th inst., at Rugeley, in conjunction with the consecration of a Lodge in that town, to be known as St. Augustine's Lodge. Upwards of 200 brethren assembled, and the day being exceedingly fine their appearance in the street, as they walked to and from the parish church attired in full Masonic clothing, induced a large number of spectators to witness the procession. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall shortly after noon, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Major George Singleton Tudor, who was accompanied by his Officers, being saluted Masonically in a style becoming his high official position, on taking his seat in the chair of King Solomon. The first business was the reading of the minutes of late Provincial Grand Lodges held at Stafford, Kidsgrave, and Fenton, by the P.G. Secretary, Brother W. Cartwright P.P.G.S.W., the whole of which were confirmed in the usual way amongst Masons. The next business was the confirmation of the Provincial Grand Treasurer's account, from which it appeared that there was a balance of £71 9s 6d to be carried to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Before appointing the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, the Provincial Grand Master referred to the increasing difficulty attendant on such appointments because of the increased number of Lodges and the consequent large number of brethren who were anxious to obtain honours conferred on them by the privilege of wearing "the purple." He had frequently noticed the absence of Provincial Officers from their gatherings after they had passed through their official year, and he thought that it might arise from the supposition that having received some minor appointment they imagined that they would not get anything higher, and as the honour of wearing the purple had been accomplished there was no necessity for further effort. This might or might not be the reason for their absence; he thought it was, and, as he had previously intimated, he should, as a rule, give to Provincial Officers who had held inferior offices those of a higher position. He had conferred with some of the oldest Officers of the Province upon the subject, and whilst some were unfavourable to such a plan, there were others who looked on it with favour. He should act in accordance with his own views on this subject, and he had offered to Bro. Spilsbury, who some years ago had held the office of Prov. G.J.W., that of Prov. Grand Senior Warden. The Prov. G.S.W. having received from the Prov. Grand Master the jewel designating his office subsequently took the Senior Warden's chair. The other appointments were then proceeded with, the brethren being severally conducted to the P.G.M. by Brother T. E. Fowke P.G.D.C. The appointments were—

Bro. Alfred E. Fowke	-	Prov. Grand Junior Warden
W. Cartwright	-	Secretary
R. M. Grier	-	Chaplain
John Fowler	-	Senior Deacon
Charles Bunting	-	Junior Deacon
Henry Langman	-	Registrar
W. J. Boys	-	Supt. of Works
T. E. Fowke	-	D. of Ceremonies
C. Walsh Graham	-	Acting D.C.
T. H. Rabone	-	Standard Bearer
E. Piddock	-	Sword Bearer
J. W. H. Mackenzie	-	Pursuivant.

Brothers Boys and Rabone were unable to be present, and Brother Mackenzie was detained at home through indisposition. The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Brother John Bodenham, was unanimously re-elected by the brethren present, and so was also the Prov. Grand Tyler, Brother Baggaley, who has discharged the duties of that office for a period of nearly forty years.

Immediately after the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers, the consecration of St. Augustine's Lodge was proceeded with by the Provincial Grand Master, who called on the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the petition and warrant, which was dated 25th October 1881, and which directs that the Lodge shall be known as the St. Augustine's Lodge, to be held on the second Thursday in every month, at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley, and to be numbered 1,941 on the Grand roll of England. The usual formula was gone through by the consecrating Officer, the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by his Wardens, who afterwards dedicated the Lodge to the purposes of Freemasonry, and to the cultivation of every moral and social virtue. At the close of this ceremony, the Provincial Grand Lodge was adjourned for the purpose of affording the brethren an opportunity of attending Divine service at St. Augustine's Church, where a very excellent, practical, and forcible sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Brother R. M. Grier. A collection was made at the church, of which, on the re-assembling of the Provincial Grand Lodge, £5 was voted to the funds of the district hospital, and the remainder to the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge, it having been stated that the schools connected with the church (to which object a portion of the collection is usually voted) did not need any such amount. After the consideration of several notices of motion, and decisions in connection therewith, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

At the request of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. F. James Past Provincial Deputy Grand Master, then proceeded with the ceremony of installing the W.M. Designate of the new Lodge, Brother the Rev. T. B. Mundy W.M. and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, during which ceremony the whole of the brethren who had not passed the chair withdrew. On the completion of the ceremonial, the W.M. of the new Lodge appointed his Officers as follow, and invested each with his distinguishing collar of office:—James Clarke, M.D., S.W. 1039 S.W., George Buttery J.W. 1039 Prov. G.S. J.W., the Rev. R. M. Grier Prov. Grand Chaplain, Thomas James Treas., Edwin Marshall Prov. Grand Secretary, H. F. Newton 726 Provincial Grand Steward, Thomas Greensmith Steward,

Edward Johns 1039 S.D., J. B. Burns J.D., George Brown 1039 Prov. G.S. I.G., John Barkley Prov. G.S. Tyler.

The banquet, of which upwards of 100 brethren partook, was served in the Assembly Room of the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, who was, however, obliged to leave, in company with Brother Colonel Foster Gough Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the Province, and several other Officers and brethren, before the repast, which was very good, although indifferently served, was finished. The duties of chairman was subsequently effectively discharged by Brother Frank James Past Provincial Deputy Grand Master. After having proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen, referring to her as the mother of the Grand Master of England, and the toast having been most loyally received and drunk, the Chairman proposed the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, most Worshipful Grand Master of England, observing that he need not remind them of the advantages the Craft possessed in having His Royal Highness as their Grand Master. Freemasonry had made great strides since His Royal Highness had presided over the Craft, and he was sure that it would be pleasurable to him to know that the principles of Masonry were spreading amongst them in the Province. The President next proposed the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Provincial Grand Master; the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge, present and past." They were brethren of whom they might well be proud. They would recollect that some few years ago the Great Orient of France determined on having an alteration of the ritual of Freemasonry. A committee of Grand Lodge was appointed, and he had the pleasure of being present on that occasion, when Lord Carnarvon presided, who, in speaking upon the suggested alteration of omitting the name of God from the ritual, contended that whatever might be thought of infidelity in the outside world it should have no favour in a Freemason's Lodge, and the result was that no alteration took place in their ritual. The Rev. J. H. Iles, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, next gave "The health of the Grand Master of the Province," observing that he did it with much pleasure and much feeling. He had stood side by side with him in the Volunteer movement, in which he had worked most heartily; but whatever he took up was done with his whole soul, and that was his history in Freemasonry. The toast was drunk with great heartiness. "The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother Colonel Foster Gough, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past," was proposed by Brother Buttery, and, in the absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was briefly acknowledged by Brother Spilsbury Provincial Grand Senior Warden. The President next gave "The health of Brother the Rev. T. B. Mundy W.M. of St. Augustine's Lodge," remarking that the installation which had taken place that day was a good augury for the prosperity of the Lodge. The only word of advice which he would give was, not to be disheartened if the number of members did not come up to those of other Lodges in the Province, but to select true and upright men only whom they would not object to shake by the hand as brethren, and who would reflect honour on the Lodge which had that day been consecrated. He understood that four initiations were to take place on their first Lodge meeting, and he felt quite sure that Brother Mundy would have the same pleasure in doing his utmost for the well-being of the Lodge as he had done in the St. John's Lodge at Lichfield. Brother Mundy briefly acknowledged the toast. He observed that it was a very difficult thing to speak about self, as there were a great number of things the speaker knew which were unknown to any one besides himself. He should, however, do his utmost for the prosperity of the Lodge; and if he had learnt things which others knew not, he should be happy to help them. He believed that a number of Lodges had done great injury to themselves by introducing individuals who never ought to have been Freemasons; he hoped that such would not be the case with them, but that every one would do all he could to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. He was glad that they should have the advice of the rev. gentleman who had that day been appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain, and he hoped that every member would so act that the Lodge would not only be a credit to the town of Rugeley but a credit also to Freemasonry. The Rev. R. M. Grier, the newly appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain, in proposing the health of the Installing Master, Brother Frank James Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, remarked that it was under circumstances of considerable difficulty—difficulty only because he did not propose or drink toasts—that he had to bring before them the name of Brother James. He thanked him, however, very heartily for his presence amongst them that day. Every one who had been present at the installation of their W.M. must have been pleased with the manner in which the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master had gone through the ceremony. When it was intended to have a Lodge in Rugeley, it was also the wish of every member that Brother James should be the installing Master, and they had not been disappointed. (In giving the toast, the rev. brother humorously expressed a hope that they would not drink it). Brother James acknowledged the toast and referred to several incidents connected with his 30 years of Masonic life in the Province. This was followed by the toast of the "Masonic Charities," proposed by Brother J. Bodenham Prov. Grand Treasurer, who referred to the advisableness of giving every vote to the brother representing the Province when they wished to succeed in obtaining the admission into the Schools of any particular candidate. A few other toasts followed, and subsequently that of the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close.

On Saturday last, Bro. Henry E. Tucker, Treasurer of the West Middlesex Benevolent Association, and S.W. of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Brother Tucker is the Preceptor and Treasurer of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, and Treasurer of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction.

ROYAL ARCH.

BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 13th April, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' avenue, Coleman-street, City, and the occasion was rendered important in consequence of it being the day appointed for the installation of the Principals, who were elected at the last Convocation. Comp. H. Thompson M.E.Z. presided, Comp. Sharratt (M.E.Z. elect) H., and Comp. E. Coste (pro tem, in the absence of Comp. Dodman) J. The other Companions present were W. H. Green P.Z. S.E., A. Avery P.Z. Treasurer, Wyer I.P.Z., W. Smeed P.Z., Dr. Pridmore P.S. Visitors—Comps. H. E. Frances G.D.C. Surrey P.Z. 1694, and Taylor 1624. Previous to the opening of the Chapter an audit meeting of the accounts of the last year was held, and it showed a good balance for the ensuing year. Some business having been disposed of, Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. took the chair, when the installation of the elected Principals was proceeded with. Comp. W. H. Green P.Z. presented Comp. F. Sharratt M.E.Z. elect to receive in the first place the solemn rite of installation, and when it is known that it was to be conferred by Comp. Smeed, no eulogy is required as to the manner in which it was performed; it may simply be said that it was impressive, and scrupulously correct. In going through the ceremony, Comp. Smeed was materially supported in some of the formal parts by Comp. Frances. In consequence of the absence of Comp. Dodman, the H. elect, that ceremony was postponed to the next meeting. Comp. W. H. Green next presented Comp. Carrington, the J. elect, who was also installed by Comp. Smeed in the same able manner. The Officers appointed were Comps. A. Avery Treasurer, W. H. Green S.E., Pridmore P.S., H. Bond 1st A.S., and Bavin Janitor. Bro. James Gordon, P.M. of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, a candidate, was balloted for and unanimously elected, but in consequence of a severe domestic calamity his exaltation was necessarily deferred until the next Convocation, in July. The M.E.Z. said that the first duty he had to perform was a most pleasing one; it was to present their Immediate P.Z., Comp. H. Thompson, with a jewel, which had been voted to him by the Comps. at the last Convocation, as an acknowledgment for the services he had rendered to the Chapter during his year of office. He was quite sure that the Companions would agree with him when he said that during the time Comp. Thompson had occupied the chair his conduct had been most genial, and at all times the Comps. had been treated with courtesy and kindness. When he (the M.E.Z.) left the chair, he hoped that he should leave it with the same kindness and good wishes as the Companions entertained towards Comp. Thompson. In placing upon his breast the jewel which had been unanimously voted him, he hoped he might live long to wear it, and that it would be an un-failing remembrance of the kindness the Companions of the Beadon Chapter entertained towards him during the time he occupied the position of M.E.Z. amongst them. He then placed on his breast a beautiful jewel, manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb, of St. John's-square, Clerkenwell, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
COMP. HENRY THOMPSON P.Z.,
in recognition of his valuable services as M.E.Z.
of the Beadon Chapter during 1881.

Comp. Thompson P.Z., in acknowledging the high compliments which the M.E.Z. had been pleased to pay him, said he felt at that moment so embarrassed in his feelings of gratitude that he could hardly give expression to what he felt for the great kindness they had always shown to him, and for the splendid jewel which they had presented him that evening. He had had other jewels presented him during his Masonic career—extending over twenty-two years—all of which he estimated, but he could assure them that none of them should he wear with greater pride than that which he had received from the members of the Beadon Chapter. He was greatly indebted for the uniform kindness he had always received from them, and their willingness at all times to treat any shortcomings on his part with the greatest indulgence. From the time he came amongst them he had always been treated with courtesy, and he might truly say that some of the happiest hours in his life had been spent in the Beadon Chapter. To one and all he wished health, happiness, and prosperity, and trusted he might for many years be amongst them to enjoy a continuance of that good fellowship he had hitherto received. The Chapter was then closed in due form, and the Companions adjourned to the large Hall for refreshment, which was well served by Companions Wood and Romain. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts, which were duly honoured. Companion H. Thompson I.P.Z. said it devolved upon him, for the first time, to propose the next toast, which was the health of their esteemed M.E.Z., Comp. Sharratt, who had that night been installed in the exalted position he then occupied; he felt sure from what he had done in the other offices that the Companions could not have made a better choice than in selecting Companion Sharratt to preside over them. He was kind, courteous, and painstaking, and he was sure that he would well maintain the dignity of the position in which they had placed him. He (Comp. Thompson) hoped and trusted that he would have a prosperous year of office, and when the time arrived that he should have to yield up the chair to his successor he would quit it with the good wishes and kindly feelings that were at all times entertained towards him. This toast was most enthusiastically received. The M.E.Z. said he felt undeserving of all the kindly things Companion Thompson had said of him, but he would do everything in his power to promote the prosperity of the Chapter, and would strive to emulate those who had gone before him, although perhaps he might not succeed in doing so. He, however, thanked Companion Thompson for the very kindly way in which he had spoken of him, and the Companions for the cordial manner in which

they had received the toast, and hoped at the end of the year to leave the chair with the same feelings and with like credit as his predecessor. The M.E.Z. then proposed the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, and in doing so adverted to the vote of thanks which had been given to Companion Smeed for the excellent manner in which he conducted the installation of the Principals that evening, and said he hoped he should have the assistance of the P.Z.'s in carrying out his duties in the ensuing year. He proposed the health of Companion Smeed, Wyer, Thompson, and Green, and trusted that the Chapter might long have the benefit of their services. Comp. Smeed in acknowledging the toast, said it was always a pleasure to him to come amongst the members of the Beadon Chapter; he was ready at all time to do anything that might be required to promote its interests. He was glad to have had the opportunity of installing the Principals that evening, and should be happy to do so on any future occasion. The next toast was that of the Visitors, for which Companion H. E. Frances returned thanks, expressing the pleasure he felt in being present, and in witnessing the excellent manner in which Comp. Smeed had installed the Principals that night, and for the hospitality which had been extended towards him. Comp. Taylor also briefly returned thanks. The M.E.Z. next gave Comps. Dodman and Carrington the H. and J. of the Chapter, for which Comp. Carrington, in the absence of Comp. Dodman, returned thanks, expressing his sense of the highly impressive manner in which he had been installed by Comp. Smeed, and assuring them that he would do all in his power to deserve the confidence the Companions had reposed in him by placing him in such an exalted position. Some other toasts were given, and songs sung; the Janitor's toast brought a thoroughly harmonious meeting to a close.

At a Convocation of the Wanderers' Chapter, No. 1604, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, Comp. C. Smith was installed as M.E.Z. in succession to Comp. T. R. McIllwham.

In reference to the report of the Installation Meeting of the John Hervey Lodge, which appeared in our issue of last week, we have received a letter from Brother Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B. Our esteemed brother points out one or two inaccuracies we made therein. In the first place we stated that the Lodge was named after the late Grand "Treasurer;" this was a palpable blunder on our part, as all our readers are well aware the late Bro. Hervey held the post of Grand "Secretary." We confess that as regards the second count in Bro. Pullen's indictment, we have been under a misapprehension for some years. We scarcely know when this first arose, but it has been fixed in our mind for some time that Bro. John Hervey consecrated the Hervey Lodge. This, however, appears not to have been the case; Bro. Hyde Pullen performed the ceremony, and afterwards installed the first W.M.—Bro. George King jun. Bro. Pullen's services on that occasion were apparently most thoroughly appreciated by the members of the Lodge, as the following extract from a letter, which he received some short time after, will testify:—

"I have the pleasure of informing you that by a unanimous vote you were elected a member of the Hervey Lodge, with all the rights attaching to membership, in accordance with the terms of a notice to that effect inserted in the last summons.

"I am further directed to express, on behalf of the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, the hope that they may for many years have the honour, pleasure, and advantage of your active membership, and that you will favour them with your company in Lodge."

On page 274 of our Fourth Volume we give Bro. Hyde Pullen the credit so justly his due; we there state that he was the consecrating officer of the Hervey Lodge, and we are convinced he will accept our present explanation in the fraternal spirit that has always characterised our relationship. We also tender our heartfelt sympathy with him in the hour of his affliction, an affliction which almost precludes the hope that he will be able to again undertake his former active part in the work of the Craft he has ever loved so well. Other of our correspondents have directed attention to these mistakes, and we must beg of them likewise to accept this correction.

We beg to remind our readers that the Grand Festival of our United Grand Lodge takes place on Wednesday next, being the first after St. George's Day (23rd April), that being the day fixed by the Book of Constitutions. Previous to the banquet, at which the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master will preside, a Grand Lodge will be held, and the Grand Officers for the new year appointed and invested with the insignia of their rank.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

