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OUR SIXTEENTH VOLUME.

A FEW remarks may not be considered out of place in our present number. We have this week entered on our Sixteenth Volume, and as the horizon before us seems tolerably clear, we have no reason to doubt that, so far as human anticipations appear to be realisable, we shall, in due course, bring it to a completion, and with it the eighth year of our existence. The period of that existence has not been entirely uneventful. It embraces nearly the whole of the Prince of Wales's Grand Mastership, and, as far as the activity and numerical strength of the Craft are concerned, the most prosperous period in the annals of our Fraternity. It is no doubt due to the great interest exhibited by all classes in the memorable Installation at the Royal Albert Hall of His Royal Highness as Grand Master that Freemasonry is indebted for its greater popularity, its large accession of strength, and above all, the increased resources which have been placed at the disposition of our three Institutions. As regards ourselves, the more immediate consequence of this prosperity is that, while our progress has not been unattended by difficulties, we have nevertheless found it easier than we can imagine it would have been in ordinary circumstances. As we have said on previous occasions of a similar character, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have been able to retain the support of a majority of our earliest friends and constituents. We have largely added to the number of those friends, and though, as in the usual ups and downs of journalism, we have failed to give satisfaction to all our readers, we have a consolation for this inevitable failure, that we have been able to go as far as other journals in accomplishing the impossible. As regards the future, we shall strive to follow in the path we have laid down for ourselves from the beginning. We shall observe the same rigid impartiality in dealing with questions as they may arise. If we think a particular policy is wholly objectionable, or should be modified, we shall not hesitate to say so firmly, but we trust, with that courtesy which it behoves a Masonic journal in particular, to observe on all occasions and towards everybody. We shall continue to lay the same stress, as heretofore, on the necessity for keeping up our Institutions at their present strength, and in their present state of efficiency. We believe it will be well for them if they are content to remain, for some time to come at all events, at their present strength; but if other counsels prevail, and that strength is increased, we shall simply exert ourselves with, if possible, a greater amount of zeal on their behalf. In short, our policy will remain unchanged; and, that being so, we feel we may, not without reason, look forward to a continuance of that approval and support which has been so kindly extended to us in the past.

A COMPLEX QUESTION.

OUR opinion has been asked as to one or two questions which have arisen out of a case of some delicacy, and even greater complexity. The facts are as follow: At the installation meeting of the Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto, on the roll of Grand Lodge, Canada, a certain brother proposed for initiation a gentleman with whom, for eight years, he had been in almost daily intercourse, and

who had been nearly ten years in his then position. The proposition was, in due course, submitted to the Committee of General Purposes, and reported upon favourably. When, however, the next regular meeting of the Lodge was held, the candidate in question was one of three out of four gentlemen who were blackballed, and our correspondent suggests that this may have happened either because he had refused to lend money to a certain brother of the Lodge, who had borrowed two separate sums of a third brother and not repaid them, or because the said brother to whom he had refused the loan had had a candidate of his own blackballed at a previous meeting. With these surmises, however, which never can be anything else than surmises, we have nothing whatever to do. What made the rejection of our communicant's friend the more conspicuous was the fact that, as the W.M. of the Doric Lodge remarked, the Worshipful Master of the St. George's Lodge, Toronto, No. 367 on the roll of Grand Lodge, Canada, had asked permission to initiate the candidate. So far all is clear; but henceforth we find ourselves in some difficult circumstances. It happened about this time that the W.M. elect of St. George's Lodge, Montreal, which stands No. 440 on the roll of Grand Lodge England, and is one of three Lodges which since the separation of Canada and England, have elected to remain under the banner of the latter, took up his residence at Toronto, whence, at the appointed time, he travelled to Montreal—a distance of 333 miles—in order to be installed in the chair of K.S. This brother and another had both been present in the aforesaid Doric Lodge, Toronto, at the blackballing of our friend's candidate, and we presume in consequence of this, the rejected of the Doric Lodge, Toronto, made application to St. George's, Montreal, English Constitution, for initiation, being supported by "the recommendation of the Worshipful Master" of the latter. Our correspondent was applied to as to character, and his report being considered satisfactory, the applicant was balloted for and accepted, and on the 25th April was initiated into the First Degree in the said St. George's Lodge, Montreal. So far again, all is clear, and so likewise is the next step in the proceedings, namely, that the newly-initiated member of St. George's, Montreal, No. 440, English Constitution, presented himself for acceptance into the degree of Fellow Craft at the next regular meeting of the St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Canadian Constitution, but was notified by the Worshipful Master that the District Deputy Grand Master had advised him not to pass the newly-fledged English E.A.P. without "very careful consideration" of the circumstances.

These are the facts of the case. Let us now pass to the questions on which our correspondent requests us to give him information. These questions he bases on certain extracts from the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for greater convenience, as well as to place matters in the clearest possible light before our readers, we shall combine, in the order of their occurrence, extract, question, and our answer.

(1) Our correspondent, quoting Article 7, "Of Proposing Candidates," from the said Constitutions, points out that "No Person shall be made a Mason or admitted a member of a Lodge, if, on the ballot, two black balls shall appear against him"; and he asks, "Do the words (a Lodge) refer to all the Lodges of every jurisdiction, or only to those in the particular"—that is, the Canadian—"jurisdiction?" To this our answer is to "those of the

Canadian jurisdiction only," and our reason for this is clear; the Grand Lodge of Canada has no authority whatever outside its own jurisdiction.

(2) He then quotes from Article 17, "Of Private Lodges": "No Lodge shall, on any pretence, make more than five new brothers in one day, nor until they have been balloted for and approved; nor can a rejected applicant for admission be balloted for again in the same or any other Lodge within twelve months from the time of such rejection." On this he asks, "Do the italicised words refer to any other Lodge in another jurisdiction?" to which, and for the same reason as before, we reply, "Most decidedly not."

(3) Article 23, "Of proposing Members," he tells us, lays it down that, "No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master," and he explains, "the jurisdiction extends in every direction half-way to the nearest Lodge." With reference to this he is desirous of knowing if "the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada extends to the jurisdiction of a Lodge in this country working under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England?" to which the only reply it is in our power to give is, "Certainly not." Grand Lodge of Canada has already formally and officially recognised the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England over certain Lodges in Montreal, of which the St. George's, No. 440, is one.

(4) Passing over the next query, which is virtually the same as the one immediately foregoing, only expressed in somewhat different language, we come to Article 4 "Of Proposing Members," which is to the following effect: "In cases of emergency, the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed. Any two members of a Lodge may transmit, in writing, to the Master the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member,—appoint a Committee—summons the Lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from issue of summons for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; and, if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated in the first degree of Masonry." Premising that we are not responsible for the accurate wording of this or previous or following excerpts from the Canadian Constitutions, we may state that our correspondent's inquiry in this case takes the form of a statement to the effect that what was required was duly carried out, and our one and only remark in consequence is, that this compliance with a law which appears to be common to both the English and Canadian Constitutions is obviously a matter for sincere congratulation.

(5) The query that follows is substantially the same with No. 2, and concerns the time that must elapse between the rejection of a candidate and the renewal of his application form.

(6) We are told that Article 7, "Of Members and their duties," is to this effect: "All differences between, or complaints of, members that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay them before the Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or Board of General Purposes. After investigation, adjudication shall be made, as shall be authorised by the Bye-Laws and regulations of Masonry. We are here told that nothing, as laid down by this article 7, has been done, and, we are asked—if we rightly understand the wording of the question—whether, in the event of its not being completed within a given time, anything can be brought up or done to debar the brother, to whose rejection in a Toronto Lodge, Canada Constitution, and initiation in a Montreal Lodge under the English Constitution, we are indebted for the origin of these difficulties, from the exercise of his rights and privileges as a Mason. We reply, (a) "As far as we can judge from the premises, there is nothing whatever in the shape of an obstacle to the Brother's exercise of his rights and privileges in his own Lodge." (b) "Canada has formally recognised the English Lodge of which he is a member, and among his rights and privileges is that of visiting other Lodges, if properly vouched for;" but (c) "A Brother who has, even unintentionally, slighted the self-respect of the Grand Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he resides, by offering himself as a candidate for acceptance into a Lodge outside that jurisdiction, cannot, in reason, expect to be made welcome, much less to have degrees conferred upon him, in one of its subordinate Lodges."

Before quitting the subject we will remark that the circumstances as laid before us appear to be most unfortunate, nor can we imagine any thing more calculated to promote the elements of discord between the Lodges in two contiguous, but independent, jurisdictions than for a candidate who has been rejected in one to apply for admission into another, especially when he resides in the former, and at a distance of over 300 miles from the locality of his Lodge in the latter. We will not go so far as to say that, in the circumstances, he has been guilty of a legal wrong—the answers we have given to our correspondent's questions are sufficient to dispose of any intention on our part to lay down such a proposition. Yet we cannot but express our belief that he has been guilty of a very grave indiscretion, more especially when we take into account the extreme sensitiveness with which the American Grand Lodges regard this question of jurisdiction.

MUNICIPALITY AND MASONRY.

