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THE OCTOBER ELECTION OF THE  
GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Ballot Paper for the coming Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls presents an appearance which we are almost afraid to hope will be repeated for many years to come, even if ever it is during the lifetime of the present generation. Each of the candidates particulars of whose claims are recorded on it now seek election for the first time. This fact is not, in itself, anything very extraordinary, but it calls forcibly to our mind the great benefit which the School was able to afford to those whose position necessitated an appeal for its charity, by admitting, in April last, all the candidates then approved. We need not say more on the present occasion, on this subject, than to hope that the children who were then elected, by reason of the special resolution which authorised the necessary extra "vacancies," are one and all progressing, and that by attention to their studies they are shewing their appreciation of the benefits conferred on them.

There are twenty candidates on the list for this coming October election, of whom but seven can be admitted. As is usual, the selection of the seven most deserving would be a task almost of impossibility; we assume that all are deserving, and could only hope that it were again possible to take them all on. There is but one last application case, No. 14, B. A. Cookes, daughter of—so says the official particulars—the W.M. of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284 (Warwickshire), who has his wife and five other children to provide for. We feel sure that the Province of which this brother is a member will not allow a really deserving candidate to be neglected, so we may safely leave the case in their hands; but we cannot help remarking that this is another instance showing the lack of information to be desired from the published particulars of the several candidates. We think, in this case, some further information would be acceptable to the general body of subscribers, many of whom are unable to attend the meetings at which the petitions are discussed. No. 20, E. C. Hippey, is one of four children left parentless, and on that account has, we think, the next claim on the benefits of the Institution. We can only hope she may be successful in securing them. Her father's Province—Oxfordshire—ought to be able to get together a sufficient number of votes to carry her in, and we trust that, considering the destitute condition in which the four children who comprise the family are placed, they will make an extra effort to do so, and that, too, at this coming election. There are seven children dependent on the mother of No. 10, B. E. Knott, the father of whom died in July 1880. This is the only case from Worcestershire, and if taken up by the Province with anything like spirit, should be among the successful on the 14th proximo. There are three candidates whose widowed mothers each have six children dependent on them—No. 8, M. Dobby, daughter of an old member of the Great Northern Lodge, London; No. 13, N. Besly, daughter of a late W.M. of the Caveac Lodge, London, who died in March of the present year; and No. 17, M. Woodward, daughter of another W.M., of the Inhabitants Lodge, Gibraltar. The particulars we have already given as to these candidates—that they are all fatherless, and each a member of a family of six—are all that are supplied, but we imagine these are sufficient to cause a tear of sympathy to flow from each member of the Craft under whose notice their respective

cases may come. The mother of No. 7, K. Stokes, is not, perhaps, quite so badly off; we read that one of her six children is partly provided for, but really unless the provision is of a substantial nature—and we presume it is not, or it would not be described as partial—this poor widow is hardly less to be sympathised with than the three last referred to. Her late husband is described as W.M. of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, London; he also died in March of the current year. There are no less than five candidates who are members of families of five children "dependent." Of these, No. 4, E. Hayes, has lost her mother, while the others, No. 3, K. Wortley, No. 6, F. Mason, No. 11, A. E. Lord, No. 15, M. E. Hammond, have severally lost their father. The father of No. 3, who, strange to say, is returned as another W.M. (of Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham), stands first in point of number of years subscribed, dues having been paid to Grand Lodge in his name for a total of twenty-four years, and as the date of his initiation dates back as far as December 1854, while his death occurred in December 1879, we may assume he was a member for the whole of that time. No. 4 is one of two cases accredited to the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, this child's father having joined Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359, in that district. She is the candidate already referred to as having a father alive, but no mother; let us hope the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will fulfil that office for her, at least so far as it is possible. No. 9 is a Cheshire case, and as such, thanks to the systematic working of the Cheshire brethren, is all but sure of election. In saying this we do not wish to draw away any outside help which might be given to the case; on the contrary, we think that those who take pains to secure the election of their candidates should be supported in preference to a Province where no organisation or self-help is brought to bear. The same may almost be said of No. 11, an East Lancashire case. The father of the child died while serving as W.M. of the Affability Lodge, No. 317, Manchester, at the end of last year, after a subscribing membership of eleven years. No. 15 is a Suffolk lass; let us hope she may secure the help of the entire Province of which her father was a member. The name of its Deputy Prov. G. Master is too well known in connection with the Charities of the Order to leave much doubt in our minds but that this child will have some good supporters if the case deserve it, and knowing what we do of the Suffolk brethren, we hardly think they would allow a candidate to be put forward unless she were deserving. We shall expect to see Mary Ethel Hammond among the "successful" at an early date. Four children dependent is the number accredited in the case of No. 9, F. M. Beavon, daughter of the late Senior Deacon of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 500, Madras. We trust that sufficient support will be forthcoming to relieve this widowed "sister" of the burden of supporting one of her orphan children. No. 2, E. A. Hill, is one of a family of three now dependent on their mother, whose husband, a member of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, London, died in January 1881. Five of the remaining six candidates are each members of families of two dependent children. In one case—that of No. 12, F. M. G. Willcox,—the father is the surviving parent; in the other, the mother. Bro. Willcox is returned as a member of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Somerset, and has a good Province at his back if he can get it to take his case in hand. No. 5, F. A. Prebble is daughter of an old member of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Kent, a

Lodge we remember visiting at a time when a case of great distress was brought before its members. What we saw on that occasion leaves no doubt on our mind but that the widow of their late member will receive such assistance as it is possible for her late husband's brethren to afford. No. 16, I. McLeod, is the other Hampshire case; her father having also been a member of Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359. The brethren of that Lodge, and of the Province generally, will have enough to do with their two cases, but doubtless the best that is possible will be achieved on behalf of each. No. 18, E. J. Matthews comes to us from Tasmania, her father having been a member of the Tasmanian Union Lodge, No. 536, up to the time of his death, which took place in September 1880. The brethren of Middlesex are called upon to help the family of one of their most respected past members—Bro. Keily, who ranked as P.G. Treasurer of the Province. During his lifetime he was not unmindful of the Institutions, from one of which his family now seek aid, he having acted as Steward, and qualified as a Life Governor to each of the three. Doubtless, he little thought, when urging the claims of the Institutions on others that a member of his family would one day become a candidate, yet such is the case; his daughter, M. P. Keily, stands No. 19 on the list. Let those who are able, assist her, and thus acknowledge the work done by her father. The last case to which we have to devote attention is the first on the list, M. H. Hirst. She is the only child dependent on a widowed mother, and is accredited to the Province of West Yorks. This is another of those fortunate cases where organisation and systematic utilisation of votes renders its candidate all but certain of securing a place, provided the Province takes the matter up; we hope that will be so in this instance, provided the child is as deserving of sympathy as are some of the others whose claims we have directed attention to in the earlier part of these remarks.