A QUIET but exceedingly agreeable little meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Crossley W. Master. For some time past the the brethren of the Mariners' have been exercising an unpretentious economy in order to exemplify the "distinguishing characteristic," and they have so far succeeded that at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution their esteemed Hon. Secretary Bro. Joseph Driscoll was enabled to carry up a very respectable addition to the fund raised on behalf of the Old Folks. This has only been accomplished by self-denying effort, but the "pangs" of that self-abnegation having been surmounted, as the W.M. so pleasantly observed on Tuesday night, the brethren have once more resumed their habitual hospitalities, with none the less zest from a consciousness of having acceded so substantially to the claims of charity. On the occasion of our visit Bro. Crossley was supported in the chair by the Immediate Past Master Bro. Hiram Cosedge, the end of whose successful year we recently recorded, and amongst those present were Bros. A. E. Gladwell P.M., G. J. C. Smith P.M., Joseph Clark P.M., A. Lefaux P.M., J. Shipley S.W., T. E. Davey J.W., Joseph Harling P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll P.M. Hon. Sec., J. Linscott S.D., L. Steingraber J.D., A. Coudrey Organist, S. Lampen Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, H. Meyer, W. Saunders, Jas. Protheroe, J. H. Morgau, Thos. Oblein, C. J. Howard, Edwin J. Bailey, C. Fassheber; and others. The Visitors included Bros. G. T. Plumbly I.P.M. 1808 P.G. Sword Bearer, William Gill 602, J. H. Smith 1642, E. N. Pringle 1343, Thomas Douglas St. Leonards, H. Pitcher 860, &c. The agenda was not a heavy one, and Lodge having been opened in due form, it was at once advanced. Brother J. H. Morgan, who had been initiated at the last meeting, which was an off-night, was duly passed to the second degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his officers. Some routine business was supplemented by a proposition for initiation, and another for joining, after which Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren and visitors dined together in the Coffee Room of the Hotel, where Bros. Ritter and Clifford administered to their comfort and enjoyment admirably. At the conclusion of a repast, well served under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. Marcham, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured, the Worshipful Master issuing his fiat that brevity was to be the order of the evening in the matter of speeches. Thus, after the usual loyal expressions towards our beloved Patroness of the Craft, and the Most Worshipful G. Master and his family, the W. Master passed on to pay a graceful tribute of respect and praise to the Masonic Rulers, whose services to the Institution were duly acknowledged. The Immediate Past Master (Bro. Hiram Cosedge) then resumed the gavel, and in proposing the health of the excellent W. Master of the United Mariners' Lodge, expressed the opinion that no one could properly sympathise with that toast excepting those who had passed the chair. No one knew the responsibilities, as well as the pleasures, experienced by the occupant of that exalted position so thoroughly as one who had participated in its duties and privileges. It was wonderful how easy the position appeared to be before it was undertaken, and how onerous and how strangely like a Chinese puzzle when one got into it. Indeed, having let the cat out of the bag, it required a vast amount of self-restraint to keep within proper bounds, and the older one became, the more one felt like the cat let loose, and wanting to teach the kittens a little more. The W.M., during his short career in the chair, had used his utmost endeavour to cement them together as brothers, which was the chief object of Freemasonry all over the habitable globe. He came into office when they had expended all their funds, and certainly his predecessor had a good deal to do with that. His predecessor was not ashamed of it, but when they were almost bankrupt, their excellent W.M. determined as far as possible to assist in the cause of Charity, and in curtailing the banquets he acted both wisely and well. But they had gone on most harmoniously, and after putting them through the pangs of hunger, he did not intend they should continue in that condition, though he would not go so far as his predecessor had done, and would keep a little in reserve. They had all seen his working, for he was now midway through his degrees in the chair, and already he had raised them eight steps up the ladder, as when that gavel was formed they were thirty-three, whereas now they were twenty-two. This allusion to numerals seemed perfectly understood by those to whom it was addressed, and the toast was welcomed with the utmost hilarity. The Worshipful Master briefly acknowledged the compliment paid to him, and said so long as he occupied the chair—a position of which he was very proud—he should endeavour to do his duty, and to merit the commendations of the Lodge. In turn he gave the health of the F.C. Bro. Morgan, who, however, was not amongst them for the first time that evening, having been admitted at the last meeting, when he had not the opportunity—through his niggardliness, should he say?—(voices: "Economy")—of extending towards him the customary hospitalities. He might now tell Bro. Morgan he was just on the threshold of Freemasonry; he had heard something of it, and of its teachings. But there was more to come, more beautiful and impressive than what he had already heard or seen. He was sure he could not have been otherwise than favourably impressed already by the teaching he had received, and when he reached the sublime degree, to which he hoped to have the pleasure of raising him, he would acknowledge that Freemasonry was worthy to receive good men and true, such as he believed Brother Morgan himself to be. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Morgan suitably responded, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by admitting him a member of the Ancient and Honourable Institution. The Worshipful Master next gave a most cordial welcome to the Visitors, of whom he was glad to see so large a number present. Bro. G. T. Plumbly Prov. G.S.B. in response said, it had given him great gratification to be present amongst them that evening. He did not visit many

Lodges, and living in a somewhat remote part of the country, on the Norfolk coast, they had little opportunity in bygone times of attending any Lodges of Instruction. He was very pleased to witness the quiet and yet easy and perfect working of their Lodge, and he congratulated the Officers and brethren upon that fact. When he left the chair he felt he had just reached a point when he was qualified to go on with the duties. His mother Lodge was some distance from his home, and when another was founded, nearer to him, he was proud to join it. He was made Senior Warden almost immediately, and it took him some time to acquit himself with credit in that position, but the next year he was offered, and was pleased to accept, the Mastership. In his county they boasted of good Masons, like the Prince of Wales and Lord Suffield, who did good service to the Craft. In conclusion he said he should be happy to welcome any of the brethren at his Lodge. Bro. W. Gill also briefly acknowledged the toast, in doing which he expressed his deep sense of gratification at the hospitality extended to the Visitors and to himself on this his first visit to a London Lodge. The health of the Past Masters was then given, and on their behalf Bro. G. J. C. Smith briefly replied. The W. Master then paid a deserved compliment to the Officers of the Lodge, whose working was most satisfactory. Bro. J. Shipley S.W. suitably acknowledged the compliment, in which he said he expressed the sentiments of all his brother officers and himself when he said they were actuated by the desire so to fulfil their duties as to give continued satisfaction to the Lodge. The official list was then closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening there was an abundance of excellent vocal and instrumental music, Brother Coudrey lending valuable and efficient aid as accompanist on the pianoforte.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., in lieu of the regular meeting, which fell on Easter Tuesday. There were present Bros. Usher Back W.M., W. E. Young S.W., F. J. Hentsch J.W., W. W. Morgan Secretary, T. H. Peirce S.D., H. Martin J.D., E. Thring I.G., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. W. Radcliffe, A. Withers, A. Green, J. Laver; also Bros. H. Green, A. Dickson, Crapper, Burr, Adams, &c. After the summons convening the meeting had been read, the W.M. announced the death, which occurred on the 12th inst., of Brother George Parsons P.M., who was an esteemed member of the St. Michael's Lodge, and who had been a constant attendant at its meetings since the date of his initiation—1858. Brother Parsons had passed through the various offices, and he filled the chair of this Lodge in 1867. Bro. Back stated that he, with several members of the Lodge, attended the funeral, on Monday last, and if evidence of the estimation in which their late brother was held by his neighbours were needed, it was found in the fact that the churchyard was literally thronged by those who had come to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. Bro. P.M. Laver then proposed that a vote of condolence be sent from the Lodge to the members of the late Brother Parsons' family, the same to be recorded on the minutes. This was unanimously agreed to, and several of the members testified to the great loss the Lodge had sustained by this bereavement, and the deep interest Brother Parsons always took in the work of the Lodge and the welfare of its members. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Edward Lindsay Pembroke, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation by Bro. Henry Green, seconded by Bro. Alfred Green P.M. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidate, and the W.M. courteously vacated the chair to enable Bro. Green P.M. to introduce his friend Mr. Pembroke to the mysteries of the Order. Later on Bros. Adams and Burr were raised to the sublime degree, this ceremony being likewise performed by Bro. Alfred Green. After closing the Lodge an hour was spent in social converse.

Grey Friars, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., Richard Dowsett S.W., C. R. Honey J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, Hawkes S.D., Prickett J.D., Cordrey D.C., Tegg Steward, Ravenscroft I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Margrett, Creed, Weatherhead, T. Margrett, W. Blackwell, Coates, Goff, Browne, Whitfield, Hukins, Greenaway, Sands, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. Hawkes 414, Parry S.D. 414, Hunt 188 and 771, Gregson 1714, Wells Chaplain 140, F. Blackwell I.G. 414, H. Blackwell Secretary 1540, Strang J.W. 1505, Mount W.M. 414. After preliminaries, the W.M. informed the brethren that, in compliance with the resolution unanimously passed at the last meeting, a letter had been sent direct to Her Majesty, to which a reply had been received. He would now do himself the honour of reading it to them—"Lieut.-General Sir F. Ponsonby is commanded by the Queen to thank the Reading Freemasons for their letter of congratulation. Buckingham Palace, 15th March 1882." The W.M. said it must be gratifying to all the brethren to feel that their loyal sentiments of devotion to Her Majesty had been brought so directly under her notice, and had received so gracious a recognition; it would also be satisfactory to know that Her Majesty had graciously consented to receive a deputation from Grand Lodge, representing the whole of the Craft, shortly after her return from Italy. Mr. Charles Slaughter was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry; the ceremony was admirably performed by the Master and Officers, with precision and correctness; the candidate appeared much impressed with the beautiful ceremony. The charge and lecture were not given in this instance, for want of time. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Walter Blackwell, a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the former degrees, he was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Blackwell was admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The effect of the ceremony was considerably heightened by vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Hickie the Organist. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and closed according to ancient form, after which the brethren retired for refreshment to the Ship Hotel, where a very agreeable evening was spent.

SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

IT is but a year since this Lodge, which has its quarters in East Dulwich, was consecrated, and yet in that short period of time it has, to use a familiar expression, deserved well of the republic of Freemasonry. It has satisfied the very considerable liabilities which necessarily attend the establishment of a new Lodge, and to judge from the manner in which the proper official habitually fulfils his duties, we should imagine that no long time hence it will have a very respectable balance to its credit. At all events, there was much enthusiasm at the second installation meeting of the "Selwyn" on Thursday evening. The chair was taken at the time fixed by Bro. W. Henry Hook W.M., and there was present to support him a goodly company of Officers, members and Visitors, among the last being Bros. Thomas C. Corpe I.P.M. 1839, George F. Shult W.M. elect 1839, W. Hawtin 1287, James Wilson 299, J. D. Etheridge 829, W. H. Turner 1586, R. Allison P.M. 186, H. Lea 1185, E. Woodman S.D. 1950, A. Trewinnard P.M. 1693, E. Bye 141, T. Perrin S.W. 1297, G. W. Hook S.D. 186, E. W. Cox 188, W. H. White 55, W. W. Morgan 211, C. A. Johnson 79, W. F. Gardner W.M. 1297, H. W. Greenwood P.M. 749. After the accustomed preliminaries, and the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Report of the Audit Committee was submitted and received. Bro. James Wilson, of Panmure Lodge, No. 229 (Scotland), having been balloted for as a joining member, and accepted, the chief business of the evening commenced with the presentation to the Worshipful Master of Bro. Louis C. N. Nicod, M.R.C.S., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. Bro. Allison P.M. 186 acted as M.C., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony of inducting Bro. Nicod into the chair of K.S. was most ably and impressively conducted by Bro. Hook. After the re-admission of the brethren below the rank of P.M., and the usual salutations, Bro. Nicod appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year—namely, Bros. Alexander J. Bellis S.W., W. R. Burnett J.W., A. Campbell Treasurer, William Henry Hook I.P.M. and Secretary, A. R. W. Powles S.D., Walter B. Marcus J.D., Charles Mussared I.G., Alfred Grainger Organist, William J. Bullimore W.S., Robert E. Anderson W.S., Thomas Bowler Tyler. This done, the Lodge had forthwith a taste of the genuine quality of its new Master, as on him devolved the duty of initiating Mr. Henry Tarrant into the mysteries of the first degree of Freemasonry, and Bro. Nicod acquitted himself extremely well. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, Bro. Lassom, who is caterer for Dulwich College, superintending the more substantial matters connected with this part of the proceedings, while Bro. J. S. Gurnay, mine host of the East Dulwich Hotel, where the meeting was held, did all that was necessary in respect of the other requisites. As, however, dinner was not served till nine o'clock, and we and sundry other brethren were under the necessity of leaving shortly after half-past ten in order to catch the last train for London, we cannot, of course, except prophetically, speak of what happened after our departure. We can only suggest that, as all things went so harmoniously when we were present, the usual toast list was received with the accustomed loyalty. In this connection, as our American cousins are in the habit of phrasing it, we must content ourselves with saying that at our departure we and our co-travellers carefully sorted ourselves, so that there might be no danger of any case of mistaken identity arising, and farther, that we reached our several abodes without, as in the celebrated cab adventure, described some years since in *Punch*, being in the slightest degree "mixed." We all knew, and were known to, each other, and had no difficulty in selecting our respective destinations. So much may be said by way of jocularly; but to resume the mode of speech which is more serious, and therefore more appropriate, we cannot close our remarks without expressing our thanks for the hospitality we experienced, and our belief that a Lodge, which is so well served by its Officers, and so loyally attended by its members, and can, moreover, in its one year's existence boast of no less than eighteen initiates, has a particularly bright future before it. It certainly has our heartiest good wishes for its continued prosperity.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Mount W.M., Stephens I.P.M., Ferguson S.W., Wheeler J.W., Withers Secretary, F. Blackwell acting S.D., Witherington J.D., C. Oades P.M. acting I.G., Hammings Tyler; Past Masters Yetts and R. Bradley Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks; Bros. Bracher, Higgs, Hawkes, Rayner, Walters, George. Visitors—Bros. Ivey P.M. Sec. 1101, F. West, F.R.G.S., P.M. Royal Somerset House, No. 4, Past Prov. Grand Registrar Surrey, Frampton 1887, Weatherhead 414. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. C. B. Tirbutt, Professor of Music, who was declared to be elected. The W.M. announced that the matter of increased subscriptions had been before the Permanent Committee, who recommended that it should stand over for the present; he had sent each member a comparative statement for the past five years, and would bring the subject forward at some future time. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. H. Walters, being a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the former, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Walters was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., with instrumental music, under the manipulation of Bro. West, F.R.G.S., a visitor from the Province of Surrey. After routine work, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till October next.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and P.Z., has consented to deliver his Reading, Explanatory of the Entire Ceremony of the First Degree, at the William Presto: Lodge of Instruction, held at the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, on Tuesday, 9th May. The attendance of brethren is invited.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Easter Tuesday, the W.M. Bro. George Simpson being in the chair, and amongst those present were Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., George Balford P.M., and many other members, as well as Visitors from the York Lodge, No. 236, and from Dublin. The work consisted in the raising of Bro. Starkey to the third degree, which having been accomplished several matters of business were brought forward. The W.M. announced that the Eboracum Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine had voted £5 to the Lodge Building Fund. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, Prov. Charity Steward, made a statement as to the Girls' School Festival, at which Lord Zetland, Provincial Grand Master, would be the Charity Steward of the Province. His Lordship had contributed a hundred guineas, and the Province another hundred. Bro. Woodhall, of Scarborough, had given twenty guineas, and there had been several other contributions; he hoped the list would amount to about four hundred guineas. Bro. Whytehead, on behalf of Brother Ware, presented a bound series of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for 1881, for which Bro. Ware received a vote of thanks. The W.M. then proposed a candidate for Freemasonry, and Bro. Whytehead proposed Bro. F. Slinger, of the Hotspur Lodge, Newcastle, as a joining member. The Lodge was then closed amid hearty good wishes, and a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent, enlivened by the singing of Bros. Mennell, Cumberland, and others.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 20th instant, at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Bros. J. Green W.M., C. Andrews P.M. S.W., A. Jones J.W., J. Wells Secretary, C. Botley S.D., C. Bollerby J.D., H. Hewlings I.G.; Bros. J. R. Fernee, J. Owen, Danby, T. A. Smith, Porter, Pitt, Murch P.M. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hewlings candidate. Bro. Hewlings answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. H. Danby, of Lodge 1065, was unanimously elected a member. Bye Law No. 1 was suspended to the last Thursday in May. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, 27th April, when the Fifteen Sections will be worked.

William of Wykeham Lodge, 1883.—An interesting ceremony took place on the evening of the 11th inst., after the ordinary business Brother E. D. Godwin, Worshipful Master, on the part of the Lodge, presenting to Brother S. R. Everett Past Master, a very handsome and excellently-coloured photographic portrait, representing him in full regalia, by Brother Ryder of this city, and subscribed for by the Lodge, as a mark, not only of their high esteem and respect for Bro. Everett, but also as a slight recognition of his labours in founding and launching the above new Lodge—a work which has been attended with very great success. Bro. Godwin made the presentation in a most effective and feeling manner, and read the inscription on the plate, which was as under:—

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E. D. GODWIN W.M.

Bro. P.M. Naish, a Masonic contemporary and old friend of Bro. Everett, added his testimony of esteem for him, and the portrait being placed in Bro. Everett's hands, he acknowledged the honour paid him in a few well-chosen observations, remarking that his love of Masonry, extending over very many years, would never cease. A cold collation was provided by the military brethren of the Lodge, in return for the hospitality shown them by their civilian brethren.

A new manual engine was supplied last week, by Messrs. Shand and Mason, to the Harrow Volunteer Fire Brigade. All the latest improvements are introduced in the engine, and it was admired by all who saw it. In the evening a large company sat down to an excellent dinner, provided at the King's Head, the chair being taken by General Mills. Bro. Henry E. Tucker Honorary Secretary of the County Association, was present, and responded to the toast wishing Success to the Association, of which many of those present became honorary members.

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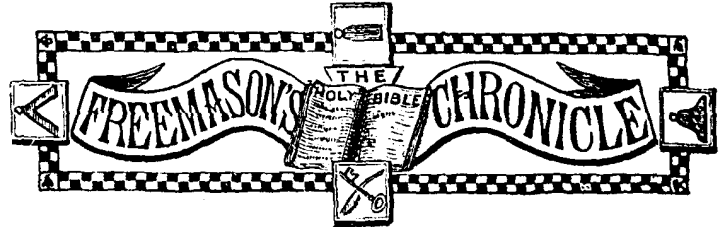
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THE MASON'S CONSTITUTIONS.

We have lately been favoured with a parchment MS. of the following "Mason's Constitutions," for which we are indebted directly to Brother John Constable P.M. Tranquillity, No. 185, and indirectly to the Bedford Lodge, No. 167, whose property it is. We have had it copied, but as the copy only reached us in the course of the current week, we are unable to offer any comments on it, as our readers will well understand that some time and trouble are necessary in order to arrive at any opinion as to its value. We publish, therefore, the opening portion, and shall reserve such observations as we may feel called upon to make till the whole of the MS. has been reprinted in our pages.

THE PRAYER AT ADMITTANCE OR ACCEPTANCE.

THE MIGHT of the Father of Kings, with the Wisdom of the Glorious Jesus, thro' the Grace and Goodness of the Holy Ghost, being three Persons in one Godhead be with us at our Beginning and Give us Grace so to Govern our Selves here in this mortal Life towards him that we may come to his kingdom yt never shall have End. Amen.

THE PREFACE.

Good Brethren and Fellows, Our Purpose is to tell you in what manner this worther Science, or Art of Masonry, When and how it begun, And afterwards how it was Favoured by many worthy Kings and Princes, and by many high Worshipfull men. And also to those that be willing. We will Dictate the charges yt which belong to any True Free Mason to Keep according to a True faith: And if you Keep and Give good heed thereto, it will be worth yor Observing to Learn so Worthby a Science.

THE ORIGINAL OF THE SCIENCE & HOW FFOUNDED.

First then you are to know there are Seaven liberal Arts or Sciences. The first is Grammer wch Teacheth a Man to Speak and Write truely. The Second is Rhetorick wch doth teach a Man to Speak Ornatly, or neatly and finely. The 3d is Logick wch doth teach a Man ye Art of Reasoning, or Disputing and from that to discern truth from Falsehood. The Fourth is Arithmetick wch teacheth a man reckon and Accompt by all Manuer of Numbers or it is ye Art of Numbering. The fifth is Geometry wch teacheth a Man ye Art of Measureing or Proportioning of Figures or Draught of all manner of things whatsoever. Which Science is now called Free Masonry. The Sixth is Musick wch teacheth a Man to Tune the Voice and to play upon Organ, Harp or Tramp or any other Instrumt. The Seaventh is Astronomy wch Teacheth a Man to know the Course of ye Sun, Moon and Stars and all the other Planets. These be the Seaven Liberal Arts or Sciences which were all first Grounded upon Geometry, for by Geometry a Man takes the Measure and Ponderation of all things of Weight or Earth, for it is plain that no Man Worketh any Work as Science or Art but he Worketh it by Measure or by Weight and all this is Geometry. For all these Merchants and other Craftsmen and Tillers of all manner of Ground for Grain of any Sort, of Vines, or Setters of Fruit or Seed Flowers, Caannot find out Weight or Measure without Geometry. Neither can any other of the Seaven Libberal Sciences find out Weight and Measure without it. Whereby it is Apparent That Geometry wch is now called Free-Masonry is an Art or Science the Most Worthy & most Excellent of all others they being all founded upon it.