THE walls of the grand old City Guildhall and its precincts have resounded with unusual scenes of festivity and happiness within the past few days; but we question if any of them have afforded more solid and abiding satisfaction to our worthy Bro. the Lord Mayor, and Grand Junior Warden of England, than that in which he participated on Monday evening last at the Guildhall Tavern. It is not long since the laudable idea was conceived that, taking into consideration the number of brethren who are, in a variety of ways, connected with the work of the Corporation of the City of London, nothing could be more conducive to their fraternal comfort and convenience than to establish a Lodge within hail of the grand historic precincts from which radiate the powers and functions of the local government of the City. Accordingly, steps in this direction were taken, and we believe we are correct in stating that amongst those who assisted most zealously in the initiatory stages were the present Grand Secretary, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and other prominent and distinguished members of Grand Lodge. Under such robust auspices, it was no wonder that the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, should have made rapid and healthy progress, and have taken its stand so proudly and prominently amongst the Lodges in the metropolis. Nor can we be surprised that, having regard to the aspirants for office, among the pick and cream of the professional and legal elements which hover around the Guildhall, the working of the Lodge should have attained a standard of excellence but very rarely approached elsewhere. It is not our province, however, here to speak, even in general terms, of the perfection attained by a united band of brethren whose "local habitation" may be said to be yet hardly matured. The immediate occasion for these lines is to congratulate them upon the pre-eminent success which crowned their efforts on Monday evening, when they received within their hospitable circle the eminent Brother who now so ably and so happily fills the post of the highest dignity in the City of London. Seldom has a Lodge been so profusely honoured by the attendance of Grand Officers as on the occasion to which we refer. The dais of the Lodge-room and the upper tiers at the banquet table were ablaze with a wealth of purple, and resplendent with jewels, and the whole scene was one of the most gratifying nature. But most pleasing of all was it to observe the hearty unity and cordial sentiment which actuated the brethren in their reception of the Chief Magistrate of the City, on whom our beloved Sovereign has recently conferred such proud distinctions. We venture to believe that Sir J. Whittaker Ellis will not soon forget the hearty grip of the hand with which he was received by the brethren of the Alliance, and that he was actuated by no mere after-dinner courtesy when he remarked that "amongst the many honours I have had poured upon me during the last few months there is not one I value more highly than that of being elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England." The hearty and spontaneous welcome accorded to his Lordship was a charming feature in a gathering which was very much more numerous than could reasonably have been expected on a sultry afternoon in June. Even with the more than ordinarily adequate accommodation afforded at the Guildhall Tavern—the home of so many Masonic families—its resources were taxed to the utmost

in order to find room for the large and distinguished company who sought admission to the Lodge-room. It was necessary, in consequence of many of the brethren having other engagements later in the evening, that the meeting should be called for an early hour, for in addition to the work set down on the "emergency" agenda, the Lord Mayor and several of his friends were to take part in scenes of fresh enjoyment, for which the preparations had been just completed, within the Guildhall itself. A grand ball given by the Chief Magistrate of London to the Mayors and Mayoresses of the provincial towns, without the Lord Mayor being present, would have afforded a striking illustration of the play of Hamlet, minus the Prince of Denmark. Accordingly, Bro. Frank Green, who has the honour of presiding over the Alliance Lodge as its Worshipful Master this year, fixed four o'clock as the time for labour, which consisted of electing, as a joining member, Bro. the Rev. Joseph Henry Smith, P.M. 279, Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Leicestershire and Rutland, who had been proposed by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.M. and Town Clerk to the Corporation. The only other item on the paper was that of passing Brother Edward Thomas Rodney Wilde to the sublime degree, and it would be only fulsome adulation on our part to say that the work performed by the Master, assisted by his excellent Wardens (Bros. H. Wildey Wright, the well-known barrister, and G. W. Brown), was of the most perfect and satisfactory character. At six o'clock there was a whisper that the Lord Mayor had arrived, and presently his Lordship entered the Lodge-room, and advancing to the Wor. Master, shook hands with him heartily and took his seat on the right of the chair upon the dais. He was saluted with due honours as Junior Grand Warden of England, and the business portion of the meeting concluded with an extraordinary number of hearty good wishes.

The banquet, which took place subsequently, in the gilded throne-room of the hotel, was a pattern of culinary excellence, brightness, and elegance. With such a number of visitors as to warrant the observation which fell from the Worshipful Master later in the evening, that they so "bewildered" the Tyler that he was unable to give a complete record of them, it was a difficult task to dispose of them satisfactorily; but with the utmost tact and ability, the worthy Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Joseph E. Turner, contrived to put all the square men into square places, and thus accomplished the almost impossible task of pleasing everybody. Under such circumstances the remainder of the evening was a continued period of quiet, happy enjoyment. Amongst the many distinguished brethren who occupied positions near the chair may be mentioned Bro. R. H. Giddy D.G.M. of Griqualand, who, we were informed, had discharged vastly important duties in Grand Lodge, and indeed in every part of the world in which it was possible for him to perform Masonic work. Then there was that hearty and zealous Mason, the Rev. C. W. Arnold Past Grand Chaplain, Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Horace Jones, the eminent City Architect and Grand Superintendent of Works, Sir John B. Monckton, one of the founders of the Lodge, J. A. Rucker P.G.D., Frank Richardson P.G.D., Sir Albert Woods (Garter) P.G.W., Peter de L. Long P.G.D., Thomas Fenn P.G.D., Captain Bedford Pim, Alderman Staples, John Messent G.S.B., W. T. Howes P.G.P., W. H. R. Skey P.G.J.W., the Hon. Mark F. Napier, Deputy Edmeston, and a host of others, as the auctioneer would say, "too numerous to mention." The post-prandial speeches, though abundant in heartiness of spirit, were brief and to the point, and were a refreshing set-off to the long-windedness too frequently the bane of Masonic banquets. The "Queen and the Craft," of course, took precedence, and in giving the toast, Bro. Green observed rightly that Freemasons were amongst the most Loyal of Her Majesty's subjects, as had recently been shown in a memorable and very interesting manner. He referred, of course, to the deputation of Grand Officers, headed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who waited upon the Queen a short time since to present her with an address, voted unanimously at perhaps one of the greatest gatherings ever assembled in the Masonic Temple, congratulating Her Majesty upon her providential escape at the hands of a mad would-be assassin. There was an enthusiastic outburst of loyalty following these remarks which fully endorsed the sentiments so ably alluded to in the Worshipful Master's opening speech. Then came the healths of the Rulers of the

Craft, to each of whom fraternal reference was made, with a well-earned tribute of praise to all for the zeal and ability they displayed in promoting the best interests of the Institution. The toast of the evening was inevitably that with which the principal and honoured guest was associated, and in a few happily chosen sentences, Bro. Green extended to the Grand Junior Warden a sincere and fervent welcome in the names of all the brethren of the Alliance Lodge.

Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Lord Mayor and Junior Grand Warden, must have been himself delighted and surprised at the ovation which greeted him on rising to respond. He said there were many distinguished positions which a man might occupy, and sometimes when one looked around him, and found with whom he was associated, he felt it somewhat difficult to respond for them. On the present occasion he felt, as Bacon expressed it, he was "young in hours," and that he was surrounded by a distinguished body of Officers who for a length of time had borne the brunt and heat of the important affairs of that great Institution—the Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of England. When he looked around he saw near him Bro. Sir Albert Woods, who occupied so prominent a position, and was so esteemed by the whole of the Brotherhood; and near him was Brother Sir John Monckton and other distinguished members of Grand Lodge, with their excellent Grand Secretary, who was so zealous and ubiquitous—in fact he (the Lord Mayor) wished he was like him, for he seemed to be able at any time to be in two places at once. No sooner had he done a good office for one Lodge than he was, almost before they could imagine it possible, doing a good office for another. His Lordship went on to say he felt himself placed in a very distinguished position by the good offices of his friends, and by the kindness and condescension of Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Master of Grand Lodge. He was also pleased to think that, amongst the brethren who surrounded him, and allowed him to be their mouthpiece on this occasion, he could claim so many good and tried friends, in whom, even long before he entered into the happy state of the Brotherhood, were those whom he could look up to with respect. He felt it would have been well if the names of some of his brother Grand Officers had been associated with the toast, so that they might have spoken after him, and have dwelt, with that florid eloquence which they heard in G. Lodge at the Quarterly Communications, upon those useful and difficult questions which the Grand Registrar so eloquently and so conspicuously rendered to them. But on this occasion he could only repeat that amongst the many honours he had had poured upon him the last few months, there was none he valued more highly than that of being elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. Their Worshipful Master had referred to the Deputation that recently waited upon Her Majesty, and presented her with an interesting Address. He believed that was the first time on which the Freemasons of England had tendered an Address in person to Her Majesty, and it certainly was a very imposing and very instructive sight. Bro. Sir Albert Woods, who had seen more than any one present of the ceremonials that had been exercised in the world, because he had been called upon by Her Majesty to invest the most illustrious of potentates with that much-desired appendage, the Garter, was much struck with the dignity and the imposing character of the event, which afforded Her Majesty such evident satisfaction. In conclusion, his lordship again expressed his deep sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the brethren of the Alliance Lodge. Amongst the Visitors it was an arduous task for the W.M. to select one who should answer for such a galaxy of Masonic stars; but with courtesy and tact he contrived to bridge the difficulty, and to pay a graceful compliment to Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, who, although not a Grand Officer, is nevertheless a true and zealous promoter of the interests of the Craft. The remaining speeches were necessarily of a complimentary character, but all must admit that the accents of praise that were showered upon the Worshipful Master and his Officers, and especially his indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Joseph E. Turner, were as deserved as they were freely and sincerely bestowed. The scene throughout was pregnant with hearty goodfellowship and urbanity, and the company only reluctantly withdrew when the cadences of music, wafted from the Guildhall, spoke of the opening of festivities on a larger and more magnificent scale, in which "fair women

and brave men" had been invited by Bro. Ellis to participate in the warmth of his Civic munificence and generosity.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, BENGAL.

A REGULAR Communication of the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on the 25th February, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Stewart P.G.O. England, Prov. G.M.M.M., and from the copy of the proceedings which has reached us we learn that he was supported by the following Prov. Grand and acting Prov. G. Officers, namely:—Bros. W. Adlard P.D.G.P.M. P.G.O. of England as D.P.G.M.M., Captain George Blake P.M. 219 P.S.G.W., Major H. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.O. England as P.J.G.W., Geo. Wallace as P.G.M.O., William Bull P.G.S.O., J. R. B. Fitzherbert P.G.J.O., R. B. Nightingall P.G.R., H. W. Warmington acting P.G.S., James Carswell as P.G.S.D., W. Jones as P.G.J.D., Capt. G. W. M. Turnbull P.G.D.C., Major A. H. Turner P.G.A.D.C., H. J. Walker P.G.S.B., E. J. Coates P.G.O., D. G. D'Rozario P.G.I.G., R. B. Teeling P.G. Tyler; together with representatives of Lodge No. 98, and several visitors. After the confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings, the P.G. Master delivered his address, in which he congratulated the brethren on the progress the degree had made during the last half year. There were, he said, twenty-three Lodges on the roll of the Province, one of which had been opened on the 24th January, and was already in good working order. The brethren had increased in number from 380 on 30th June 1881, the date of the previous return, to 402 on 1st January of this year; but though this increase was comparatively small, there had been ninety-two brethren advanced as against seventy-one and sixty-two respectively, in the two previous half-years. On the other hand, there had been as many as eighty-five resignations, caused by the large number of transfers among military brethren. Having congratulated his predecessor, R.W. Bro. Hon. H. T. Prinsep, on the prosperous state of the degree during his last half-year of office, Bro. Lt.-Col. Stewart went on to state that the degree of Royal Ark Mariner, which numbered only seven Lodges, was not quite in the same satisfactory condition, there being only ninety-nine members on 1st January 1882 as against 117 on 30th June 1881, but as he had received that evening a petition for a provisional warrant for a new R.A.M. Lodge, he trusted that matters would improve in the course of the half-year then commencing. The Treasurer's account, which showed receipts, including balance from previous half-year, amounting to over 1304 rupees, disbursements over 906 rupees, and balance 397 rupees and upwards, was received and passed, after which a resolution recommending a donation of 100 rupees to the Bengal Masonic Association, and one of a like amount to the Punjab Masonic Institution was unanimously agreed to. The Prov. G. Master having announced that Bro. Adlard, their then Prov. Grand Treasurer was not desirous of being re-elected, by reason of his absence from Lahore during the hot season, Bro. J. H. Sullivan was unanimously chosen his successor. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—