We are asked to point out that an omission—of a serious nature to the two more particularly concerned—has been made in the particulars given on the ballot papers for the October election of the Boys' School. It appears that Nos. 21, T. M. Nicholas, and No. 30 C. P. O'Doherty, will both be ineligible—on account of age—unless they are elected on the next occasion. Through some oversight, the special reference usual in such cases has been omitted, but we trust the error will not materially affect the chances of these candidates. Two other candidates, viz. No. 10, R. A. L. Hill, and No. 43, W. R. Worthington, have been withdrawn.

## GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in its twenty-fifth Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Tuesday, 20th June, at three o'clock in the afternoon, there being present:—

M.W. James C. Cain	...	...	Grand Master
R.W. Edwin F. Warrin	...	...	Deputy Grand Master
Samuel W. Hayes	...	...	Grand Senior Warden
John J. Wimple	...	...	Grand Junior Warden
Christian Hartman	...	...	Grand Treasurer
William R. Bowen	...	...	Grand Secretary
V.W. George Scott	...	...	Grand Chaplain
W. James S. Gilham	...	...	Grand Orator
R.W. Lee P. Gillette (P.D.G.M.)	...	...	Grand Lecturer
W. Alfred L. Palmer	...	...	Grand Marshal
Francis E. White	...	...	Grand Senior Deacon
Frank E. Bullard	...	...	Grand Junior Deacon
Bro. Oliver W. Littler	as	...	Grand Tyler

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when it was ascertained that seventy-three out of the seventy-nine chartered Lodges were represented.

In the course of his address the Grand Master stated that the brethren were assembled in this their twenty-fifth Annual Communication to consider, and, so far as may be, adopt such measures as will preserve and promote the best interests and pure principles of our ancient and honourable Fraternity, and to that end it is earnestly hoped that the same careful scrutiny and thorough investigation of the several matters presented for consideration

should be observed that had characterised their deliberations heretofore. He congratulated the brethren, and particularly the founders, upon their past fair record, and the promise of a bright future before their Grand Lodge. It may have been with fear and trembling that they laid the foundation stones of Nebraska Masonry, but they can now rejoice as one who returns and brings his sheaves with him; for the Institution has kept time and pace with their young and vigorous state in the rapid development of her material resources, and, side by side with the other co-ordinate departments of all her social system, has ever been found the Institution of Freemasonry; foremost in every good word and work that tends to the best moral, social, and intellectual interests of Society. The year that had just past had in many ways been a fruitful one. The earth had yielded her increase abundantly, and the labours of the husbandman had been richly rewarded. Sturdy yeomen from foreign lands, cringing under the yoke of despotism, and the more favoured sons of free America, from the less remote eastern and middle States, have in numbers without stint sought homes, happiness and prosperity within these borders. Capital seeking permanent and profitable investment had been lavishly employed in the development of valuable resources. The artizan and mechanic had found abundant employment for their skill and cunning, and on every hand the busy hum and bustle of industry had been heard. Thrift and prosperity were everywhere seen. The barren plains have been made to bud and blossom, and the onward march of civilisation had turned the great wilderness into a fruitful field. For these and kindred blessings it was but meet and proper that we should return our grateful acknowledgments to Him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift, and to whom alone we are indebted for our prosperity as a people and as a nation. After referring to the losses sustained by the Craft at large, through the hand of Death, and congratulating the brethren of his jurisdiction upon the immunity they had enjoyed, the Grand Master stated that to each of the bereaved Grand Lodges he had referred to, he had extended the fraternal sympathy of this M.W. Grand Lodge, and he recommended that suitable mention be made, and action taken by this Grand Body to commemorate the virtues of these fraternal dead.

The installation meeting of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, took place on Wednesday, at the Approach Tavern, Approach Road, Victoria Park. We had been invited, and certainly it was our intention to be present, but on our arriving at the headquarters of the Lodge, on Thursday evening, to our disappointment we found that the event had occurred the day previously. Bro. Jones, we were informed, was installed in due form by the retiring Master, Bro. J. L. Sturtevant, who performed the ceremony to the satisfaction of a goodly muster of the members and visitors, and we only regret that the alteration of the date, if accidental, should not have been communicated to us. We mention this matter, so that it may not appear discourteous, after the pressing invitation we received, not to give a more comprehensive report of the proceedings.

YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITIE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS.—We notified in our last the consent of Bro. John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, to preside over the forthcoming Anniversary Festival Banquet of the above Society, to be held at Cannon-street Hotel, on the 20th October. Since that announcement a strong working Committee has been formed to assist the Grand Council in securing a reception for his Lordship, the present Sheriffs, Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson and Sir W. A. Ogg, and the Sheriffs elect Bros. Alderman De Keyser and Alderman Savory, who are also expected to be present, as shall fully justify the already acknowledged reputation of the "Rahere Almoners" for attractive public gatherings. We have had an opportunity of looking over the report of the past year's operations of the Fraternity, and can endorse the Lord Mayor's remark that "the Society is doing good and useful work." Many a poor heart in the parish with which it is connected (St. Bartholomew) was cheered and supported by the "Almoners'" timely gift during the past winter; and no charitable person can do otherwise than congratulate the Society on the patronage it has secured, and wish it GOD SPEED!

## LODGE HISTORIES.

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### ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37, BOLTON.

(Continued from page 196).