THE ORIGINAL OF YE SCIENCE FROM THE SCRIPTURE.

Genesis the 4.—Before Noah's flood there was a man whose name was Lamech. He had two Wives the one was named Adah the other Zillah. By the first Wife he had two Saus yd one was called Jabell the ffather of such as had cattle and Dwelt in Tents the other Juball the ffather of all that play on the Harp, or Organs or any kind of Musick. By his other Wife Zillah he had a Son & a Daughter, the Son was Called Tubal-Cain and Daughter was Called Naamah she found out the art of Weaving. Jabell the Eldest son of Lamech by his Wife Adah was the ffather of Geometry which was the first Science ffound * * * * These four Children as is believed found out the Original of all Sciences And they knew that God would take vengeance upon the Earth for Sin Either by Fire or Water. And they by reason of this Prophetical knowledge did Write their Arts and Sciences which they had Invented upon Two pillars of Stone that they might be preserv'd to Succeeding Generations after the fl od. The one Pillar was of Marble because Fire should not consume it; The other was of Chipped Lattens Because it should not be Drowned in the flood * * * * *

HOW IT WAS FOUND AFTER THE FFLOOD.

Our Intent is to tell you truly how and in what manner these two Pillars was found that these Sciences were Written upon. The Great

Hermerius wch was Cub y^e son of Sem the Son of Noah this Hermerius was afterwards Called Hermes The ffather of these persons Called Wisemen. He found one of the two Pillars of Stone and found y^e Science written on it and he taught it to other Men * * *

1. WHERE AND WHEN MASONRY WAS FFIRST SO CALLED & MADE.

At the Time of the Building of the Tower of Babylon then was Masons much esteemed it being y^e Time and place that Masonry. Before Called Geometry was first so Called and Made * * *

2. WHO WAS Y^e FFIRST KING THAT WAS A MASON.

The King of Babylon at that Time was Called Nimrod and was a Mason himself and Loved and favoured the Sciences much as is Witnessed by diverse Masters of Hystorys. And when the City of Ninivey and other Cities of the West were made & Builled Nimrod the King of Babylon sent thither Threescore Masons at y^e request of the King of Ninivey his Cousin and when he sent them forth he gave them a Charge in this manner * * *

THE FFIRST CHARGE GIVEN TO MASONS CALLED NIMROD'S CHARGE BEING GIVEN BY HIM.

That they should be one; one to another. That is that they should Love one another. Secondly that they should truly Love together, Thirdly y^t they should truly serve their Lord for their pay. So that the Magr may have worship thereby and all the other fellows or Brethren that belong unto him and other more Charges he Gave them. This was the first time that Ever Masons had any Charges of this Science * * *

HOW THE SCIENCES SPREAD AND WERE COMMUNICATED TO OTHER NATIONS.

When Abraham & Sarah his wife went into the Land of Egypt he there taught the Seaven Liberal Sciences to the Egyptians & then he had a worthy Schollar named Euclides. He Learned right well, and was a Master of all the liberal Sciences And his days it came to pass That y^e King or Lords and the States of y^e realme had many Sons by their wives and Concubines for that is a hot Land and plentyous of Generation. So that they had not Competent livelyhood and Maintenance wherewth to relieve their Children Therefore that they had great care how to pvide for them, Then the King of the Land drew a great Councel & held a Paliamt to seek a way to maintaine their Children honestly as Gentlemen, and yet they could not find out any manner of way. So Proclamation was caused to be made throughout the Realm in this forme * * *

THE PROCLAMATION.

That if there was any Man that Could Instruct and Informe them in any of the Seaven Liberal Arts or Sciences that he should come to them and he should be so well rewarded for his Travell that he should hold himself pleased. * * * After this proclamation made their came this Worthy Clerk Euclides and told the King and his Great Lords thus.

EUCLIDES HIS SPEECH TO Y^e KING OF EGYPT AND HIS GREAT COUNCELL.

That if you would have me to Govern yo^r Children I would Teach them one of the Seaven Liberal Sciences whereby they may live Honestly as Gentlemen but then you shall Give me a Comision That I may have power to rule them after the mannr y^t the worthy Science (viz.) of Geometry, or Masonry requireth. Then the King and all his Coucull Granted him speedily a Comission and Sealed it * * * Then this worthy Doctr took to him their Sons and Taught them the Sciences of Geometry (or Masonry) to practice working in stone and to work all manner of worthy work that belongs to the Building of Temples Castles or Towers Mannors and Houses and all other Man. of Buildings and gave them a Charge in this manner * * *

THE SECOND CHARGE GIVEN TO MASONS, CALLED EUCLID'S CHARGE.

First, that they should be true to the King and to the Lord or Mastr they Serve or work for. Secondly, y^t they should love well together and be true one to another. Thirdly, y^t they should call one another Brether or fellow, and not by the name of Servant, or Slave, Knave, Thief, or other foul name to any ones disgrace. fourthly, that they should so faithfully do their work as that they should truly and justly Deserve their pay from their Lord or Master whom they serve. fifthly, that they should ordain and make the Wisest and most skillfull artist amongst them to be Mastr of the Work, and neither for love nor near Linnage nor for any favour or Cause wtsoever set another y^t bath but Little skill or Cuning to be Mastr of y^e Work belonging to the Lord or Mastr they serve whereby he may be evilly serv'd, and they Ashamed. If such an one take y^e Work as Mastr yet he is to be displaced as Mastr and to work as Comon Workman and the Chiefest Workman or Artist amongst 'em to be placed in his room for Master * * *

EUCLID THE FIRST Y^t MADE MASTERS AND GOVERNOURS OF WORK.

Sixthly, that all and Every one of the Lodge shall call such Mastr or Governour of the Work by the name of Master all the time y^e work wth him. Other more Charges he gave that wou'd be too long to relate here present. To all those Charges he caused them to swear a Great Oath That men usd for those times this was the SECOND CHARGE GIVEN TO MASONS.

After that he ordained for y^m Reasonable Wages y^t they might Live Honestly by it.

After that hee ordain'd that they should oftentimes assemble themselves together (at least once Every year) to confer how they might work the best to serve their Lord or Master for his profit and to their own Worshipp, & to Correct him or them that should transgress agt these Ordinances * * * Geometry 1st, so called by Euclides * * * Thus in Egypt was the Sciences grounded by the Worthy Mastr Euclides, who also frst gave name to y^e Sciences

and Called it Geometry. And now it is throughout the Land Called Masonry * * *

THE FURTHER PROGRESS OF IT & HOW IT WAS RECED FAVOUR'D AND CHER'SHED

Then long after y^t when the Children of Israel was Come into the Land of Behest, now called amongst us the Country of Gernusalem, King David began the Temple wh was called Templum Domini and now called the Temple of Jerusalem. The same King David loved Masons well and cherrished them much and gave them good pay and he gave them the Charges and Manners that Euclides gave and ordained in Egypt and other charges more that ye shall hear afterwards. King David confirmed Euclides Charges, so King David's charge was the Third Charge.

WHO THEY MADE MASTERS AND GOVERNOURS AMONGST MASONS.

After the Death of King David King Solomon his son Reigned who finished out the Temple and sent afterwards masons into diverse Countrys Thousands of Workers in Stone and were all called Masons and he choose out of them throe Thousand and throe Hundred whom he ordained to be Masters over them and Governours of his work. * * *

THE FFOURTH CHARGE GIVEN TO MASONS BEING KING SOLOMON'S CHARGE.

King Solomons Charge Confirmed both the Charges and manners that his Father had given to Masons, and the Charges of Euclides and Nimrod.

WHO WAS THE FFIRST PRINCE Y^t WAS A MASON

the son of Hiram King of Tyrus who sent to Solomom and gave him Cedar Trees and Timber wood to work was a Mastr Mason for a Master in Geometry by reason of his great Skill and Cuning in Masonry King Solomon made him Chief Master of all his Masons, and Master of all his Engraveing and Carving and all other matters and manners of Masonry wch belonged to the Temple and this is Written in the Bible in the book of Kings. And thus was this worthy Science of Masonry confirmed in the Country of Jerusalem and many other Kingdoms. In King Solomons days Carious Craftsmen walked about into divers Countrys some to get Learning and Cuning and others to Teach them that had Little Cuning. So that in Solomons days Masonry was first dispersed over the World.

HOW THE SCIENCE CAME INTO FFRENCE.

There was a Curious Mason whose name was Mamus Gracus, wch had been at the Building of Solomon's Temple. He came into France and taught the Art of Masonry to the men of ffrence. The second Prince and King who was a Mason was Charles Martell of the Royal Line of France and he Loved R^h well the Science and drew to the aforesaid Mamus Gracus and Learned of him the Science and took unto him their Manners and Charges and observed them. and Afterwards by the Grace of God being Elected King of France he took Masons and helped to make Masons and he confirmed again the Charges of Euclides and Nimrod and it was called the fifth Charge given by the King of ffrence. He set 'em to Work and gave them good pay, as he had Learned to do. Also the said King of France made and confirmed to Masons a Charter from Year to Year to hold their Yearly meetings and Assemblies where they Pleased and Cherish'd them much; and thus came the Science into the Land of ffrence.

(To be continued.)

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE PARSONS P.M.