Bro. H. J. Sparks	-	-	Dep. P.G. Mark Master
Adam Paxton	-	-	P. Grand Senior Warden
J. Gannon	-	-	P. Grand Junior Warden
W. R. Barry	-	-	P. Grand Master Overseer
Lt.-Col G. E. L. S. Sanford	-	-	P. Grand Senior Overseer
P. C. Dutt	-	-	P. Grand Junior Overseer
Rev. L. F. Phillips	-	-	P. Grand Chaplain
J. H. Sullivan	-	-	P. Grand Treasurer
R. B. Nightingall	-	-	P. Grand Registrar
H. W. Warmington	-	-	P. Grand Secretary
W. H. Loof	-	-	P. Grand Senior Deacons
Pestonjee Bazonjee	-	-	
Jas. Carswell	-	-	P. Grand Junior Deacon
Captain J. A. F. H. Stewart	-	-	P. Grand Insp. of Works
Mackenzie	-	-	
James Tuck	-	-	P. Grand Dir. of Cers.
W. H. H. Money	-	-	P. Grand A. Dir. of Cers.
E. F. Stanack	-	-	P. Grand Sword Bearer
J. Kirby	-	-	P. Grand Standard Bearer
G. E. Coates	-	-	P. Grand Organist
W. W. Clifford	-	-	P. Grand Inner Guard
W. Girling	-	-	P. Grand Stewards
Captain G. T. Morris	-	-	
James Smart	-	-	

Bro. Captain George Blake, with the permission of the Provincial Grand Master, then expressed regret for the part he had played in endeavouring to bring about the separation of the Punjab from Bengal, and its erection into a separate Mark Province, and requested that his recantation might be made known to Bro. Hon. H. T. Prinsep I. Past Prov. G.M.M.M., and apologies for non-attendance having been read from several brethren, Prov. G. Lodge was closed in the usual manner.

The Monthly Meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. President, James Brett P.G.P. Junior Vice-President, and Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. Amongst the other brethren present were C. A. Cottebrune, C. Atkins, W. Mann, H. Garrod, Thomas Sanders, Charles Dairy, J. H. Matthews, A. E. Gladwell, E. F. Storr, H. Massey, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. Stephens, and H. Sadler Grand Tyler. The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £240, recommended at the last meeting in May. The new list contained the names of twenty-eight applicants, eighteen of which were country and eleven town. The brethren were engaged over three hours in considering these cases, and at the termination the following was found to be the result:—Two cases dismissed, and one deferred; two cases relieved with £50 each, three with £40 each, five with £30 each, six with £20 each, two with £15 each, five with £10 each, and two with £5 each. The Lodge was then closed.

The following arrangements have been announced in connection with the Festival, at the Royal Pavilion at Brighton on Wednesday next, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A special train of first-class carriages will leave London Bridge at 10.45 A.M., calling at East Croydon at 11 A.M., in order to take up passengers with special tickets by the ordinary train from Victoria at 10.15 a.m., and Clapham Junction at 10.20 A.M. The party will be landed at Brighton at 12.15 P.M., and are requested to assemble at the Royal Pavilion not later than 3.30 P.M. The Dome, in which the banquet and subsequent proceedings will take place, and the entire lower suite of rooms, have been reserved for the guests, and Stewards, ladies, and brethren will meet in the large rooms on the ground floor, an ante-room being specially arranged for the use of the Stewards. Wands will be borne only by the special Stewards, who will have charge of, and distribute the badges to the rest of their colleagues. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Grand Junior Warden, who is the chairman of the day, will be received on his arrival by the Officers of the Board of Stewards, and conducted by them to the room at the back of the orchestra in the Dome, entering by the door marked A, while the Stewards and their friends will enter the banquet room by doors marked B, and seat themselves at Tables 1 to 13. When the company are seated, the Chairman will enter, accompanied by the House Committee of the Institution, the Officers of the Board, and the Grand Officers, for whom seats will be provided at the Dais Table. Private drawing-rooms will be set apart for the exclusive use of the ladies, and light refreshments, such as tea, coffee, &c. &c., will be served throughout the evening. Smoking is forbidden in the Dome. There will be attendants in the rooms adjacent to the entrance, who will take charge of hats and coats. The Band of the School will be in attendance under Bandmaster Whare, and will play a selection of music on the arrival of the visitors and during the afternoon. The special return train leaves Brighton punctually at 8.30 P.M., and at East Croydon will set down passengers for Clapham Junction and Victoria; but those visitors who may wish to remain over night may return by any train, except express, on the day following, instead of by the special train. Tickets, including railway fare—gentlemen 21s each, ladies 18s each. Brethren—morning dress without Masonic clothing or jewels; Ladies, morning dress, with or without bonnets.

St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, which is about being restored, will shortly, through the generosity of the Crusaders' Lodge, be enriched by the addition of two large painted windows, the work of the well-known artist in stained glass, Bro. Charles Evans, of Warwick-street, Regent-street, W.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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ORIGIN OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I thank you and Bro. Q. for the complimentary notices of my letter under the above heading. With regard to my not having proved every thing from records, this I admitted, by stating that "this is but a theory of my own," subject to disproof. I maintain, however, that it is the most logical conclusion I could come to, and whenever any one shall produce a better theory or explanation, I shall cheerfully acknowledge it.

It is certain that William Leslie, and other Scotch brethren, obtained from the Ancients a Dispensation in the month of March 1763, and that the said organisation was constituted on the 20th April ensuing. There is a list of the names of the members of that Lodge, headed by William Leslie. Preston's name is the twelfth on the list, and as Preston was the second person initiated in that Lodge, the original founders consisted of ten brethren. About twenty on the list paid one shilling each to the G.L.; about twenty remaining members are marked on the list as having paid two and sixpence, or five shillings. I suggested to Bro. Buss that the difference in the fee to the G.L. may have been owing to those who joined the Lodge, while, under dispensation having paid one shilling, while, after the constitution of the Lodge, its candidates paid a higher fee; this theory may be confirmed or disproved, but any how, there are about (as far as I can judge) forty names on the said list. The Ancients observed the Evangelist's day, 27th December, as their annual feast, when the Masters or Secretaries of Lodges had to furnish the G.S. with lists of the members of their respective Lodges; and as No. 111 was a new Lodge, it was probably prompt upon that occasion in furnishing its list of members, &c. It may seem incredible for the membership of the Lodge to have increased fourfold in less than ten months. This, however, is confirmed by Bro. Stephen Jones in 1795, who says, "The Lodge was soon after" [after it had received a Dispensation] "regularly constituted by the Officers of the Ancient G.L. . . . Having increased considerably in numbers, it was found necessary to remove to the Horn Tavern, Fleet-street," &c. How many members joined the Lodge before the November following, when it seceded from the Ancients, I know not. I know that Preston left it in the interim, and joined a modern Lodge; probably others may have seceded with Preston, but supposing that the new initiations equalled in number those who seceded, the Caledonian Lodge must have numbered forty brethren when it was re-constituted by the Moderns in November 1764, a number of whom were doubtless R.A. Masons. And if this was the first Ancient Lodge converted into a Modern, then it must have been the first time when the Modern G.L. dignitaries held social and fraternal communion with a number of Chapter Masons. If so, we may readily suppose that curiosity prompted the Grand Officers to learn about the Lodge work of the Ancients, and more especially about the R.A. degree. Finally, some of the G.L. dignitaries probably ventured to receive the degree in the "Caledonian Chapter," and reported favourably upon the sublimity of the ceremony, &c. But as the social position of the Caledonians may not have come up to the standard of the Grand Lodge dignitaries, the said dignitaries, therefore, decided to form a Chapter of their own. Hence, in January 1765, the R.A. Chapter of Jerusalem was inaugurated, and its membership was kept sufficiently select, so that even the Grand Master, and other noblemen, were induced to join it. I again admit that *this is but a theory, which I cannot prove from records*; but my friends here are of my opinion, that it is the best conclusion I could come to. Bro. Charles L. Woodbury (whose theory on Egyptian Masonry I assailed in your journal some two years ago), after carefully reading my communication to you on "The Origin of the R.A.," said, "Well! I cannot see how you could come to any other conclusion."

I must not, however, omit to inform you that, at the suggestion of the R.W. G.Sec. of England, I inquired of Bro. J. Nunn, a prominent member of the Caledonian Lodge, regarding the old records of his Lodge and Chapter, who replied, that the oldest Lodge records were destroyed some years ago in a fire, and that the Caledonian Chapter was of recent formation. Subsequently, upon further inquiry of my friend in the G.S.'s office, I was informed that the old Caledonian Chapter ceased to meet soon after 1813.

I am always ready and willing to acknowledge an error; and I shall now take the opportunity of acknowledging a very curious oversight of mine. About a year ago I came across the *Freemason's Magazine* 1795, wherein I found the memoir of Preston by Stephen Jones, which furnished me with a clue to the history of the Caledonian Lodge, and of Preston's initiation therein. As Bro. Jones received his information from Preston *verbally*, he made a muddle about the period of the Lodge's Constitution under the Ancients, and its subsequent Constitution by the Moderns. Thus much, however, I learned. 1st. That the Lodge was first constituted in, or soon after, 1760, and 2nd. That it met at the White Hart in the Strand. To ascertain the exact date, I scanned over the Lodges in Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges" from 1760, till I came to No. 111, which met at the *White Hart, Strand*. Having identified the Lodge, I put the book aside without perusing the comments thereon. Bro. Buss first called my attention to that part of the note where it is stated that Preston was the second person initiated in the said Lodge. I naturally assured him that I had not read the note, &c. I then merely noticed that fact, without troubling myself to read the remainder of the note. Last week I had again occasion to hunt up a Lodge in the "Atholl Lodges," when I came to Lodge No. 111. I

thought that I would just read the whole note, and to my surprise I found therein all the facts about the Caledonian Lodge, which I took so much pains last year to hunt up. True, Bro. Gould furnishes no authorities for his statements, but the facts are there. And now I will give you some information, which caused me to re-examine Bro. Gould's work last week.