In our last issue, we gave an outline account of the history of this old Lodge, from information which has been compiled by Bros. George Parker Brockbank and James Newton, and which will have been perused with deep interest by all under whose notice the little volume has fallen. Prior to 1765 there is little doubt that the Anchor and Hope assembled in the private room in Churchgate, before it assumed the wider dimensions in which it now appears. There are some curious items in this old history which will strike Masons of the present day with more than ordinary interest. It is pretty evident, moreover, that our brethren of a century and a-half ago were equally particular with ourselves in observing the amenities of society, for in the oldest volume of the existing records, which seems to have answered the double purpose of minute book and cash account, there is a singular entry of 6s 6d paid for "liquor" on 20th April 1765. Four items of a similar character occur between that date and 4th May, when it appears that the brethren found themselves in somewhat of a quandary, inasmuch as they had to pay Mr. Brown the enormous sum of half a sovereign before they could take away their "old box" which contained their utensils, "such as candlesticks, &c.!" The account runs as follows:—"Paid for candlesticks, cleaning, &c., 2s; a Mallet and Square, 6d; Copying the Bye-laws, 1s 6d; ten yards of Ferriting, at 2d per yard, 1s 8d; a Level, Square, and Plumb Rule, 2s; Two Brothers in distress, 2s;" also payments for "liquor" at T. Rothwell's and J. Lomax's! It is an inference drawn by the authors of this unique history that previous to the year from which their records date, Lodges used no distinctive names, but were known only by their members and the "signs" of the houses in which they assembled. Thus it transpires that the Anchor and Hope varied in different years as to its cognomen. The first mention to be traced of the name of the place of meeting is in the minute book of the Royal Arch Chapter of Concord attached to the Lodge. On 5th December 1787, in the Chapter bye-laws it is stated as the Hope. In subsequent entries, in the same minute book, it is variously stated as the "Hope," "Hope and Anchor," and "Anchor and Hope." This leads up to a reference in a local gazetter of an inn called the "Hope," and another called the "Anchor;" but it would seem that no record is extant as to a meeting place bearing any of these titles now existing in Bolton, though there is some historical connection between those names and the "Rope and Anchor," in Deansgate, which appears almost a paradoxical sign to give to a hostelry in an inland centre. Regular Lodges appear to have been held monthly, during the period mentioned in the "oldest volume," as well as occasional meetings of emergency, the Master and Principal Officers being elected half-yearly, and installed on the Festivals of St. John's the Baptist and Evangelist. A curious custom was the payment to the Secretary of a fee of one shilling for each initiation, while the enormous sum of 6d was paid for a twenty-four inch gauge, and a similarly extravagant amount of 1s 2d for a Junior Deacon's jewel! We quite concur with the writer's comment, that "the prices paid for these and other implements, previously noted, prove that the members were content with ordinary operative tools." On the contrary, and supposing the number of members to have been not very extensive, it is atrocious that 14s was paid on 23rd October 1766 for 3½ gross of pipes. Similar entries abound in the history, as the auctioneers say, "too numerous to mention." Another feature of the compendium is the conference of two degrees on a brother at the same meeting, though the qualification is appended that "we presume the term 'Enter'd' as applied to these brethren means that they were admitted as joining members." As an instance of the frugality of the members, it is noted that on the Festival on St. John's Day, 24th June 1769:—"Paid for Liquor £1 1s 9d; 18 dinners 18s 0d; tobacco 6½d; maid 5s 3d; total £2 5s 6½d, or only about 2s 6½d each, towards which, on each occasion, the members present contributed half a crown each. The compilers point out, with some degree of force, that "this is in striking contrast to the costly banquets of the present day, although in one respect they are somewhat similar, the payments for fluids being in excess of those for solids then as now on many occasions." The charitable actions of the brethren of this old Lodge were significant in comparison with the expenses incurred personally, and it is most interesting to read of "blind and distressed brother" being relieved from the funds of the Lodge, which in those days can scarcely compare with modern affluence, whilst foreign brethren seem to have been treated with even more liberality than those at home. One little extract as to Masonic customs of over a century ago may be quoted:—

"A curious custom which prevailed in the Lodge at this period is marked by an entry of 2/6, paid 21 May 1772, by Bro. Nathl. Howarth as 'Beverage for a good wife.' The explanation of this entry must be taken to be that the worthy Brother had taken to himself a wife, and paid the sum named in order that his Brethren might toast the healths of the newly married couple at the expense of the bridegroom. Three similar entries subsequently occur in the book, the 'Beverage Money' being the same 2/6 in each case; and in another case 1/- is paid on the birth of a son. This custom continued to be practised in Lodges at the earlier portion of Bro. Brockbank's Masonic career, now some 36 years ago."

And another, amongst the notes of the brethren of "ye olden time," states:—

"At a Lodge of Emergency held 10 March 1774, it was agreed 'That We subscribe 21/- towards building the Hall.' This would be the Freemasons' Hall, London. The subscription appears to have been duly paid, along with the annual subscription to the 'General Fund of Charity.'"

Following on from the early records up to 1836, it appears the

information gained is of but a fragmentary character, consisting mainly of a book of bye laws dated 1st July 1790, and a roll book, commencing December 1798, containing lists of members, with their payments of subscriptions. This bears out what the compilers informed us in their introduction as to the negligent or accidental destruction of many of the records, which, had they been preserved, would have spared a vast amount of time and pains in research. The roll of members, however, gives evidence of the vitality of the Lodge, inasmuch as in the 22 years between 1776 to December 1798, there were no fewer than seventy-six initiations, the names and dates of the brethren being furnished by Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary, from the Grand Lodge books. Passing over the records of the Royal Arch Chapter attached to the Lodge in 1785, all of which are extant, we come upon an interesting entry, which informs us that in January 1786:—

"A Lodge was opened in Bolton, at the Crown Inn, Deansgate, under the 'Ancients' Grand Lodge, viz.:—The Lodge of Antiquity, No. 196, its present number being 146. This Lodge was originally established at the Fox Inn, Leigh, by warrant of 24 June 1776. Notwithstanding the prohibitory orders of their respective Grand Lodges, the members of the 'Anchor & Hope' and the 'Antiquity' Lodges seem, for a time at least, to have been in the habit of frequently interchanging visits as testified by the records of the Antiquity Lodge, and other entries therein otherwise refer to the Anchor and Hope Lodge."