We refer elsewhere, in our report of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, to the death of Brother Parsons, a Past Master of that Lodge, but we feel it our duty to pay, in addition, a special tribute of respect to so worthy a member of the Craft, a brother who was beloved by all who knew him, not only, that is to say, by his family and friends, but likewise by those who had an acquaintance with him more or less slightly, and especially by his fellow Masons of the St. Michael's, with whom he had been associated for the better part of a quarter of a century. Brother Parsons was initiated in the St. Michael's Lodge in the year 1858, and having passed through the various offices was at length chosen to occupy its chair in 1867. During the whole of his connection with the Lodge he had been constant in his attendance at its meetings, and his loss will, on that account, be all the more severely felt. His remains were interred in the old Churchyard at Barking, of which he was a resident, and to show the regret felt for his loss we may state that there were present at his funeral a large concourse of friends and relatives, all of whom were visibly affected by the sad solemnity of the ceremony. Among his Masonic comrades of the St. Michael's were Bros. Usher Back W.M., Charles Greenwood Past Grand Sword Bearer P.M. and Treasurer, John Laver Past Master, James Lindell P.M., Henry Martin, John Glynds, W. W. Morgan Secretary, &c. We conclude this brief note by expressing our hope that the family of our deceased brother will find strength in their reliance on the Great Architect of the Universe to support them in this time of their bereavement.

MARK MASONRY.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 238.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Tisley W.M. In consequence, no doubt, of the little stir which is just now being caused in municipal circles, through the retirement of Mr. Alderman Figgins, through ill health, many of the members were more than usually occupied, and thus the attendance was not quite so numerous as might otherwise have been the case. However, there was a fair sprinkling of brethren and visitors present, and if there be any compensation for paucity of numbers in the excellence of the working exhibited, those who did attend must have been amply repaid. Lodge was opened soon after six o'clock by the Worshipful Master, who was assisted by Bros. T. R. Richnell P.G.S.B. S.W. and W.M. elect, John H. Dodson acting as J.W., W. E. Farrington M.O., C. G. Brown S.O., F. Farrington J.O., W. Wigginton P.M. (P.G. Superintendent of Works) Secretary, F. H. Gruggen, Firth Groves, T. O. Harding, R. Skelton, H. Webb, F. H. Clemow, G. N. Dodd, C. Dudley, W. Farrington, T. C. Walls P.G.S.B., G. Harrison Tyler, and others. The customary formalities having been duly observed, Brother T. R. Richnell P.G. Sword Bearer was presented for installation, and having assented to accept the responsibilities of the chair, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Richnell was installed into the dignified position of office by the retiring W. Master, assisted by Bro. T. C. Walls, who officiated as Master of Ceremonies in a most efficient manner. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Tisley in a way that elicited the heartiest commendation of both members and visitors, the impressive charges being perfectly and eloquently delivered. On the readmission of the brethren, the newly installed W. Master was proclaimed and greeted with the usual salutations, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. Alfred Tisley I.P.M., Sir James Palmer S.W., John H. Dodson J.W. and Treasurer, W. Wigginton P.M. P.G. Supt. of Works Secretary, W. E. Farrington M.O., F. Farrington S.O., C. G. Brown J.O., F. H. Gruggen Senior Deacon, Firth Groves Junior Deacon, T. O. Harding I.G., W. Farrington Organist, R. Skelton Master of Ceremonies, and George Harrison Tyler. Congratulations were interchanged as to the admirable manner in which Bro. Tisley had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the year, and the effective conduct of the installation ceremony, and also on the prospects of the further continued success of the Lodge under the rule of Bro. Richnell. Some formal business having been transacted, the brethren and Visitors partook of a *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow in a style for which this old-established and reputed City Hotel has for many years been proverbial. The repast was elaborately served, and the arrangements generally were such as to elicit the most unbounded expressions of satisfaction. Dessert having been placed before the company, the customary Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were given from the chair, Bro. Richnell alluding in appropriate terms to the recent dastardly attempt upon the life of her Majesty, and echoing the abhorrence which had been expressed throughout the country at the insane attack made upon her. All Masons were especially grateful for her preservation, and the restorative effect of the Queen's Continental visit, and they rejoiced at her Majesty's safe return to the country over which she so wisely reigned, and in the hearts of whose people she was so sincerely beloved. What rendered her doubly dear to the brethren of this Lodge was the fact that the banner under which they assembled bore the honoured name of her Majesty's youngest son, whom they all heartily congratulated upon his approaching marriage. The toasts were received with the utmost loyalty and enthusiasm. The W.M. then gave the health of the Grand Officers Past and Present, alluding in suitable terms to the valuable services they rendered to Mark Masonry, and the admirable way in which Grand Mark Lodge was administered. The toast met a cordial reception, and was acknowledged in a few happily-chosen sentences by Bro. T. C. Walls P.M. P.G.S.B., who spoke of the rapid growth and extension of Mark Masonry, especially in recent years. The Immediate Past Master then gave the toast of the evening, the health of Bro. T. R. Richnell, who had just been promoted to the highest dignity it was in the power of the brethren to bestow upon him. They had all seen the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of the minor offices through which he had passed; and his acceptance of the highest post amongst them was an augury of the future prosperity of the Lodge. The W. Master, who was most cordially greeted on rising to respond, expressed his deep sense of the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him, and complimented his Immediate Past Master upon the efficient manner in which he had acquitted himself as Installing Officer. By the generosity of the brethren he had attained the high position to which all Mark Masons might well aspire, and he appreciated the kindly expressions with which his elevation to that rank had been accompanied. He relied upon them for their forbearance in any shortcomings which might occur through his want of ability adequately to discharge the important functions of that office, but assured them he should endeavour to the utmost of his power and strength to advance the best and truest interests of the Lodge. He left himself entirely in their hands, but had no doubt that, with the assistance and co-operation of his Officers, he should be able to discharge the trust reposed in him to their satisfaction. He hoped that at the expiration of his term of office he should be able to hand down the insignia to his successor with their lustre at least undiminished. He then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, who had so well performed the installation that evening, and to whom his best thanks and the thanks of the brethren were so eminently due. He should endeavour to emulate the excellent example set him by Bro. Tisley, who had proved himself an ornament to the Lodge, and had won golden opinions from the brethren

generally. In conclusion, he asked Bro. Tisley's acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been provided by the unanimous vote of the brethren, as a mark of their esteem and in recognition of the substantial and valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge. He hoped their esteemed Immediate Past Master would not value it merely for its intrinsic worth, but as an expression of the respect and affection of the brethren, whose interests he had so assiduously promoted. They all wished him long life and health to wear that jewel, and hoped he might always have as much pleasure in adorning his breast with so well-earned a tribute of esteem as it afforded him (the W.M.) in presenting him with it that evening. Bro. Tisley Immediate Past Master, who was received with prolonged applause, thanked the brethren for the magnificent gift with which they had presented him, but much more for the kindly expressions with which it had been accompanied. He assured them he was deeply sensible of their generous appreciation of his humble efforts to promote the interests of the Lodge, and said he should continue to do all he could to advance its prosperity in the future. He trusted the Officers and brethren would rally round their newly elected W.M., and assist him in promoting the true interests of the Prince Leopold Lodge. He should be glad to render what aid he could to Brother Richnell in the performance of his duties, and, in saying so, he felt he was supported by the whole of the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the Lodge. The W. Master then extended a hearty welcome to the Visitors, the toast being acknowledged by Brother Charles F. M. Mundy, of the Isaac Newton Lodge, Cambridge University. The health of the Past Masters was then given, and replied to by Bros. Alfred Tisley I.P.M. and T. C. Walls P.G.S.B., whilst Bro. C. G. Brown responded on behalf of the Officers of the Lodge. A very happy and harmonious gathering was brought to a conclusion by the proposal of the Tyler's toast.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

Eboracum Conclave, No. 137.—The installation meeting of this body was held on the evening of Holy Thursday, the throne being assumed by the M.P.S. Brother C. G. Padel. The routine business consisted in the reception and installation of Brother F. Slinger, of the Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626, Newcastle, which was performed by the M.P.S. Brother T. B. Whytehead, Int. Gen. Unattached, acting as H.P., and giving the Legend of the Order. A College of Viceroy's was then opened, and Brother M. Millington was duly installed in the chair of V.E., after which a Senate of Sovereigns was opened, and Bro. G. Simpson was placed on the throne of C. The Senate and College were then successively closed, and the M.P.S. and V.E. proclaimed and saluted. The Auditors' report was read; it showed a very satisfactory balance, and a sum of £5 was voted to the Eboracum Lodge Building Fund. At the close of the conclave Bro. Simpson was appointed and installed in the chair of the St. Peter's Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John. Subsequently the brethren met to partake of light refreshment, and a quiet evening was spent in fraternal converse.

The Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541, meets at the Loughborough Masonic Club, Loughborough Junction, every Saturday, at 7.30 p.m. Subscription 5s per annum. Entrance fee 5s. Bros. J. R. Stacey P.M. 189 President and Preceptor, J. Lee P.M. 1541 Vice President, G. J. Dawson W.M. 1853 Treasurer, Henry A. Stunt W.S. 1641 Hon. Sec. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, FAUST AND MARGHERITA. On Monday, GUGLIELMO TELL.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.

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

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

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

HAYMARKET.—SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER, and A LESSON. On Tuesday, ODETTE.

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

STRAUD.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8.15, MANOLA.

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

AVENUE.—At 9, 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.—BOCCACCIO.

GAIETY.—At 7.15, THOSE GIRLS. At 8.30, THE FORTY THIEVES.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.50, MOTHER-IN-LAW. At 10, VULCAN, &c.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, TEN MINUTES FOR REFRESHMENT. At 8, NOT REGISTERED. At 9.15, SINDBAD.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, MEDUSA. At 8.30, THE SQUIRE.

CRITERION.—At 8, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.45, FOURTEEN DAYS.

OLYMPIC.—On Thursday, MOTHS.

EGYPTIAN HALL.—Messrs MASKELYNE AND COOKE, every evening at 8. Wednesdays and Saturday at 3 also.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, CONCERT. INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL EXHIBITION. Open Daily. Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &c.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—This day, BLONDIN, FIREWORKS, CONCERT, LILY OF KILLARNEY, &c. On Monday and Tuesday, TROT-TING MEETING. Open Daily.