During a visit to New York, about six weeks ago, I stumbled upon a ritual of the Royal Arch, said to have been sent to Hayti in 1802, for a Chapter that worked there under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of England. The said ritual was either originally written in English or in French. But be that as it may, in 1833 it found its way to New York, where Bro. Marconnay copied it. It is the same Bro. Marconnay who made a great stir among the A. and A. Rites in 1833, by asking the Three Globes G.L. at Berlin, about whether Frederic the Great was a *high degree*, and whether he sent a Charter for 33 degrees to Charleston, South Carolina, &c., to which the Three Globes Grand Lodge replied, that Frederic the Great was not a *high degree*, and that the Charleston Charter was a fraud. Well, to be brief. Last week I was again in New York, and the owner of the document kindly allowed me to take it with me to Boston. Brother S. D. Nickerson P.G.M., now Grand Secretary, of Massachusetts, will translate it into English in a few weeks, but in the meantime I send you the introduction, as translated by Bro. Nickerson.

ROYAL ARCH.

"7th Degree of the ancient York Rite, as it is worked in England and the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of England. Copied from the original and official ritual deposited with the Sovereign Chapter of Heurense Union of Aux Cayes, [Hayti]. Constituted by the Grand Chapter of England in 1802.

"This copy was made by the undersigned, at New York, in 1833, from the copy of Brother the Count de Saint Lawrent,—

Leblanc de Marconnay 33°."

It must seem strange to English Masons to see the R.A. degree styled "seventh degree of the York Rite." The R.A. degree was made into a seventh degree by Thomas Smith Webb, the great American tinker of rituals and degrees; and then, again, our profound American Masonic luminaries have somehow taken a notion into their wise heads, that the Blue degrees, the R.A. degrees, and the K.T. degrees, a *baker's dozen* in all, ought to be called "York Rite," hence Bro. Marconnay styled the R.A. the "7th degree of the York Rite."

After perusing Marconnay's introduction, doubts suggested themselves to my mind. 1st. Whether there was ever any Chapter at all in Hayti? And 2nd. As there were two Grand Chapters in England in 1802, to which of these Chapters did the Hayti Chapter belong? To find this out, I had to wade again through Bro. Gould's Lodge lists (for I have no Chapter lists to consult). First I went, one by one, through the "Atholl Lodges," but found no Hayti there. Next I went through the lists of the Lodges of the Moderns up to 1802, but still could not find a Lodge at Hayti. I was about to give up the hunt; but thinking that persons are apt to make mistakes in copying, I went on from Lodge to Lodge, until I came to page 81, where I found—"604. La Loge de La Heurense Reunion aux Cayes, Hayti."

This Lodge was not granted in 1802, but in 1809. I have, however, no doubt (*though I have no record evidence to prove it*) that the Union Chapter, to whom the ritual belonged, was a branch of No. 604 Lodge at Hayti.

I shall only add, that as soon as the ritual is translated into English, a copy will be sent to the Grand Secretary of England, when there will be an opportunity of comparing it with another old ritual recently discovered in London, as well as with the present one.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 6th June 1882.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Last year some of your readers were generously led to help us provide a Day's Excursion into the country for 500 poor girls and boys who attend the Hackney Juvenile Mission. The manager hopes to be able to take at least as many children this summer, and I should be glad if your readers will assist him practically, by sending donations towards this Tenth Annual Excursion to either the Hon. Manager, Mr. J. Newman, 117 Cheapside, E.C., Mr. H. M. Heath, 4 St. Thomas-road, or to,

Yours faithfully,

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ELECTRICITY v. GAS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Of all the letters written to bolster up the electric light, I think few can compare with that published in the *Times* of Friday, signed "C. M'L. M'Hardy." The writer begins by stating that an incandescent lamp gives a light of from 16 to 20 candle power; and afterwards, to compare it with gas, he states that an ordinary burner consuming from 5 to 8 feet of gas per hour gives from 6 to 8 candle power. Now this is simply reversing the candle power of the two lights. Five feet of London gas will give from 15 to 17 candle power, and this is periodically stated in the *JOURNAL*

and other papers, when giving the reports of the Metropolitan Gas Examiners.

Mr. Hardy favours us with his estimate for plant for 2000 incandescent lamps, at from £4,200 to £5,200 (the margin of £1000 being on one item—the dynamo machine). With respect to the cost of the engine and boilers, it is a pity he did not consult an engineer as to the cost of such articles; he would then, perhaps, have been surprised at the very low figures he has named as the cost. But, taking his own figures, he has forgotten to state that, for safety, in case of a breakdown, and to provide for heavy repairs, he must have duplicate machinery and apparatus; and as the engine-house is put down at the low sum of £200, and the lamps are not included in the total for plant, we have simply to double his amount for plant—say £10,400—for 2000 incandescent lamps. Even these figures melt into insignificance when Mr. Hardy comes to the (purely imaginary) cost for working expenses. I say imaginary, because he does not say, "I find from experience that during so many months' work at the Crystal Palace the working expenses have been found to be so and so;" but he gives his own idea of what he considers they should be. Well, he gives certain mysterious figures as to the cost of working expenses for the 2,000 incandescent lights, making a total of £2,500 per annum. Now, if any one will add up the figures given, he will find that an error has been made of £1,000 per annum, the total being £3,500. In these figures, on the annual cost, Mr. Hardy states the time for burning to be from dusk till midnight. Why he stops at midnight is best known to himself, as the public lamps burn from dusk till dawn; but perhaps it is to keep down the working expenses on machinery running on till dawn. He then goes on to compare the cost of the electric light with gas; and to do this he starts with the price of gas at 3s 4d per 1000 feet. Why 3s 4d? Why not 2s 10d, the price charged to the Brush Electric Light Company for lighting their premises in Belvedere Road? However, he compares the cost of gas light (3s 4d per 1000 feet) with the incandescent lights at the imaginary illuminating power of from 16 to 20 candles, with plant some thousands of pounds below the actual amount required, a mistake in the total working expenses of £1,000 per annum, and the machinery running till midnight instead of till dawn; and by these means he arrives at the unwarrantable conclusion that incandescent lights are cheaper than ordinary gaslights.

It may be said that, as I am connected with gas companies, I must be strongly biased in favour of gas. Well, so I am; but I am also biased in favour of truth, and of facts as to the real cost of electric lighting. I will ask this question: If electric lighting is so much cheaper than gas, why do the Brush Electric Lighting Company light their premises with gas? their gas bill for last quarter being more than £40.

With regard to increasing the light of the London streets by night, I hold, perhaps (for one connected with gas companies) peculiar views on this subject, as I think it a folly and a shame to waste more money on the artificial illumination of public thoroughfares than is absolutely necessary to enable the public to find their way about, and the police to do their duty. Artificial illumination in any form is, and to me it appears as if it ever will be, a costly process; but, if we are determined to turn night into day, in the face of Nature's opposition, we can only do so at the cost of health and by heavy money expenditure. If, in this electric light excitement, there are those who like to blaze up the interior of their houses with a flood of garish light for their midnight entertainments, let them do so; but I respect and admire the thrifty vestryman who desires to keep down extravagant lighting for public thoroughfares, and who will not tax the overburdened tradesman to meet the luxurious wishes of the rich, nor make free with other people's money to aid electric light companies to advertise their speculations.

MAGNUS OHREN, Assoc. M. Inst. C.E.