Regular processions occurred at stated periods, such as sermons on St. John's Days, the funerals of deceased brethren, &c. and visits to sister Lodges were regulated by the fiat of the Worshipful Masters, under conditions which appear strangely interesting in the light of modern Masonry. A local newspaper recently published the first mention that can be found of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire, from which, however, the particular day and month are absent. It seems there was a "General Provincial Convocation of the Masonic Societies at Manchester, at the particular request of the Grand Lodge in London," under the patronage of John Allen, Esq., the Provincial Grand Master for the county, who attended for the purpose." The brethren were all habited with the insignia of office, and the Colonel of the first Regiment of Dragoon Guards, having "politely" ordered a party of military to parade on the occasion, they proceeded to St. John's Church, preceded by the officers of the town, "who kindly tendered their services." Then follows in tabular form a description of the procession, which must have been a gorgeous affair, and at the service, where a large congregation assembled, an anthem and some hymns were selected, and an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Ratcliffe from the 13th Chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, "Let brotherly love continue." The procession then returned in the order in which they came, and when the brethren came opposite to the Bull's Head they formed in a line whilst the Grand Master passed, saluting them to the front. They then went in, where a very elegant dinner was awaiting them. Fourteen Lodges were represented, comprising the whole of the Lodges then existing in Lancashire under the "Moderns" Grand Lodge. To show the increase of the Craft in this stronghold of true Masonry, it may be mentioned that at the present time there are no fewer than 173 Lodges in the East and West Provinces of Lancashire. We may conclude our notice this week by referring to a curious extract, showing that to be a Chaplain in these good old times did not necessarily imply that he should be duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order.

(To be continued.)

At the North London Chapter of Improvement on Thursday, Comp. Edmonds occupied the chair of Z., and was supported by Comps. Hunter and Sparrow, who fulfilled the duties of Haggai and Joshua. An instructive evening was spent. We recommend Companions to visit this Chapter of Improvement, which is held every Thursday evening, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington, N.

Next Tuesday evening the members of the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188, will ballot, under their bye laws, for a third life subscribership to the Masonic Charities. A large attendance is expected.

THE RETAIL DRAPERY TRADE.—The *Warehousemen and Drapers Trade Journal* of Saturday last publishes reports of the retail drapery trade throughout the kingdom. From these it is concluded that the spring and autumn returns have been fairly good, although the summer has not proved so favourable for business as had been anticipated. In agricultural districts trade is still suffering from depression caused by the bad harvests of recent years, and the prospects for the coming season depend greatly upon the results of the harvest now in progress, which it is too early yet to estimate accurately. Grouping the metropolitan reports according to postal districts, those from the western division are perhaps the best. The east-end returns are not quite so encouraging. In some cases an improved trade is reported, but in most the average appears scarcely to have been sustained. In North London trade appears to have been slightly better, certainly up to an average, though complaints are made in this, as in other districts, of the severity of competition and the smallness of profits. In the south of London (S.W. and S.E.) an average trade has been done. In the central districts also business has been generally up to the average. The Irish reports as to trade are decidedly favourable, more so than had been anticipated, and taken in connection with indications of an improved state of feeling, are encouraging.

## BULLS AND MANIFESTOS—BATTLE OF THE RITES.

THE season for "bulls" or manifestos has opened, all of them being imaginary death-blows at some part of our Institution.

The first bull was issued by a representative of the Pope, residing in some obscure place in Quebec, who, in order to achieve notoriety attacked Freemasonry, and threatened all sorts of penalties, in this and the next world, upon any Roman Catholics who would enter our ranks. We never like to speak lightly of clergymen, no matter what creed they belong to, but if the one here referred to practised what the Great Master called the second commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," with as much earnestness as Freemasons, he would not endeavour to make himself the keeper of other men's consciences.

The second bull emanated from a like source, being promulgated by the "Tribune," a weekly Catholic paper, which many of our readers doubtless never heard of, although it is published in Toronto. This was a rare article, the chief characteristic being the unlimited supply of adjectives used, which proclaimed the writer to have once been press agent for a circus or a puffer-up of some patent medicine. We fancy Freemasonry will outlive these dreadful onslaughts.

The next bull or manifesto was issued by the acting G.C. of the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Inspectors General of the 33° of the A. and A.S.R. of Canada, warning its members of the invasion of its territory by another Supreme Council, and directing to "have no conversation or other connection with any members of these spurious concerns." Other Masonic bodies are appealed to, and requested not to countenance the invading Supreme Council, which is "without the least semblance of legitimacy." This document is couched in very forcible language, but beyond that, nothing in it proves its legitimacy.

Then comes the manifesto from the S.G. Council of the Sov. Grand Inspectors General, A. and A.S.R., for British North America, which was established in June 1882, with head-quarters in Toronto. This manifesto deals in dates, figures and perhaps facts, which are more convincing than mere statements. It says that the territory of B.N.A. being vacant, so far as the A. and A.S.R. was concerned, a Supreme Grand Council of the Cerneau Rite was established here, but acknowledges that there "was and is an association of Masons, practising the degrees of the Rite, but they, judged in the most lenient light, can never by their own laws be esteemed a Grand Council." This bull not only hits at the Supreme Council of Canada, but also deals a blow at Peckham, who recently instituted his branch of the Cerneau Rite in Canada, and Folger, the Masonic historian, is freely quoted to maintain the stand taken by the writer, who is Bro. Geo. C. Longley S.G.C., residing in Maitland, and who is no mean authority on matters of Masonic history.

Following this we have a manifesto from A. B. Mott, Most Ill. G.M. General in and for the Continent of America, who claims that Longley and two others received their 33° from him, and he pertly asks:—"who gave them authority to make a sufficient number of 33° members to constitute a Sovereign Sanctuary, and where is their charter?"

And last, but not least, we have Bro. Dr. Ramsay's views in the "Tablet." His statement is tersely written and put together in not only a readable but convincing form. Strangely enough he also quotes from Folger to substantiate his statements. The "Tablet" says:—"Recently we believe some of the former members of the Cerneau body, who deserted and took the oath of fealty to the Northern Jurisdiction, have deserted again, and under Hopkins Thompson have pretended to re-organise a Cerneau Supreme Council, but their claims are so manifestly absurd that no argument is needed to convince any reasonable mind that they are clearly illegitimate."