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, 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)
 1821—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1871—Gostling-Murry, Town Hall, Hounslow
 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

MONDAY, 24th APRIL.

- 1—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1893—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1825—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1893—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1788—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembrokeshire
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 25th APRIL.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Fruit, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 239—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 940—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1389—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1448—Mount Edgumbe, 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)
 1553—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, 8.30 (Inst.)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 8.30
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1353—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1568—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 26th APRIL.

- GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 533—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Ballam Hotel, Ballam, 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)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1299—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds

- 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1293—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 27th APRIL.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
 861—Finsbury, Linton Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 902—Burgovne, 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 Shorditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Aire Street, W.
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 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.)
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 73—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 636—D'Oyle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1164—Elit, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts. at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 424—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 28th APRIL.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 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)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.O.
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 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)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1395—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1399—Hammer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 29th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1821—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 17th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., the W.M., Bro. T. W. C. Bush, presiding. All the Officers were in their places, and among the brethren were the following visitors:—Bros. S. Daniel P.M. 65, Dr. Danford Thomas 239, Pullen J.D. 742, Hatfield 1320. The business of the evening comprised the passing of Bro. De Leeuw, and the raising to the third degree of Bros. Schlesinger and Lehman. It was announced that Bro. John Constable P.M. and Treasurer was about to depart on a business trip to the Cape. Thereupon Bro. Phil Levy Secretary proposed, and Bro. Croaker I.P.M. seconded, that a cordial farewell be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge, and also the expression of the hope of every one of the members for a happy and prosperous voyage, and anticipation of a safe return, to resume his duties as Treasurer of the Lodge; this was carried with acclamation. Bro. Constable said—Worshipful Master and Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the kind vote which you have been pleased to record on the minutes of the Lodge. It is not more than I expected, for since my connection with the Lodge I have received nothing but kindness, and I only hope that the kind expressions and fond anticipations may be fully realised, that I may be enabled to show my appreciation and gratitude by future services in the interest of the Lodge. Lodge having been closed and refreshment enjoyed, the W.M. proposed the first toast, namely, "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the best interests of the Order." He was pleased to learn that Her Majesty had returned in good health. The toast was an appropriate one in such an assembly, as there is no company more loyal and devoted than Freemasons. A hearty welcome to the Visitors was replied to briefly by each, but Bro. Dr. Danford Thomas added that he had special reasons to be devoted to the Order, his father having had the honour of being three times Grand Chaplain of England, and his personal reminiscences would always fill him with gratitude, for when himself and two brothers were left fatherless, while still pursuing their studies, such help came to his widowed mother from the brethren in town and country that they were enabled to complete their education at Oxford, and occupy honourable positions in medicine and law. He would also take the opportunity of acknowledging the extreme kindness in the time of distress, and the help rendered in the time of need by the Jewish community in Portsdown-road—which, he believed, was called "Little Jerusalem," from the number of Israelites resident there—during the most critical period of his mother's life. The health of the W.M. was proposed and briefly responded to, and in proposing the health of the P.M.'s, the W.M. said he naturally looked for advice and instruction to the Past Masters, and that was always kindly and cheerfully given. Next came the Officers, coupled with the names of Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Constable having responded in an eloquent and feeling speech, which was received with prolonged cheering, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Several songs were given by Bros. Tipper, Bayley, Garred, and Ross. The Past Masters present were Bros. Croaker, Bloomfield, Barnett, Bayley, and Gottheil.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE annual meeting of this old established and flourishing Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 13th inst. Lodge was opened at five o'clock punctually by the Worshipful Master Dr. Corrie Jackson, supported by Bro. Lancaster S.W. (Worshipful Master elect), Smith J.W., Runtz S.D., Billing J.D., Tongue I.G., Davis Tyler. Bro. Bell, who was the candidate for passing, having answered the usual questions in a highly satisfactory manner, retired. Lodge being advanced to the second degree, this ceremony was carried out in the usual efficient manner. The next business was the ceremony of installing Bro. Lancaster to the chair of K.S. by the W.M., who performed this duty in a manner that gave the highest satisfaction and enjoyment to the large number of members and guests who were present. Bro. Lancaster W.M. then chose the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Smith S.W., Runtz J.W., Bieling J.D., Tongue I.G., Washington Hayday as M.C. Bro. Paas, who has fulfilled the duties of Secretary for nearly a quarter of a century, was again re-installed. The W.M. then presented, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. Bro. Jackson, and hoped that he would enjoy health to wear it for many years to come. It was then proposed by Bro. Paas Secretary, that in accordance with Bye-Law 21 that Bro. Jackson should receive the extra decoration of the Polish White Eagle, to be worn suspended from the neck, for the very excellent manner in which he had not only carried out the duties of his year of office, but for the splendid manner in which he had rendered the ceremony of installation that evening. This was carried with acclamation by the brethren. After hearty good wishes had been given to the new W.M. and the report of the Audit Committee read and all other business ended, Lodge was closed in due form and the brethren retired to the banquetting hall. After grace had been sung, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts given, Bro. Jackson I.P.M. said, the gavel having been placed in my hands it becomes the first pleasant duty of my present position as I.P.M. to propose to you the health of our new W.M. He was initiated shortly after myself in this Lodge, and has worked his way up, step by step, to the high position he now holds. I am very glad to hear the manner in which you receive his name, as it shows the unanimously kind feeling that you have towards him; I hope that he will have a prosperous and pleasant year of office. The W.M., who on rising was greeted with continued cheers, stated that he had to thank the brethren for the manner in which they had received the proposal of his health, and to

assure them that during his year of office he would use every effort to carry out the duties in a satisfactory manner, and that he certainly shared with the P.M.'s in having the greatest zeal in the affairs of the Lodge, and he hoped that he would be enabled to transmit to his successor the Lodge in as prosperous a condition as it had been given to him by the I.P.M., whose health he now had the pleasure to propose. Bro. Jackson had had a most prosperous and pleasant year of office. This was due in a large extent to his own personal qualities. He had been good natured and firm, without weakness, and had introduced an almost military feeling in the Lodge with respect to the punctuality of his attendance and regularity with which he had performed the duties of his office, especially for the impressive and eloquent manner in which he had rendered the ceremony of installation that evening, and which had been such a treat to them all. Bro. Jackson, in reply, stated that he was most gratified for the manner in which the toast proposing his health had been received, and also that his efforts to please them during his year of office had met with so pleasant a recognition as the presentation of the Past Master's jewel; whilst thanking them for that he felt doubly proud of the decoration of the White Eagle which the brethren had voted to him—as any Past Master had a right to a Past Master's jewel—but not every one to the decoration of the White Eagle. He did not intend to relax his efforts now that he had passed the chair, but would be very pleased to assist in any way that was possible for the prosperity of the Lodge. It only now remained for him to again thank the brethren for the kindness and courtesy with which they, and especially the Officers of the Lodge, had supported him. The W.M. then read the list of Visitors, of whom he was delighted to see so goodly an array, and proposed their health, calling upon Bro. Terry, whose name was well known to every Mason, from his long connection with the Charities, to reply. Bro. Terry congratulated the W.M. on his accession to office, and paid a high tribute to the I.P.M. for the manner in which the ceremony of installation had been rendered. He was pleased to see him decorated, not only with a Past Master's jewel, but also that he had received the decoration of the White Eagle, which was only given to those who had distinguished themselves, or served as Stewards to the Girls' or Boys' Schools. For his own part he could not understand why those who served as Stewards to the Benevolent Institution should be omitted, and he hoped soon to hear that Bye-Law had been altered. Bro. Mathews stated that he had known the W.M. since he was a child; he wished him a prosperous year of office. Some of the Visitors favoured the brethren with some splendid glee singing during the evening. The following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. Shand, Draper, Kelsey, Mathews, Crowther, Bassett, Barlow, Culver, Terry, Rosenthal, Atkins, Huggins, Cozan, Roberts, Collins, Lockett, Bowley, Verdin, Ward, Mein, Coles, Goldsmith, Saegert and Birch.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th instant, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. Lodge was opened at an early hour by the W.M. Bro. Rawe, who before vacating his post initiated two candidates into Freemasonry, and performed the ceremonies of passing and raising. The three degrees were worked by Bro. Rawe in a most admirable and praiseworthy manner. The succeeding W.M. Bro. Richard Fox Ould was then duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. James Terry, in presence of a numerous assemblage of brethren. Bro. Terry's rendering of the installation service was most impressive, and commanded the admiration of all. The installation over, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet served by the host, Bro. Emanuel Gregory, in a style that gave general satisfaction, the new Worshipful Master presiding. The usual toasts having been disposed of, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, which was received with enthusiasm, and gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Ould. The toast of the Initiates followed, after which Bro. Robinson sang "Nancy Lee." The Visitors were next complimented. There were a goodly number, including Bros. Syndall P.M., Turquand P.M., G. Mason P.M., Cottar P.M., Brooks, Tribe, Wyles, Keable, Holland, &c. After an excellent song by Bro. Palmer, Bro. Brooks replied. The Installing Master, Bro. Terry, was the next toast; in conjunction with Prosperity to the Masonic Institutions. Bro. J. A. Keable was called upon, and he gave a humorous recital from "All that glitters is not gold." Bro. Terry replied in eloquent terms, and in a most forcible manner urged the claims of the Charitable Institutions upon the consideration of the brethren. The Past Masters followed, and this toast was suitably acknowledged in a characteristic speech by Bro. Rawe. The Officers was replied to by E. T. Reid, the highly esteemed Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. Palmer contributed another song, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. During the proceedings Bro. Keable read the following lines, written for the occasion:—

Since our last installation day,
A year its course has rolled,
And now we're gathered here to-night
To welcome Brother Ould.