Arrangements have been made for the customary visit of the Festival Stewards and annual distribution of prizes on Tuesday next, the 27th instant. The R.W. Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., G.J. Warden, who will preside, the day following, at the Festival, has kindly undertaken the duty of occupying the chair, and we doubt not there will be a merry and numerous gathering of the brethren and ladies interested in the success of the Institution. The proceedings will commence at one p.m., and the band of the Institution will contribute towards the entertainment of the visitors. After a Part Song by the Choir, a Debate will take place on the question, "Are the Mental Capacities of the Sexes Equal?" two farces, "The Man with the Carpet Bag," by Mr. S. A. A'Beckett, and "B. B.," by Messrs. M. Williams and F. C. Burnand, will be played, and several Part Songs will be given at intervals. Nor will the "inner man" be overlooked, as a cold collation will be served in the Hall at 4.30 p.m. We have great pleasure in noting that R. Head, who took second class honours, Seniors, in the Cambridge Local Examination last December, has been awarded nine prizes, of which six were first; while A. R. Parker, third class honours same Examination, has secured eleven, one being the silver watch and chain given by the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite for good conduct. H. P. Palmer, silver medallist (good conduct) and V. J. Lee, Canonbury gold medallist, have been awarded six and four prizes respectively. Bro. Captain Wordsworth's prize of two guineas for elocution has yet to be adjudged.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE brethren of this Province met on Monday last, at Reading, where the annual meeting was held, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by his Deputy, the Very Worshipful Brother the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and the following Officers of the Province, viz.:—Bros. Thomas Taylor P.M. 1410 Grand Senior Warden, John Wilson P.M. 209 Grand Junior Warden, Rev. Nicholas T. Garry 414 Grand Chaplain, Rev. Gilbert Henry Layton 591 Grand Junior Chaplain, Charles Stephens P.M. 414 Grand Treasurer, Ephraim Davey P.M. 1566 Grand Registrar, Robt. Bradley P.M. 414 Grand Secretary, Leopold M. Nixon P.M. 771 and 1501 Grand Senior Deacon, William Ferguson P.M. 1101 Grand Junior Deacon, Charles Edward Belcher P.M. 1770 Grand Superintendent of Works, William Biggs P.M. Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, Stephen Knight P.M. 574 Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dick Edwards Radclyffe 209 Assist. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Edward Margrett P.M. 1101 Grand Standard Bearer, William F. Large P.M. 840 Grand Pursuivant, Charles Nowell Assist. Grand Purs., Edward Blackwell, Rd. Dowsett 1101, J. W. Martin 414, Jos. E. Sydenham 414, C. A. Charubin 591, James Wilson Thorpe 1787 Grand Stewards, W. Hemmings Grand Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were the R. W. Sir Francis Bardett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, W. Bro. Reginald Bird Deputy Provincial Grand Master Oxon, Bro. J. L. Thomas P.G.A.D.C., Bro. James Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. G. Poole P.M. 1417 South Africa, R. P. Spice P.G.S., W. W. Morgan FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Past Provincial Grand Officers were represented by Bros. H. D'Almaine P.S.W., H. H. Hodges P.S.W., B. T. Fontaine Treasurer, J. Weightman P.J.W., Charles Oades P.G. Registrar, Arthur Welch P.G. Registrar, W. Biggs P.G. Secretary, W. S. Cantrell, J. W. Hounslow, J. W. Blowers P.G. Senior Deacons, J. E. Danks, J. T. Brown, E. Baker P.G. Superintendents of Works, C. W. Cox P.D.C., W. P. Ivey P.S.B. The Lodges by Bros. Rev. R. P. Bent P.G.C. W.M. 1894, Rev. W. A. Hill P.G.C., Rev. Arthur Fearon P.G.C., Eastern Archipelago, J. H. Clarke P.M. 1887, Major Shanks P.M. 1887 P.G.W. Devon, S. G. Kirchoffer P.M. 1899 P.G.S.W. Surrey, E. C. Knight W.M. 948, W. B. Wilson W.M. 574, T. R. Lynch W.M. 631, S. Bradley P.M. 414, Charles A. Barrett W.M. 945, and about eighty other members of Lodges in the Province. The Prov. G. Lodge was opened at the Foresters' Hall, West-street, when the Prov. Grand Secretary called over the roll of the Lodges in the Province, and it was found that all were represented. With but one exception the Provincial Grand Officers of the year were in their several places; this speaks well for the zeal displayed by the Craftsmen of the Province. On the motion of the Deputy Prov. G.M. the minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge, held at Aylesbury, on the 20th June last year, were taken as read. The Prov. G. Secretary reported that Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg D.P.G.M. had, on the 14th September 1881, consecrated the Herschel Lodge, at Slough. He further stated that, on the 3rd May, a Masonic Hall was dedicated by the Prov. G.M. at Aylesbury. From the financial statement it appeared that the receipts for the previous year amounted to £208 10s 2d, the present balance in hand being £101 8s 3d. The Charity Committee's Report was next read, the total receipts, including a balance in hand from last year, were £163 10s, the sum of £74 5s being the amount of the present balance. On the proposition of the Prov. G. Master it was unanimously resolved that the sum of £26 5s be voted from the Provincial to the Charity Fund, and that £105 be appropriated from the Charity Fund to the various Lodges who had contributed. The Prov. G. Master then briefly addressed the brethren: he congratulated them on the steady progress Freemasonry had made during the year. He hoped other towns in the Province would follow the example of Aylesbury, and have Lodgerooms of their own, thereby avoiding the necessity of meeting at public establishments. He was also gratified at being able to offer them his congratulations upon the prosperous state of the Charity Fund. The report as to the condition of the Lodges in the Province came next; this showed the following membership:—Etonian 75, Union 63, Hope 61, Buckingham 52, Methuen 16, Windsor Castle 62, St. Johns 19, Scientific 62, Abbey 42, St. Barnabas 39, Grey Friars 28, SS. Peter and Paul 41, Alma Mater 11, Wycombe 31, Ellington 7, Watling Street 29, Vale of White Horse 28, Grenville 19, St. Hilda 19, Herschel 22, and Wellesley 18. The re-election of Brother Stephens, of Reading, as Prov. G. Treasurer, was then proposed by the D.P.G.M. The Prov. G. Master seconded the nomination, remarking upon the satisfactory manner in which Brother Stephens had always performed his duties. The election was unanimous, and Bro. Stephens, replying, thanked the brethren for the honour done him, assuring them that to fulfil the duties of the office was a pleasure to him.

The Provincial Grand Master referred to a letter that had been received from the Grand Secretary, as to Brother Clabon's proposal to increase the quarterages to the Benevolent Fund. A discussion followed, the D.P.G.M. expressing himself as decidedly opposed to any increase; he feared it would interfere with the flow of benevolence which was being carried on successfully throughout the Province by the contributions to the Charity Fund. On motion of the Provincial Grand Master, it was resolved that the different Lodges in the Province should be asked for an expression of opinion, and a letter was ordered to be sent to each Lodge by the Provincial Grand Secretary. The following brethren were invested with the Charity jewel:—Bros. Joseph Andrews S.D. 209, Charles Stephens P.M. 414, F. J. Ferguson S.W. 414 I.G. 1899, Walter B. Wilson W.M. 574, F. H. Lyon P.M. 574, Gust. A. Charubin 591, Andrew McDowell W.M. 948, Charles M. Footit Steward 1566.

The Officers for the ensuing year were then invested:—

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J. Rosbe Slator W.M. 1787	...	Senior Deacon
E. J. Blackwell W.M. 1101	...	Junior Deacon
Robert King W.M. 840	...	Superintendent of Works
A. McDowell W.M. 948	...	Director of Ceremonies
R. Nicholson W.M. 1566	...	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
Francis H. Lyon P.M. 574	...	Sword Bearer
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Robert E. Hannis 771	...	
William Hemmings	...	Tyler

The announcement was made that the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Windsor, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

A capital banquet was most bountifully supplied by Bro. W. C. Flanagan, of the Great Western Hotel, Reading, at the Old Town Hall. The tables were laid for a party much beyond that which presented itself. The floral decorations by Bro. Dick Radclyffe were in excellent taste. Great praise was awarded the caterer for his exertions. The customary toast list followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by some capital singing, Bros. Dyson (Windsor), Shartau (Westminster Abbey), and Becket and De Lacey (St. Paul's), being the artistes engaged.

Those who are interested in the new system of Electric Lighting, will be pleased to hear that the Electric Sun Lamp, which was invented by MM. Louis Clerc and Bureau and was adjudged the Gold Medal at the Paris Exhibition of 1881, is now on view in the vaults beneath the Royal Exchange. The private view is fixed for to-day (Saturday), and it will afford us the utmost pleasure to give full particulars of the new lamp is our issue of next week.

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The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Ser-
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LYCEUM.—At 8, ROMEO AND JULIET.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.
(Last night).

PRINCESS'S.—At 8, THE ROMANY RYE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 8.15, MONEY.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, ODETTE.

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

STRAND.—At 7.30, TWO TO ONE. At 8.10, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.40, PATIENCE. This day (Satur-
day), at 2.30, also.

AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX
NOIRS. This day, at 2, also.

GAILETY.—FRENCH PLAYS. This evening, at 8.30, L'AVENTURIERE
and LES PRECIEUSES RIDICULES. This afternoon, L'AVENTURIERE.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, DEAF AS A POST. OFF THE LINE. At 9,
THE VILLAINOUS SQUIRE AND THE VILLAGE ROSE. ROBERT
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ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, MEDUSA. At 8.30, THE SQUIRE.

CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 8.45, FOURTEEN DAYS.

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

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

COMEDY.—At 7.15, THE FAST COACH. At 8, BOCCACCIO.

GLOBE.—At 8, FIRST IN THE FIELD. At 8.45, FAR FROM THE MAD-
DING CROWD.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, BOARDING SCHOOL. At 8.45, LONG AGO. At
9.30, SINDBAD.

OLYMPIC.—At 8, LOCKED OUT. At 8.30, MOTHS.

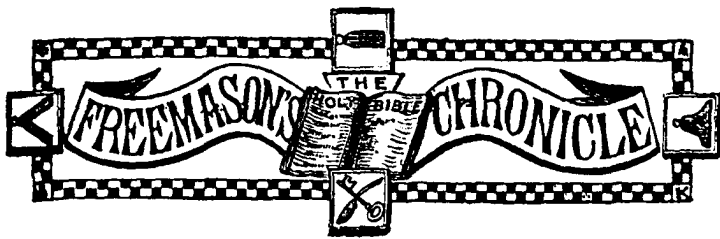
STANDARD.—At 7.30, HUMANITY; or, A PASSAGE IN THE LIFE OF
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PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 238.

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bros. Thomas Richnell Prov. G.S.B. for Middlesex and Surrey, who was supported by Bros. T. C. Walls P.M. G.S.B., Colonel Wigginton P.M. P.G.S.W., Alfred Tisley I.P.M., Sir Charles Palmer S.W., John H. Dodson J.W., W. Farrington S.O., Groves acting M.O., J. Farrington J.O., Harding I.G., F. Clemow, Dodd, Webb, Saunders, Skelton, Harrison Tyler, and others. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rite at six o'clock, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and, there being no practical business on the agenda, the brethren proceeded to certain matters of finance connected with the Lodge. Several new candidates were proposed for advancement, and during the evening the Worshipful Master announced that, in accordance with a resolution passed at a previous meeting, a congratulatory address had been forwarded to Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, upon the occasion of his marriage with Her Serene Highness the Princess Helen of Waldeck-Pyrmont, with which was coupled an expression of loyalty and attachment to the Throne. To this a gracious reply had been received from His Royal Highness, which he (the W.M.) would request the Secretary to read. Bro. Colonel W. Wigginton Secretary then read the Address, which had been beautifully illuminated and engraved on vellum, in the finest style of the art. The text ran as follows :—

THE PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 238.

Bro. Thomas Richard Richnell, P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey W.M.

To His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany.

We, the brethren of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 238 on the Register of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and Dependencies of the British Crown, by resolution proposed by Bro. Colonel W. Wigginton, founder and first Master, seconded by Bro. T. C. Walls, founder and Past Master, and carried unanimously, beg most respectfully, sincerely, and fraternally to tender to your Royal Highness the expression of our love and staunch fidelity to our beloved Sovereign, Queen of England and Empress of India, your ever-to-be revered mother, whose whole life has chastened and sanctified those of an entire people, and created a vivifying power, the force of which can never be fully gauged, even when the present age and generation shall have passed away.

To your Royal Highness we offer our most heartfelt congratulations upon your marriage with her Serene Highness Princess Helen, the estimable daughter of his Serene Highness the Prince of Waldeck, and our most fervent prayers that the Great Architect of the Universe may be pleased to pour down upon you both Heaven's richest earthly blessings, that as Victoria and Albert, so Duke and Duchess may always be as truly united together, ever mindful of your country's good, in its best and purest sense, and ever secure in its loyal, loving, strong protection.

Permit us further, your Royal Highness, to welcome your illustrious bride, and to tender to her—now one of England's daughters—that loyalty and devotion which you, your Royal Highness, well know is the bounden duty and high privilege of every Free and Accepted Mason. God bless you both.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

THOMAS R. RICHNELL,

P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.

W. WIGGINTON P.M. Secretary.

To this a gracious reply had been received from his Royal Highness, as follows :—

“Claremont, Esher, Surrey,
12th June 1882.

“DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg you will yourself accept, and will convey to the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 238, my most cordial thanks for the resolution they have passed congratulating me upon my marriage, and for their kind wishes for the future happiness of the Duchess of Albany and myself.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,
LEOPOLD.”