In all seriousness, we ask the brethren running these various Rites what all the fuss is about? If there are more than enough to keep afloat try and bury a couple, but a complete burial—without the possibility of a resurrection—would be a great blessing to Freemasonry. If these high grades are instituted for the sole purpose of giving the "guns" an opportunity of throwing mud at each other, then they are very successful; but if they have any higher aim they will never achieve it by the present course. We have for some time felt that these high grades had a little too much humbug about them, and now that they are adopting the cut-each-other-throat policy we are fully convinced that our estimate was not far astray.—*Canadian Freemason.*

From the Directors' Report of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company we gather that the general working of the Company during the half-year has been satisfactory. The Reports of the official Gas Examiners continue to be favourable, and in view of the completion of the new Gas Holder, which will give the Company an additional storage of 1,600,000 cubic feet of gas, the price of gas will, from and after the present Michaelmas quarter, be reduced to 3s 3d per 1000 cubic feet. The Directors recommend the declaration of a dividend for the half year ending 30th June last at the following rates per annum, viz.—6 per cent. on the Preference Stock, 7 per cent. on the ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock, 10 per cent. on the ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock, and 7 per cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Shares—all less Income Tax; this will amount to £11,593 12s 4d, and the sum of £6,100 16s 3d will be carried forward to the profit of the succeeding half-year.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn occupied the seat of President, Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President, occupied the Senior Vice President's chair, and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. held the chair of Junior Vice President. There was a good attendance of brethren, considering the season of the year. The brethren confirmed the recommendations made at last meeting, amounting to £285. The new list contained the names of twenty-one petitioners. The brethren sat three hours, and granted a total sum of £570, which was composed of one £100, three £50, two £40, two £30, three £25, three £20, one £15, and three £10. Three cases were adjourned.

By Command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Right Wor. Brother William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.S.S., the Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Leicester, Northampton, and Derbyshire, will be holden at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 28th day of September, under the banner of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, for the transaction of the general business of the Province, when all Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and Overseers of the several Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend, and, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons are invited to be present. A banquet will afterwards be provided at the Freemasons' Hall, at half-past five o'clock. Tickets, including dinner and dessert, 5s 6d each; but it is absolutely necessary that brethren intending to be present should signify their intention on or before Monday, the 25th of September.

The future meetings of the Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, will be held on Tuesday evenings, at the Institute, Ealing.

The Southgate Lodge of Instruction will meet again after the summer adjournment on the first Tuesday in October, and every Tuesday after, at the Railway Hotel. Bro. Sadler P.M., Grand Tyler, is the Instructor.

The duties of the Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, which meets at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, were resumed on Thursday, 21st inst., at nine p.m., when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. F. S. Rothschild W.M. 1677 P.M. 1288.

The St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, will reopen for the winter months, at the "Moorgate," Finsbury-pavement, on Thursday, 28th September.

The ceremony of installation of W.M. will be worked by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, in the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday evening, the 29th inst., at 7.30.

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will in future meet at the Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, at 8 o'clock every Monday evening.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720, Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., by Bro. T. Poore P.M. P.Z., &c., on Wednesday, 27th inst., at 7 p.m. Brethren are invited to attend.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumn is proverbially the season of sickness: then the blood requires purification, the digestion demands thorough and attentive regulation, and all the secretions call for correction. Holloway's remedies supply all the necessaries for securing health; the one overcomes cutaneous diseases, sores, ulcerations, abscesses, carbuncles, and all visible imperfections; the other acts most potently in cleansing the circulation, strengthening the stomach, governing the liver, regulating the bowels, and reducing the entire system to order. Thus these twin medicaments furnish the most efficient medicine chest available for family use. It is easier, through Holloway's discovery, to point out the remedy than to describe the disease: into the former no fallacy can intrude; into the latter prejudice may unwittingly creep.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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## THE CARE OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In conversation with some brethren a few days ago on the above subject, a friendly discussion arose as to whether or not it would be beneficial to Lodges if their funds were vested in the case of Grand Lodge, i.e. if the latter would consent to act as bankers, and thus relieve the anxiety and responsibilities of private Treasurers. Of course, there is much to be said on both sides of the question; but inasmuch as your influential journal is specially designed to open up various matters connected with Freemasonry, it occurred to me that you might be glad to hear the views expressed during the conversation to which I allude, so that others may be induced to give their opinions upon it, if so disposed. In the first place then it was pointed out that in a great many Lodges the office of Treasurer is a sinecure, inasmuch as the whole of the business is virtually transacted by the Secretary, that really the Treasurer has no control over the actions of the latter, and if that officer is lax in the discharge of his duty in keeping the accounts "close up," the Lodge suffers, and the Treasurer, who is merely an ornamental personage, is brought to book for laches over which he has no control. On the other hand, it was contended that if the funds of private Lodges were placed in the hands of Grand Lodge there would be a stimulating influence exercised over them, because the officers of private Lodges would be most unwilling to appear in a weak-kneed position before the Grand Lodge, in whose favourable opinion they are always most anxious to stand.