Esteemed he is, beloved by all,
A brother staunch and true,
And may his year of office prove
A prosperous one all through.

Amongst the Masters of the past,—
His toil and labour o'er—
With blushing honours on his head
Retires our Brother Rawe.

The Merchant Navy still, we know,
Will be his constant care,
And long upon his manly breast
May he its jewel wear.

Our Brother Ould receives from all
The heartiest goodwill,
And may his health be well preserved
His duties to fulfil.

May all his undertakings here
With grand success be crowned,
And 'mongst the brethren of the Lodge
May harmony abound.

And when the ensuing year shall end
And all its records told,
We will esteem the progress made
In th' famous days of Ould.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE, No. 1538.

PROMINENT among the Lodges of the metropolis is this comparatively young, but eminently active and zealous section of the Fraternity, whose annual meeting was held on the 12th inst., under the most gratifying auspices. We have had occasion previously to notice the readiness with which our brethren of the Post Office and Civil Service have ever come forward to assist in the cause of Masonry, whenever they could find anything for their hands to do; and it must have been eminently satisfactory to Bro. William Gibbs to have found the brethren rallying round him so freely and spontaneously as they have done during his year of office. We shall not be accused of any fulsome adulation or undue praise in saying that to our Bro. Major Williams and his esteemed brother, who has so ably seconded his efforts, much of the success of this Lodge is to be attributed. At any rate, when at any of its meetings we have invariably found an all-pervading sense of unanimity and good feeling animating the brethren, who are always most ready to assist the Officers in carrying out the important functions entrusted to them. This spirit was manifested to a marked degree on Wednesday evening, when the members of the Lodge assembled at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, for the election of Officers for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, in accordance with ancient rites, Bro. William Gibbs presiding, supported by Bros. W. Smith S.W., Major W. E. Williams P.M. Treasurer, J. Hookey Secretary, J. P. Parkes S.D., R. Liver- sedge J.D., G. Hatch I.G., George Gregory I.P.M., F. B. Williams P.M., T. G. Fluck Steward, A. C. Moffatt P.M., A. C. Woodward P.M., and many other Officers and brethren. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. G. C. Burry P.G.P.O., G. T. Edwards P.M. 788, C. Henry Price W.M. 162, George Clayton 780, J. W. Baldwin 1692, F. C. Witty 92, R. Sewill 21, and others. After the transaction of some formal business, the ballot was opened for Mr. John Viney Smith, proposed by Bro. Ferguson, and seconded by Bro. Major W. E. Williams P.M. Treasurer; for Mr. Frederick Gibbon, whose sponsors were the same; and for Mr. William James Willcocks, proposed by Bro. the Treasurer, seconded by Bro. J. Hookey. In each case the voting was unanimous, and Messrs. Smith and Gibbon being in attendance, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the ceremony being performed in masterly manner by the W.M., whose working on this, as on many previous occasions was much admired. In the election which followed, it was gratifying to observe the unanimity with which the selection of the brethren felt upon Bro. W. Smith, as successor to the principal chair for the ensuing year. It has been our pleasurable duty to observe on many previous occasions the hearty manner in which the Officers of this Lodge have rallied round the chair, ably supported by Past Masters of eminence in the City, but it must be said that during his year of office as S.W. Bro. Smith has well earned the honour which was conferred upon him on Wednesday night. There was to be no question of course as to the re-election of Bro. Major W. E. Williams as honorary Treasurer. All who know anything about the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge know how unwearied have been his exertions in promoting the interests of the Lodge, and especially in husbanding its funds, and devoting them to the cause of Charity. It was, therefore, no matter of surprise that the brethren should have been so united in their wish that he should retain for another year at least the office he has so well and worthily filled; and we are assured that the graceful compliments with which the request was accompanied were as sincere as they were well expressed. Bro. Gilbert was re-elected Tyler, and at the conclusion of some formal business Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which was admirably served by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, the arrangements being, as usual, personally superintended by Bro. Henry Mills, with Bro. Marcham as toastmaster. A sumptuous bill of fare having been discussed, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, the Worshipful Master alluding in eloquent terms to the services rendered by the Prince of Wales, as Most Worshipful Grand Master, to the Craft, and to His Royal Highness's visit to Continental Lodges, proving his active interest in Freemasonry. Bro. George Moffatt, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, observed that the gavel had been entrusted to him for that purpose for the last time; he congratulated Bro. Gibbs most sincerely upon the success which had attended his year of office. During that time they had infused new blood into the Lodge, and in saying that their excellent W.M. had done his duty well, he was only expressing the genuine sentiments of every member of the Lodge. When he retired from the office he had so ably filled he would hand down the insignia of that position to his successor with additional lustre; and from all they had heard in Lodge the brethren would be assured that the dignity of that office could not have devolved upon better shoulders. The Worshipful Master briefly acknowledged the compliment paid him, referring in graceful terms to the assistance which had been so kindly rendered to him during his year of office. The "champion" box was then passed round, with most satisfactory result, on behalf of the Charities, and the W.M. gave the health of

the Initiates, this toast being most cordially received. Bro. John Viney Smith, in responding, said he deeply appreciated the honour which had been conferred upon him that evening by having been admitted as a member of the Institution; he should devote his best energies to the task of fitting himself as a student of its beautiful and symbolic mysteries. Bro. Frederick Gibbon also returned thanks in suitable terms, and said he should endeavour to emulate the example of those who had so worthily preceded him in promoting the best interests of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, to whom he tendered his heartfelt thanks for the valuable aid they had rendered to him during his year of office. He associated with the toast the names of P.M.'s Woodward and Gregory, who suitably responded, the latter acknowledging the generous support accorded to him by the Lodge on the occasion of his going up as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In proposing the health of the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. said all the members of the Lodge were aware of the admirable manner in which Bro. Major Williams had conducted its affairs, and how he had succeeded in raising it to its present state of efficiency. To Bro. Hookey also their best thanks were due for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of his important office. The toast was received with special enthusiasm, and Bro. Major Williams, in responding, assured the brethren it was a source of much pleasure to him to be Treasurer of this Lodge, and he was grateful for the honour they conferred upon him year by year. He congratulated the Lodge upon its satisfactory financial position, and expressed the hope that it might continue to manifest that degree of interest in the Charities it had done during the present year. Bro. Hookey also briefly responded, expressing his satisfaction with the manner in which the Lodge was being worked. Several other toasts were proposed, including that of the W.M. elect, in giving which the W.M. spoke in highly eulogistic terms of Bro. Smith, and the way he had discharged his duties as S.W., expressing the belief, which he was sure would be shared in by the brethren generally, that he had eminently qualified himself for the post to which he had that day been elected. Bro. W. Smith responded, assuring the brethren of his interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and promising to do his best to advance its prosperity in the coming year. He also suitably thanked them for the honour they had that day conferred upon him, of which, he assured them, he was not insensible. Several other toasts were given. The proceedings were interspersed with some capital music and singing, notable amongst which was a new song by Bro. Alfred Moore, of the Alexandra Palace, entitled "The Sacristan;" and the "Sailor's Yarn," by Bro. Clayton. Altogether a very agreeable and harmonious evening was passed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, when there were present Bros. F. Botley W.M., Gomm P.M. S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Goss P.M. S.D., Corlander J.D., S. Blasby I.G.; Bro. Andrews P.M. Preceptor, and Lucas. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read, confirmed and signed. The questions leading from second to third degree were put, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Preceptor, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Gomm was elected W.M. for 21st inst. Bro. Corlander, of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, was elected a member. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 18th April, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Christian W.M., Edwards S.W., A. Clark J.W., Corble S.D., T. Clark J.D., Gosling I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bros. Darnell, Shorey, Jones, Smyth, Bunker, Loring, Allen, Forss, and Parfitt. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Forss offered himself as candidate for raising, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. F. Carr gave the traditional history. Bro. Forss worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Shorey and Parfitt of Lodge 1365, and Bro. Loring of Lodge 171 were elected members. Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

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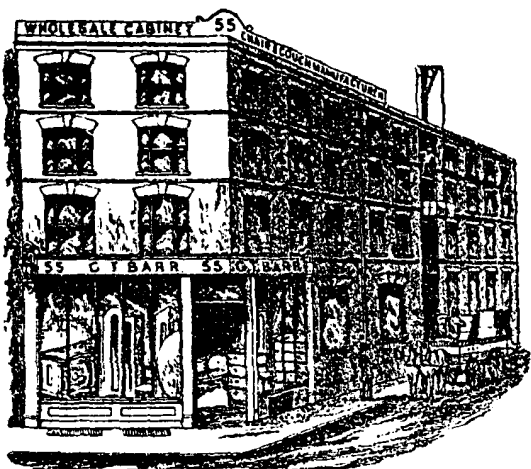
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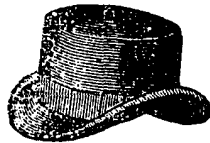


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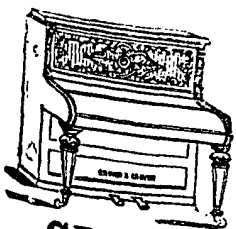
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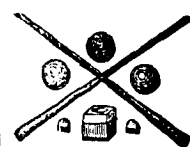
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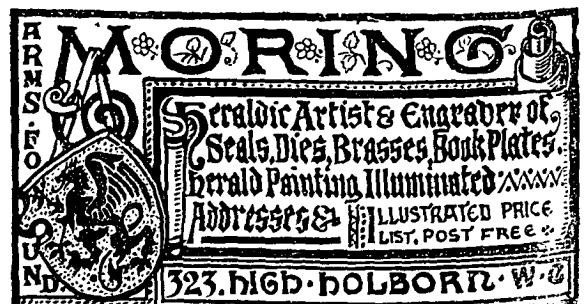
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