Bro. T. R. Richnell, W.M.

It was ordered that the address be entered on the minutes, together with the Duke of Albany's reply. At the close of the Lodge the brethren dined together, Bro. Clemow catering in his well-known excellent style. The Worshipful Master (Bro. T. R. Richnell) presided, and at the conclusion of the repast, gave the customary Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts. In proposing the Queen and Mark

Masonry, he said the toast was one that was always received with enthusiasm in all Masonic gatherings. It was his good fortune to preside as their Master to-day, being the forty-fifth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession. Forty-five years since a maiden Queen ascended the throne; a few years more she became a fond wife and mother, and her career would stand as a bright example to the daughters of Britain. The future mothers of England would never weary of telling their children that the life of Victoria was one of purity and chastity. The interest she felt in Freemasonry was manifested by the fact that most of her sons were distinguished members of the Craft, and ever ready to promote its interests. The toast was enthusiastically received, the National Anthem being sung by Bros. Farrington and Saunders. The next toast was that of the Officers of Grand Mark Lodge Past and Present; and, in proposing it, the W.M. said they were peculiarly fortunate in having their Lodge named after that illustrious and distinguished Mark Mason Past Grand Master Prince Leopold, who was the only member of the Royal family belonging to the degree. They all knew how great had been the interest His Royal Highness had manifested in the Prince Leopold Lodge since its formation. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. Prince Leopold, and would ask Bro. Col. Wigginton to respond. Bro. Col. Wigginton, in an eloquent speech, referred to the valuable services rendered to Mark Masonry by the Officers of Grand Lodge, and spoke of the rapid advance which had been made in the degree, especially of late years. In proposing the health of the Officers of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, the Worshipful Master referred to the great services and ability of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, who presided over the two counties of Middlesex and Surrey, to the great advantage of both. He (the speaker), as a Prov. Grand Officer, knew something of the work thus performed, and assured the brethren it could be no easy task. The other Officers were equally zealous and able; he would couple with the toast their friend and Prov. G. Senior Warden, Bro. Sir Charles Palmer, who was a Past Officer of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge. Bro. Sir Charles Palmer, in responding, spoke of the progress of Mark Masonry, which he was glad to see so flourishing in the Province. The immediate Past Master, Bro. Alfred Tisley, then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, alluding, in a few happily-chosen sentences, to the straightforward and energetic manner in which he discharged the duties of his high position, and which gave universal satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Richnell, in responding, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and said he was proud to occupy so exalted a position amongst brethren who had been associated with him so many years in his Masonic career. He should ever exert his utmost power to maintain that prestige which the Prince Leopold had gained amongst Mark Lodges of the Province. Several other toasts were honoured, including the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, &c., and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

NORTH AFRICA.

INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK MASTER.

THE installation of R.W. Brother Thomas Fellowes Reade 33, P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt, Her Majesty's Political Agent and Consul General at Tunis, as P.G.M.M.M. for North Africa, took place at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on the 10th June. R.W. Broadley D.G.M.M.M. of the Mediterranean opened District Grand Lodge in ample form at 7 p.m. He was supported by a goodly attendance of District Grand Officers, and of the members of the Kingston and Saint Louis Mark Lodges. The District Grand Master having briefly explained the object of the meeting, and the dispositions adopted by the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason as to the division of the district over which he had ruled as District Grand Master, and as P.G.M. of Malta and Tunis for three years, took leave of the brethren in affectionate terms. Brother Broadley's concluding remarks were heartily applauded, and he then proceeded to install in an impressive manner Brother Reade in the chair of A. This ceremony accomplished, Brother Reade was duly presented, and his patent having been read, he was obligated and installed as Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Reade then appointed and invested his P.G. Officers as follow :— Bros. Dr. A. Perini P.M. 222 D.G.M., Professor Souiller, Officier d'Académie, S.W., L. Curletto J.W., Prof. Clément, Officier d'Académie, M.O., A. Blanch S.O., P. Q. Puliga, LL.D., J.O., Rev. T. Robinson P.G.M. Kent Hon. Member 222 and 254 Chaplain, G. Barsotti Treasurer, A. Andry Secretary, Dr. Pace, M.D., Registrar, General E. Musalli Supt. Works, J. E. Gessel S.D., A. Attard J.D., G. B. Cassar D. of C., J. Monge Assistant Secretary, N. D'Amico Assist. D. of C., Capt. R. A. Johnstone Organist, F. Michel Sword Bearer, J. Catalano Standard Bearer, J. Barsotti, J. Souiller, S. Angelica Stewards, L. Chevallier I.G., A. Villareale Tyler. Bro. Reade then addressed the brethren at some length, and expressed his determination to support the Mark Degree throughout his Province, and to follow in the steps of his excellent friend and predecessor Bro. Broadley, from whom he had received the gavel. He invited the brethren to mark their high appreciation of their P.D.G.M. by helping him in his office of Steward at the coming Festival of the R.M.I.B., when he would represent the Mark Province of North Africa. At the proposal of Professor Souiller, seconded by Bro. Reade, a vote of thanks to the P.D.G.M. was placed on the minutes of P.G.L. The brethren then adjourned to the Grand Hotel, where they were entertained by the P.G.M. at a banquet provided by Bro. F. Michel. The usual toasts were honoured, and a most harmonious and agreeable evening spent.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

PRESENTATION TO COMP. F. BROWN, THE PRECEPTOR.

THE last meeting for the session of 1881 and 1882 was held on Tuesday evening, 13th June, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and the occasion being one of more than usual importance, it drew together a large number of Royal Arch Masons, to show by their presence the interest they felt in the cause that had drawn them together. The ceremony of installation was worked as usual, the Principals and Officers being as follow:—Comps. Lardner Z., J. S. Fraser H., Webb J., F. Brown S.E., W. H. Postans S.N., W. Fraser P.S., Bentley Haynes candidate; and the rest of the Companions were—Comps. N. Loveland G.J. Herts, J. E. Le Feuvre Prov. G.S.E. Hants, Lilley, Abel, Cull, Thompson P.Z. 519, M'Dowell, Pounceby, Mickley, Veal, Chicken, Rowe, Daniel, Dott-ridge, G. Darcy, G. Brown, Grabham, H. Halford, and Henry Darcy. The ceremony of exaltation was gone through in a most painstaking manner, and there appeared to be a desire on the part of all to make this a meeting that should be long remembered. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the M.E.Z. (Comp. Lardner) said that a most important duty devolved upon him as chairman at that, the last meeting of the session, to present a testimonial to Comp. Brown, their Preceptor, as a token of their sincere regard. The matter had originated with him, about seven weeks ago, and had been readily taken up by the Companions, and he (Comp. Lardner) must say that, having communicated with many of the Companions, in every case he had received a satisfactory response, accompanied by letters most cordially approving of the proposition for presenting Comp. Brown with a suitable testimonial. The Committee had met and agreed to purchase such a testimonial as they hoped would be satisfactory to him, and also to the subscribers, which they presented to Comp. Brown as a mark of their respect and esteem for his zeal and ability in furthering the interests of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement; wishing him long life and happiness to enjoy the esteem of those Companions who had so largely benefited by his instruction. The testimonial was then uncovered; it consisted of a very handsome clock, with two side ornaments. The centre of the clock-stand bore the following inscription:—

"METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

"Presented to Comp. F. Brown, by the members of the Chapter, as a recognition of his valuable services, and for the zeal and energy he had displayed in maintaining its interests as Preceptor.

"June 1822."

Comp. Brown, in acknowledging the gift, said he hardly knew what words to use to express his feelings for the kind remarks which had fallen from the M.E.Z., although he was not usually bashful in giving utterance to them. When he joined the Chapter four or five years ago, he did not know much about the ceremony, and he felt anxious to know more fully about it; and he might say that from the time he joined he had never been absent from more than two meetings. When he joined the Chapter there was but a very small attendance, and Comp. Boyd, with one or two others, used to attend occasionally to give instruction. It was at that time he had learned the ritual, and he also learned the manner in which he could deliver it the most impressively. He took a liking to the ritual, and pursued it in a manner that he might almost call an infatuation, for he threw aside the Craft, and made it his most complete study. In the course of time, the Companions called upon him to give them instruction, and by some means or other, that he did not then recollect, he acceded to their desire, and became the Preceptor of the Chapter. Since then the Chapter had increased in numbers, and the attendance had so far improved that for the last three years the average attendance at each meeting had been sixteen. He was gratified to find that the Chapter was prospering so satisfactorily, and that the work that was done there was appreciated by the Companions. As far as his abilities were concerned, and his love for the Royal Arch, it would be an inducement for him to come there to continue his duties; but there was a much greater incentive to him to do so, as he thereby became acquainted with very many worthy Masons; and amongst all who attended there was not one whom he could not number amongst his friends. His reward was priceless, for to enjoy the friendship of his fellow-men was of a value beyond price, and would be an incentive to him as long as he lived to continue with them, and he should always consider that on every Tuesday evening he was pledged to be in his place at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. When, on his return home, he saw the handsome testimonial before him, and he gazed on the face of the clock, his wife would know that he had been amongst men engaged in a good cause, and he was quite sure she would then never murmur at his absence. He heartily thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions, which had been endorsed by the Companions; he must say that he never met with anything but kindness from them. He wished them all health and happiness, and as that was their last meeting for the session, when they met again in October, he trusted that their future meetings would be as successful and happy as they had been in the past. He added, what he had omitted to state before, that during the last three years they had been enabled to contribute twenty-one guineas to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. The M.E.Z. said there was a balance standing over of the subscriptions, which it was suggested should be placed in the hands of Comp. Brown to present some little testimonial to Mrs. Brown. Companion H. Thompson moved the thanks of the Chapter to Companion Lardner and the other members of the Committee engaged in getting up the testimonial, which was seconded and unanimously agreed to. Companion Lardner returned thanks, and the proceedings, which throughout were of a highly gratifying description, were brought to a close.

THE MAURITIUS.

ONE of the finest Masonic gatherings in Mauritius, within the memory of man, took place on the 13th April, in the splendid temple and banquetting hall of the Triple Espérance. The occasion was the voting an address of congratulation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, on the providential escape of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen from the attack of an assassin.