Then, again, it was argued, with some degree of force, that such an investment of the funds would betray a sense of weakness on the part of individual Lodges, admitting that they were either incapable of managing their financial affairs, or that they did not care to be bothered with the responsibility. Further than that, it would have a tendency to "centralisation"—that word so hateful to every class of persons who are connected with self-government in any form. Moreover, it was urged that to deprive a private Lodge of its own Treasurer, and to ask Grand Lodge to be the bursar of its funds, would go far to shear it of much of its dignity and importance, and to destroy that *esprit de corps*—that sense of "our own-ness," to coin a word—which members of every Lodge like to feel respecting the affairs which immediately concern themselves. There is a kind of repugnance against too much interference on the part of the powers that be: and amongst the arguments expressed this was one—that Grand Lodge, if once entrusted with Lodge funds generally, might exercise too strict a parental authority, and such as would not be meekly borne by the brethren. For instance, they might find a Lodge which, in their opinion, is too lavish in the fourth degree, and not up to their standard as regards Charity, whereupon there might be—I do not say there would immediately—first a gentle hint, then a sharp reminder, and ultimately a peremptory command for "retrenchment and reform." Such discipline might be good for the Lodge to which it was administered, but there is room for doubt whether the members would submit thus to be dictated to by the ruling power. In my view, if the machinery of a Lodge is running too freely, and the funds are not held so well in hand as should be, then the Officers themselves should set to work, and quietly replace bolts and screws that have become loose, and altogether to amend the course of procedure. To abolish the office of Treasurer in our Lodges, and to make Grand Lodge the common bank for all the funds would, I think, be a great mistake, inasmuch as it would tend to destroy the individuality of Lodges, and do away with much of that principle of self-government which is so highly prized amongst Masons. That a great many Treasurers of Lodges have been known to go wrong, there can be no disputing; and that some Lodges are in a miserable financial plight, none who are aware of the facts will gainsay; but whether the system of investing the funds in the hands of Grand Lodge, allowing them a certain moral and disciplinary influence over private members, would work well, is a matter upon which I can hardly venture to give an opinion. I rather think not; but should be glad to hear what some of your other correspondents have to say upon the point.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

13th September 1882.

ARGUS.

## IS MASONRY REALLY FLOURISHING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read your remarks on the above question, and the comments upon them by various correspondents, but have waited in vain for any argument to show decadence in the importance, usefulness, or progress of the Craft. All the statements, so far as I am able to judge, go to support the positive view of the question, and to strengthen the conviction which all true Masons must entertain, that Masonry, so far from showing any signs of falling away, is really in as good, if not a better, position than ever it was. One valuable feature of the consideration of the subject in your columns has been to elicit sundry hints as to the admission of unworthy members, the exercise of discretion in the issue of new warrants, the placing of

a wholesome check upon "Masonic mendicancy," and those other little evils which have crept into the Order, and to which, as you justly point out, all societies are liable. A careful guard against those irregularities which, it may be, have increased with the growth of Masonry, should be made a matter of thought, as it doubtless will be now that they have been so pointedly alluded to; but so far as the crucial point is concerned, I can see nothing in the correspondence which has lately taken place to show that the prosperity of the Craft has one whit abated. This is all the more satisfactory, since you have challenged an interchange of opinion on all sides of the question; and that all the ideas expressed are uniformly a reply in the affirmative to the interrogatory which heads this letter, it may be fairly assumed that nobody has anything to say to the contrary. For my own part, I am assured that both in London and the Provinces the brethren are as eager as ever to maintain the prestige of the Craft, to uphold its dignity and the probity of its members, and to do all they can possibly for the true interests of our Ancient and Honourable Institution. There are several points not touched upon in the correspondence, but which perhaps it were better not to debate in the columns even of a Masonic print, and which can be more effectually dealt with in Lodge. In this I think your correspondents have exercised a wise discretion, acting on the motto which warns us against washing our dirty linen in public. But it is no use disguising the fact that in all institutions of an extensive and cosmopolitan character there must exist circumstances which will bear reform; and if in our own midst there are *laches* which require careful and judicious treatment with a view to their eradication, it is no more than one naturally expects to find amongst every body of men assembled together for the promotion of any cause. But even in this respect I venture to assert that Freemasonry will bear favourable comparison with any other combination of individuals engaged in the prosecution of a beneficent work, whilst the vast and increasing amount of good it is effecting, both palpably and in a quiet, unostentatious manner, claims for the Craft a pre-eminence above all other institutions in the world. Therefore, if for no other reason than that it has succeeded in proving nothing to the contrary, I am glad the subject has been mooted, and am now more than ever convinced that Freemasonry is really flourishing.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER.

## GRATUITIES TO WAITERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I scarcely know whether or not this subject is one which comes within the range of public discussion, but at all events it forms a matter of comment amongst many members of the Craft, and I would merely throw out a hint respecting it. I refer to the importunities of waiters at many of our hotels, both at the banquet and afterwards. It is not necessary to inquire whether those useful servants who minister to our wants on such occasions are adequately paid for their services, but the inference is that at our best hotels they are remunerated for their time and labour, and that such a practice as touting for gratuities, as is so often complained of, is unjustifiable. Yet how invariable is the practice, when dessert is coming on, for waiters who may not have been over attentive during dinner to thrust a toothpick towards the guests, with palm so adroitly extended as to now and then suggest the coveted and expected fee. Not only so; if a response is not promptly and liberally made, the obsequious servitor will whisper very audibly in your ear, "Have to retire now, sir," "Hope you have been well attended to, sir?" and sometimes even "Waiter, sir!" as though one was dining at a cook-shop. I am perfectly certain the proprietors of hotels are not aware the extent to which this system of cadging—for there is no other name for it—is carried on, and it is just as well they should receive the hint as for the frequenters of their hotels to pay and grumble. It is not merely in Masonic gatherings we find this practice exercised, though, inasmuch as good prices are usually paid for Masonic banquets, the annoyance is all the more inexcusable. I do not make these remarks because I am more stingy, perhaps, than the rest of my brethren, but it becomes a bore when one is pestered, after an enjoyable dinner, by servants who ought to be sufficiently well paid to be relieved of the necessity—if it be a necessity—of eking out their wages by soliciting "tips" from guests around the table, and sometimes with a persistency bordering very closely on impertinence. Either let it be understood that the waiter's fees be included in the bill of fare, or follow the custom prevailing at the Odd Fellows' and other club dinners of "passing round the plate for the waiters." In either case I and the other brethren would most willingly contribute our quota, but to be compelled by sinister politeness and gentle reminders—followed by more significant hints—of your duty to "shell out" to these gentlemen is nothing more than an offensive nuisance and should be checked as far as possible. I invariably propose in the companies I join to fee the waiter at the beginning of dinner, not because I think the custom is a judicious one in a well-conducted hotel, but in order that we may be spared the infliction afterwards. But I never would, at any rate, respond to the unwarrantable importunity, such as I refer to, and which, I am sorry to say, prevails at many of our most frequented establishments, under the very noses of proprietors, who I am sure would discountenance it, only that they are ignorant of its taking place. Having said this much, I subscribe myself, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

GRUMBLER.

[Our correspondent is perfectly justified in making his complaint, which is one we have heard ourselves. We have had some thought of giving to hotel proprietors the hints contained in the above letter.—ED. F.C.]

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Northwich, on 6th inst. About 300 members of the Masonic fraternity, representing the 39 Lodges of the Province, assembled, and the day being exceedingly fine the entire programme was fulfilled in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The responsibility of entertaining the Provincial Grand Lodge rested with the local Lodge of Sincerity, 428, of which Brother T. E. Skidmore is the W.M., and the excellent arrangements perfected by the various committees were carried out with the utmost order and regularity, the visiting brethren being highly pleased with the cordiality of their reception. The Market Hall was the scene of the gathering, this being the only place in the town which afforded adequate accommodation. The interior of the spacious building underwent complete transformation, and the brethren of Lodge 428 are to be congratulated upon having adapted it so admirably for the purposes for which it was hired. A strong wooden partition was erected on either side of the passage through the centre of the building, the Apple Market-street end being constituted the Grand Lodge-room, while the other half served the purposes of a banqueting room. The hall was splendidly decorated for the occasion, this work having been entrusted to Mr. Chadwick, of Market-street, who executed his commission in a way that elicited universal praise. The Lodge-room presented an extremely attractive appearance. The throne was fixed on a carpeted dais at one end, chairs for the use of the P.G. officers being provided on each side. The temporary "walls," and the gallery front and pillars were embellished with the Tabley and Tatton arms, a number of Masonic watchwords, emblems, and monograms, and festoons of evergreens. Great skill and taste were displayed in the adornment of the banqueting room, and an exceedingly brilliant effect was produced. Surmounting the chair in the centre of the dais, reserved for P.G. Officers, was a handsome trophy of flags, set off with the Tabley arms and Prince of Wales Feathers. On the right appeared the words, "Lodge Sincerity, 428," and "The Three Grand Masters;" while on the left were read, "Lodge Fidelity, 242," and "The Three Great Lights in Masonry." Other parts of the room were beautifully decorated with trophies of flags, illuminated shields and monograms, the titles and numbers of various Lodges of the Province, and such mottoes as "Friendship, Love, and Truth," "Peace, Plenty, and Unanimity," "Faith, Hope, and Charity," "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," "Brotherly Love," "Relief and Truth," &c. A number of magnificent palms and table plants from Mr. Owen's Greenbank Nurseries added to the elegance of the display. The galleries were carefully screened off all round with canvas, and portions were formed into cloak and clothing rooms, and lavatories. There were also provided a daintily-furnished room for the Provincial Grand Master, and a larger one for the use of the P.G. Officers.

The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, was prevented, by indisposition, from attending the meeting, and the circumstance was greatly regretted by all. His duties were efficiently discharged by Bro. G. W. Latham P.P.G.S.W.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the P.G.S. (Bro. Griffiths) read letters of apology from several brethren for non-attendance. The Acting Deputy Grand Master thought it right to deliver to them the message which the P.G.M. of Cheshire had entrusted him with, as they were probably aware it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to inflict upon him an access of illness. He trusted that would soon pass away, and would not prove to be so serious as at one time they anticipated it might be, and he was sure it would be the prayer of every member of the Provincial Grand Lodge that such might be the case. He had the pleasure of seeing their Provincial Grand Master that morning before starting, and he commissioned him to give his love to the brethren who were assembled, and to assure them how distressed he was at not being able to keep the engagement he had made, and how he hoped all would pass off successfully even in his absence. Having appealed for their sympathy and indulgence in the trying circumstances in which he was placed, he asked their prayers as a body and as individuals for the restoration of the Provincial Grand Master.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge at Macclesfield, and of two special meetings, were read by the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master said that he thought every one would agree that the present year had been one full of business in the Province of Cheshire. They had two special Grand Lodges, one to congratulate Her Majesty upon her escape from the hands of the assassin. It was a curious coincidence that a very few days before that attempt had been made, their Provincial Grand Master had alluded to a similar attempt which had been made upon the Chief Magistrate on the other side of the Atlantic. The other Grand Lodge had been for a purpose particularly agreeable to the feelings of all Masons—it was the laying of the foundation-stone of a hospital for little children. He could conceive no object nearer to the hearts of all Masons than that the sufferings of those innocent little children—suffering caused perhaps by the vice or poverty of their parents, but not inflicted upon them by their own sort—should be relieved or alleviated by the most extensive and successful measures. If their Grand Lodge had done no other work than that during the past year; if it had only been the helper on of a charity like that, he thought they would all agree that they had done a good work. But their work as Masons did not end with the two occasions of congratulation to their Sovereign and the work of charity. During that time they were called upon, not as a body but as individual Masons, to perform the pleasant office of presenting their Prov. Grand Master with a portrait of himself. Those who were present then knew how touching the ceremony was, how their Prov. Grand Master acknowledged in a few broken sentences the gift, and how they who gave it felt that all the trouble they had taken was amply repaid by the pleasure it had afforded them. That gift was to show their lavish love and affection for their Grand Master. They met again, not perhaps as a Provincial Grand Lodge, but on a most inter-