The brethren assembled in the Temple by 8 p.m., when H.E. the Lieut.-Governor accompanied by his Private Secretary Mr. W. W. West arrived, and was met at the door by the Directors of Ceremonies Bros. Smith and Bewsher, the Military band in the Court playing "God Save the Queen" and was conducted by them to the Temple, where H.E. was received under an arch of Steel, the band in Lodge taking up the National Air. Lodge was then opened in the usual form by Bro. de Caila, who acted as W.M. The ritual was the English, and to do especial honour to the occasion, every office, both in Lodge and at the banquet, was filled by actual reigning Masters or Past Masters. The business of the evening was opened by Bro. de Caila moving the following address, which was read by the Secretary:—

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES M.W. Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England.

May it please Your Royal Highness.

We, the undersigned W.M.'s, P.M.'s and Masons, belonging to the several Masonic Lodges of Mauritius, under the English, Scotch and Irish Constitutions, and the "Grand Orient de France," beg most respectfully to approach Your Royal Highness as Grand Master of the English Lodges, praying that you may be pleased to lay at the feet of Her Most Gracious Majesty the expression of our Loyal and Masonic devotion to Her throne.

It was with feelings of horror and indignation that all the true Masons in the Colony received the news of the cowardly attempt made on the life of Her Majesty, and our hearts united in thanksgiving to the G.A.O.T.U. for having saved our Queen and Empress from the dastardly blow of an assassin. May He continue to defend Her from every latent foe, and long preserve our dearly beloved Sovereign for the wellbeing of Her faithful and devoted subjects scattered over the four quarters of the Globe.

We unite in making vows for the welfare of all the Royal family, more especially we pray that the G.A.O.T.U. may grant your Royal Highness health and happiness, and for many years to come, may we see your Royal Highness, as Grand Master of English Freemasonry, uphold the genuine tenets of our Order.

Bro. de Caila then rose and said:—Brethren, I have now to inform you of the object of this grand reunion; and to propose to you the adoption of this address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master of English Masons, conveying through His Royal Highness to his Royal Mother, the Queen of England, the expression of our feelings at her happy deliverance, by the special interposition of the G.A.O.T.U. You know that the statutes of our Order remind its followers that one of their chief duties as Masons and as citizens is to respect the laws of the country they inhabit. Well, these laws, the laws of all civilised countries, have just been violated in the attempt against the life of our Gracious Sovereign. You know that we are the protectors of all those who suffer unjustly, wherever they may be found. Well, in this address we declare our principles. You know that, as Brothers in Masonry, we are, in consequence, the Brothers and Friends of all humanity, from the king on his throne to his meanest subject. Our mission has no other limits than those defined by duty and love of Truth. This, my brethren, is why I invite you as Masons, one and all of you, to place your names at the foot of the Address that we are going to send to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, our Royal Brother in Masonry, to be presented by him to Her Majesty the Queen. Our Brother, E. Didier St. Amand, Past Master of the Lodge of Harmony, in seconding this motion, will explain to you more fully our motives in sending this Address.

Bro. Didier St. Amand, in seconding the motion, said: Brethren, I rise to second the Address which has just been read to you. The W.M. of the Triple Espérance has addressed you in French, and you have heard what true feelings of devotion to the Throne he has expressed. It is now my turn to say a few words, in the language of the mother country so dear, so justly dear to all of us who are far away from home.

Brethren, when the attempt made on the life of Her Majesty and her providential escape became known, the voices of all her faithful subjects united and ascended to heaven in one common Hosanna, returning thanks to the G.A.O.T.U. for having preserved our beloved Sovereign, and the several notes, as it were, in that great hymn of joy and gratitude were the several languages spoken by the many devoted subjects of Our Queen and Empress.

Brethren, when we think of the loss which England might have suffered, it seems to bring back vividly to our minds the whole spotless life of our Queen.

In 1821 King William was too old, and in too indifferent a state of health, to see children born unto him. Our Queen was then twelve years of age, and, all unconscious of her future greatness, she was being carefully brought up by her widowed mother within the homely brick walls of Kensington Palace. It became then necessary to make her acquainted with her future destiny, and Baroness Lezhen, her governess, tells the following touching story about the manner in which her place in the succession was made known to her. With the consent of the Duchess of Kent, she placed in her historical book the genealogical table; the Royal child opened the book and looking at the table said: "I am nearer the Throne than I thought." "So it is," replied the governess, and our Queen, giving her hand to the Baroness, said: "I will be good; I

understand your advice now, I will be good!" Brethren, you can picture this touching scene—the Royal child looking into the eyes of her governess and saying, I will be good; and, brethren, was it not like a revelation? For, what has been the life of our Queen but one series of good and noble deeds? When William IV. died, our Queen was eighteen years of age, and to a King, who had sided with the opposition, and often obtained with difficulty the reluctant homage of England's children, succeeded a Queen, in all the freshness of youth, whose graceful modesty and propriety raised among all a new sense of loyalty, mingled with feelings of chivalry. For, brethren, England ever loved a Queen! No doubt some of you have seen, and you have heard, of the picture in the corridor of Windsor Castle which is called Her Majesty's first Council. The girl Queen sits with grave simplicity among the veterans of England's statesmen. She has a pensive and straightforward look ever present in her face, and history tells us that she presided over that first Council with natural ease; but, at the same time, with that calm dignity and firmness which ever after characterised all her actions. This, brethren, was the first act of that long reign of prosperity of which we English are so justly proud.

Royal domestic life in the past generation had been far from edifying; but what could be more touching than the Royal romance of our Queen, terminating in a happy marriage which the whole nation fully approved of? Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle became the abode of love and harmony; the young pair were artistic; they had mutual tastes; and their Royal house, full of stately gaiety and sober pomp, offered to all the brightest example of a happy English Home. Our Queen and Prince Albert gave to all the example of purity and virtue; she ever cheerful in her exterior, and he ever tender, and watchful to please her; both encouraging everything that was good, and showing that the higher the station in life, the greater its duties and responsibilities. Children came, and the Royal Palaces echoed their innocent mirth; and when the Welsh nurse, answering a great ambassadress said, that at the Castle the living for the children was poor; only a bit of roast meat, and perhaps a plain pudding, and added that our Queen was as fit to be a poor man's wife as well as a great Queen, little did she know what great compliment she was paying the best of women, and the highest lady in the land.

If the private life of her Majesty was sympathetic, her political career offers the example of good and able work transacted day by day, with unceasing diligence and love of her people, keeping in view that the great parties in England, Whigs and Tories in the beginning, and Liberals and Conservatives now, have always had at heart the prosperity and happiness of the nation, our Queen has always accepted loyally the choice of the people, whatever may have been her private feelings. And such was her influence over all those who approached her that the several political leaders who in turn have been at the head of affairs have all become her staunch friends. Exempted by right from all taxes, our Queen came forward, and, as an English woman, claimed to contribute her share to the revenue of the nation. In happy contrast with the careless habits of a past generation of Kings shone the economy of our Queen. When King Louis Philippe and the Czar visited England, Sir Robert Peel, then Minister, was enabled to state to Parliament that these receptions, though worthy of England and of our Queen, would not cause any increase of expenditure. The student of History follows with admiration and respect the action of our Queen during the effervescence caused by the Corn Laws, the Irish Famine and the Chartist Demonstration. Then came the first Great Exhibition, giving a new impetus to trade and art in their several branches, and due to the untiring energy of Prince Albert, who displayed great powers of mind and a true love of England's greatness. Then came the Crimean war, where the tricolour floated by the side of our national ensign; and may the two great pioneers of civilisation ever remain friends. Then came the terrible Indian mutiny of which we English cannot speak without a shudder, and both of which ended, as usual, in our complete victory. Then the American War: and during all these important events, history tells us what amount of business the Royal worker transacted, with unswerving devotion to the best interests of England; and, brethren, we have seen with what happy results for our country.

Then came a terrible blow. Prince Albert died, and a shadow passed over the life of our Queen; and though the country has often grudged her mourning so long, yet we have all been proud, justly proud, of her faithful sorrow. And yet, during those long years of grief, deep grief, her attention to state affairs and business never failed her, and the stamp of her hand is visible on every act of the ministry. The happiness of her children, and the springing up of a new generation of children about her, restoring hope and cheerfulness to the Royal Castles of England, England saw with joy and gratitude our Queen once more taking her wonted place in all state ceremonials.

Such is the pure spotless life which for the fourth time the hand of an assassin has attempted, but an all seeing Providence has each time preserved our Queen, and thus secured the happiness of England.

Brethren, the most remarkable feature about these dastardly attempts is, that political ideas had nothing to do with them. Insanity or a morbid desire for notoriety alone prompted the mean and starving creatures who had raised their hands to our beloved Sovereign. Thrones on the Continent have tottered and crumbled to pieces. King Louis Philippe left Paris and died in exile under the shelter of British hospitality. Nicholas of Russia died of failure and of a broken heart; and the man who had helped to ruin and crush him, Napoleon the third, came back to that England where he had been received with all the honours due to a mighty potentate, to lay himself down and die. The late Czar of Russia has been cruelly and cowardly murdered by the hand of the Nihilist. Revolution is rife all over the Continent; but our Institution stands firm in the midst of it all. Our Girl Queen, if I may be allowed the expression, is now one of the most experienced Statesmen of Europe, and

the greatest protection of her Throne is that great love which we all bear Her Majesty. The Queen has kept the word of the Royal Child—"I will be good." England is at the head of nations: Our Queen gives the world the example of a loyal constitutional Sovereign, and her private and public life are the pride of all Englishmen. I have no doubt that you will with joy sign the Address, which has just been read to you, and that you will say with me, one and all, and from the bottom of your hearts,—May Her name be blessed, and her days be long for the greatest happiness of England.

The usual collection was then made, and on the proposition of Bro. Bewsher, was handed to Lady Barker for distribution as she might think fit.

The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to sign the address.

A dinner followed, whereat 150 Masons took their respective places, and did ample justice to the repast prepared for them.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME.

ON Wednesday afternoon, the Summer Entertainment, which is now annually given to our dear old friends at Croydon came off. The Clerk of the weather was sufficiently considerate, the Railway Company (L. and S.E. Company) laid themselves open to accommodate visitors to the best of their ability, and Bro. Lient. Cole, with his wonderful ventriloquial powers, kept the Old People and their friends in a perpetual state of excitement—perhaps it would be better to state, in the condition in which, at the close of the marriage service, the newly-wedded couple find themselves—namely, "in amazement." Bro. Cole's engagements, however, did not admit of his staying the whole evening, and when his part of the entertainment had been brought to a conclusion, amid enthusiastic applause, the Misses Terry and Strong—names intimately familiar to all lovers of the Benevolent—took his place, and played and sang, in a style which proved them to be excellent musicians, several choice selections of music. Miss Berrie Stephens, likewise, who has a good soprano voice, met with hearty and well-deserved applause for her vocal contributions to the evening's enjoyment, her duet, "No, Sir!" with Bro. H. Prenton, being not only vocally, but dramatically, a great success. Our "musical inmate," Mrs. Bonorandi, by her tasteful performance on the pianoforte, is equally deserving of thanks for the part she played in entertaining her co-inmates and their friends. Nor must we overlook the claims upon our regard of Bro. Harry Sullivan, who is ever ready and equally capable of entertaining any gathering of folk, be they Masonic or non-Masonic ladies or brethren, or of Miss Owen, whose services were greatly appreciated. As a matter of course, the Festival, if we may term it such, was not allowed to pass without the drinking of sundry toasts, and equally certain is it that that of Bro. Terry's health was the most conspicuous amongst them. Of course, Bro. Terry was happiness itself in his acknowledgments, and he pointed out how, formerly, the inmates of the Institution at Croydon hardly knew anything of each other, and even went the length of occasionally indulging in those jars from which even old and experienced Masons and their widows are not exempt. He further explained how this had all been changed, and how, out of a friendly "tea fight," the now regular half-yearly entertainments had sprung into actual existence. Bro. Raynham Stewart P.G.D., who takes a leading part in all that relates to the Benevolent Institution, spoke in his usually complimentary terms of everything and everybody, while the venerable Warden, Bro. Norris, and his respected daughters, were most cordially thanked for the persistent attention they had paid to their "ancient charges." We trust it may never be our fortune to spend a less enjoyable evening.

We understand that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. will, at an early date, be installed W.M. of the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, and that the ceremony will be performed by H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, P.G. Warden England and Prov. Grand Master Oxon. It will be in the recollection of our readers that some time back H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Earl of Lathom.

DEATH.

BERRY.—On the 13th inst., at Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., Miss MARY ANN BERRY, the beloved sister of Bro. J. J. Berry P.M. 554, &c., after a long and painful illness.

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 Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 24th JUNE.

- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1320—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

MONDAY, 26th JUNE.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (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.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 27th JUNE.

Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 564—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
 1446—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)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Babley
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,
 K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 28th JUNE.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1415—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.)
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 9 (Instruction)

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire

- 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 392—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 397—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1283—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
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
 R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—Phillips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 29th JUNE.

- 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, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near 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.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 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.)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8: (Inst.)

- 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 348—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclogh, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 636—D'Ogile, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1576—Dec, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 30th JUNE.

- 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)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, 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.)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st JULY.

- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1223—Amberst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
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Antiquity Lodge, No. 146.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton, at six o'clock p.m. Bros. George Taylor W.M., Richd. Buxbury S.W., Hy. Broughton J.W., W. Nicholson Prov. G.S.B. Treasurer, John Morris P.M. Secretary, John W. Skelton S.D., Joshua Galloway J.D., John Wild P.M. D.C., N. Tyldesley as I.G., Thos. Higson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Thos. Collins, Wm. Carter. Visitor—Bro. G. P. Brookbank P.M. and Secretary 37 P.Prov. S.D. Lodge opened at 6.30 and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. James Newton P.M. 37 and Hon. Member 170 offered, through the Secretary, his manuscript history of the Lodge from its formation, with lists of its members and Officers to the present time, on condition of its being published by the Lodge for the use of the members of the Lodge and the Craft generally. Bro. Brookbank addressed the brethren, earnestly desiring the Lodge to accept the offer, and publish the work so ably edited and compiled by Bro. Newton, which contained so many interesting records of the past, and evincing, as it did, the great interest the early members took in the prosperity of Ancient Masonry, and how diligently and efficiently they performed the manifold duties imposed upon them. He stated that Deputations were given to the Officers of this Lodge to consecrate or open four Lodges in Lancashire under the Ancient Institutions, notably his mother Lodge 303, now 221, of which he had written and published a history from all the facts at his command, and in the compilation of which he was much indebted for a perusal of the old records of this Lodge, which gave a well written and lucid account of the consecration of the Lodge now meeting at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, as well as of a Lodge at Wigan, now No. 178 (Antiquity) of which a very excellent and readable account had been written by Brother Joseph Brown Secretary, and published by Brother R. Platt, of Wigan, also of a Lodge at Chorley, but this Lodge ceased to exist soon after 1832; together with the details of opening of a Lodge at Blackburn, but which now meets at Littleborough (Benevolence, No. 226), this being the last warrant granted to Lancashire under the Ancient Grand Lodge. These facts would show that the Lodge had a good reputation in bygone days, and it ought to be a source of gratification to the present members to be able to peruse the records of the past, and in the future to emulate the good work of their predecessors. Bro. Morris Secretary undertook to bring the matter before the brethren at their next meeting, when he expected a more numerous attendance. Bro. W. Nicholson Prov. Grand Sword Bearer received the congratulations of the brethren on his appointment to office. Bro. Thomas Higson, who was elected on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as an annuitant in May last, warmly expressed his thankfulness for the interest taken by the brethren in obtaining assistance to secure his election, and his gratitude to the Craft generally in providing for himself and other aged Masons the means of subsisting in comfort "in the decline of years." Hearty good wishes having been expressed from the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and other Lodges, business was concluded in peace and harmony, at 8 p.m.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st inst., at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge, Bros. Taplin W.M., Brooks S.W., Gray J.W., Andrews P.M. S.D., Bailey J.D., Nicholson I.G. and Tyler. The work comprised the rehearsing of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Cotton candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. acted as Preceptor, and worked the fifth section of the first lecture. Bro. Brooks S.D. was elected to the chair for next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Wednesday, the 28th inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday evening, 16th inst. The attendance of members on this occasion was not so large as usual, but a good evening's work afforded useful instruction to those present. Amongst them were Bros. J. Bate W.M., H. M. Williams S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., C. H. Phillips S.D., A. Blank J.D., J. W. Watts P.M. I.G., J. S. Terry P.M. Secretary, James Stevens P.M. Preceptor; and others. Lodge was opened in first and second degrees, and proof of proficiency given by candidate for raising. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony, with traditional history, was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was then closed down to the first degree, for discussion on points of ritual, and subsequently was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to the 23rd inst., when the entire lectures on first and second tracing boards will be given by the Preceptor. On Friday, 30th inst., the ceremony of installation of W.M. will be rehearsed by Bro. Stevens, who has been elected W.M. for that occasion.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Met on Tuesday, 28th instant, at Brother Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Catling W.M., Edwards S.W., Glass J.W., Christian S.D., Corble J.D., A. J. Clark I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Wardell, Jones, Bunker, Smyth, Gosling, Forss, Young, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Bunker offered himself as candidate for raising; he was interrogated and entrusted, and duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties, when Bro. Forss worked the second, and Bro. Christian the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. will deliver his Lecture Explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the first degree, in the above Lodge of Instruction, on 11th July proximo.

Grey Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1101.—A regular Lodge meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th June. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., R. Dowsett S.W., E. Margrett P.M. acting J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, Hawkes S.D., Prickett J.D., Hickie Organist, Ravenscroft I.G., Hemmings Tyler; Bro. J. E. Danks P.P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks P.M.; Bros. Hukins, Rhind, Whitfield, Creed, W. Blackwell, Greenaway, Bailey, Slaughter. Visitors—Bros. Tarrant 1158, Butler M.C. 414. Lodge was opened in the first degree, when the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. W. Margrett, who was declared to be elected. The Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. Slaughter, a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the former degree; he was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Brother Slaughter was re-admitted and raised. The ceremony was admirably performed by the Master and Officers, the effect being considerably heightened by the vocal and instrumental parts, under the able direction of Brother Hickie Organist. The W.M. gave the charge and the traditional history in a masterly manner. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the R.M.I.B., to be added to the list of Brother Margrett P.M., who will represent the Lodge at the forthcoming festival of that Institution, the amount was ordered to be placed in the name of the S.W. of the Lodge. Brother Stransom was nominated as Treasurer for the ensuing year. The labours of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned to the second Wednesday in October.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—This Lodge met as usual on Tuesday evening, 20th inst., at Bro. George Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Present—Bros. Hy. Baldwin W.M., George Millen S.W., H. Goodwin J.W., C. H. Phillips Treasurer, Hy. M. Williams Secretary, E. A. Francis Preceptor, G. W. Knight S.D., R. R. Johnstone J.D., J. Perry I.G., John A. Danks, Walter Millen, G. Monk, and others. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting, which were duly confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing ably rehearsed by the W.M. with Bro. Millen as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the third, and closed to the first degree. The Secretary proposed, the Treasurer seconded, and it was resolved unanimously, that Bro. John A. Danks, of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, be elected a member. Bro. Danks suitably responded; as likewise did Bro. Monk, who was elected at the previous meeting. The remaining business having been transacted, and Bro. Geo. Millen elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, the Lodge was closed in due form.

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THE Annual Speech Day of this Institution, which prepares candidates for Woolwich, Sandhurst, Home and Indian Civil Service, took place on the 21st instant. Lord Waveney, in the absence of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who wrote to express his regret at not being able to attend, gave away the prizes to the successful competitors for military proficiency. Letters of regret were likewise read from Lords Hertford and Jersey, Colonel Sir Robert Loyd Lindsay, Bishop Claughton, and many others. His lordship was supported by General Burnaby, M.P., and Colonel F. Duncan R.A. The proceedings opened by an inspection of the students on parade; after the riding, sword, lance, and carbine exercises had been gone through, the reports of the Governor, General Desborough, and the Disciplinarian, Colonel Macarthy, on the military studies, were read. The Sword of Honour, given by Colonel Sir Robert Loyd Lindsay to the student passing highest into Sandhurst or Woolwich, was awarded to Mr. Reade, and another sword, given for military proficiency, by Lord Waveney, was awarded to Mr. Hibbert. His lordship addressed the students at some length, and said that he was glad to find so much stress was laid by the College authorities upon the study of modern languages, the importance of which could not be well over-rated now-a-days; he complimented the students upon the able manner in which they had performed the various military exercises. General Burnaby, M.P., said he too attached the greatest importance to the study of modern languages by military men, particularly that of French and German. Colonel Duncan said he was sure that if marks were given by the Examiners for physical training, the students from the College would have a great advantage over those coming from other Institutions. After an excellent luncheon, General Burnaby proposed the usual complimentary toasts.

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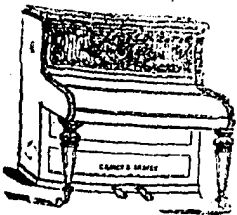
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