esting occasion, when a new sister was added to the roll of Lodges of Cheshire. That Lodge was started under brilliant auspices, and accompanied by the presence of more Past Masters than he ever remembered to have met on one occasion. He hoped it might flourish, and become a source of strength to the Province. He rejoiced to see when a new Lodge was added that every solid principle was worked out, that charity, love, and virtue would be properly inculcated, and from which they would furnish a worthy number of brethren to come forward and do the work of the Province. Having alluded to the revision of the Book of Constitutions by the Grand Lodge of England, he said that it was rather a codifying of the old laws than re-enacting new ones, and that it was making matters clear where the expression before was doubtful. There was another point to which the Prov. G. Master particularly desired that attention should be drawn. There had during this year in his province been 80 resignations of membership, 35 exclusions, and 44 defaulters for non-payment of fees. He could not but believe that if proper care had been exercised in the admission of gentlemen when they were first proposed, a great many of these cases of exclusion and default would never have taken place. Of course it was perfectly impossible for him or any one else to put his fingers on this case or that, and say they were in too great a hurry in initiating this brother or that; but he did feel that if some little more care had been taken in inquiring into the circumstances and habits of gentlemen proposed, a very great deal of trouble might be saved afterwards, and a great deal of the disgrace which was brought on the Order thereby. He only mentioned that in order to urge that increased care should be exercised. He knew that care was taken at present that no person should be initiated who was not only a good fellow in himself, but who would be a credit to their Lodge and support the Order, and not, when the first flush of trouble came considered the Order should support him instead of him supporting the Order. He now turned to a subject on which he was allowed to speak with unalloyed satisfaction, that was their present position so far as regarded the Charities. They had at the present time 400 votes for Boys, 300 votes for Girls, 420 for the Old Men, and 250 for the Widows. In April they elected one Cheshire boy, and they could afford, notwithstanding, to allow a certain number for another boy. In May they elected a worthy old man, Bro. Worthington, and next October—and they must remember they had to do it—they had to elect a boy named Sykes for the Boys' School, and a girl named Mason for the Girls' School. He put that before them as their plain duty, and it must be done. To do it they must not be niggardly, they must not be remiss. He took it it was the duty of every Lodge to be liberal to these Charities. Turning to the Cheshire Educational Institution, they were educating fifty-two in 1881; now they were educating fifty-seven. He congratulated Brother Platt upon his zeal in the cause of the Charities, and his success in not only being generous himself, but of being the cause of generosity in others. He had to thank them for their large attendance that day. He had to thank them for the fact that not one single Lodge in the Province was unrepresented. Some, of course, by position and locality were more numerous represented than others, but not one Lodge was there but what was represented, and that showed that every Lodge was doing work, and was prepared to do its duty. He hoped the proceedings which had begun so auspiciously might be successful; and although their day might be clouded somewhat with the feeling that he who should have been with them was on a bed of sickness, yet his heart was with them, and he awaited anxiously the report of their proceedings, which would be taken to him after they were over. At their gathering in church, let them offer one silent prayer for the speedy restoration of their Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. F. Jackson P.G.T. submitted his report of the finances, and his re-election was proposed by the Acting Deputy Grand Master.

This was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master next presented Bro. Eustace George Parker with a jewel for his services to Masonry, and the great efforts he had made in behalf of the Charities. Jewels were also presented to Bros. Platt, Marwood, Milner, Chesters, and Dutton. He also invested the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Colonel Fernley G.S.W., William Marquis G.J.W., Rev. E. Rawson P.G.C., Ferdinand Jackson P.G.T., E. H. Griffiths P.G.S., Francis Bolton G.S.D., Robert N. Banks G.J.D., Walter Milner G.Supt. Works, Herbert Finch G.D.C., Edmund Johnson Asst. G.D.C., Thomas E. Skidmore P.G.S.B., Henry Collier P.G.O., Eustace George Parker Grand Pursuivant, Finnie P.G. Tyler, Thomas Moore, J. E. Fletcher, J. H. Edwards, T. Ward, J. Newell, and G. T. Joynson, P.G. Stewards.

Other business having been transacted, the Acting Deputy Grand Master announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held next year at Staleybridge. A vote of thanks to the Rev. J. E. Blencowe, vicar of Walton, for the use of the parish church, was unanimously passed.

On the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the brethren, attired in full Masonic clothing, attended divine service at Witton Church, marching from the hall by way of Apple Market-street, High-street, Witton-street, and Church-road, the music being supplied by the Hartford Volunteer Band, under the direction of Mr. C. Lambert.

The Lewises who carried the volume of the Sacred Law were—Thomas Moore, son of Bro. T. Moore; William Hardie, son of Bro. W. Hardie; Reginald Holland, son of Bro. James Holland; and Gerald Joynson, son of Bro. G. T. Joynson. They were attired in Eton suits, with white straw hats, and each wore a silver jewel suspended from a purple collar. The procession presented a very imposing sight, and as it marched to and from the church the streets were thickly lined with spectators. On arriving at the door of the church the procession halted, and the brethren opened out to the right and left, facing inwards, while the acting P.G. Master, preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearers, passed up the centre; the P.G. Officers and brethren then followed in succession from the rear, thus inverting the order of procession. The seats in the centre of the

body of the edifice were reserved for the brethren; the other parts were filled with persons who had been admitted by ticket. The prayers were read by the Rev. C. E. Graham Jones P.P.G. Chaplain, of Hyde, and the lesson by the Rev. J. W. N. Tanner P.P.G. Chaplain, Antrobus. After the singing of the Anthem, "The Lord is my light" (Dr. Hiles), the Rev. E. Rawson, of Marston, the newly-appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain, ascended the pulpit and preached a sermon from the text, "Mark the perfect man, for the end of that man is peace" (Psalm xxxvii. 37). In the course of a brief but practical and forcible discourse, the preacher remarked that the outside world might taunt and doubt the Order of Freemasons, and make light of its ritual; but those who were Masons, and understood the virtues upon which the Order was founded, knew well that the operations of the Craft were carried on in order to do as much good as possible to those who were unable to help themselves, and that it was the aim of every true Freemason so to speak and act that he might become a more perfect man. After the sermon a collection was made on behalf of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence, the amount realised being £16 9s. The musical portion of the service was under the direction of Bro. Henry Collier P.G.O., assisted by Mrs. Knowles, and Bros. Stafford, Gaskill, Edmondson, Wilkinson, Booth, and Balfe. Bro. Collier played the National Anthem as the congregation were leaving the church.

The brethren returned in procession to the Market Hall, where about one hundred and thirty sat down to a banquet provided by Mr. Johnson, of Manchester.

Bro. G. W. Latham presided, and he was supported by most of the Provincial Grand Officers.

The Acting Prov. G.M. gave the toast of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which was enthusiastically received. He afterwards proposed The M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. This toast was also drunk with the utmost cordiality.

Bro. the Rev. E. Rawson proposed The Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, past and present. Brother Bulley responded.

The Acting Prov. Grand Master next gave The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley Prov. G.M. He referred to his lordship's continuous and indefatigable exertions in the interests of Freemasonry in his Province, and expressed a hope that the Provincial Officers, as well as the members of private Lodges, would in future do their utmost to make his labours as light as possible. He trusted that their beloved P.G.M. would be spared to preside over them for many years to come.

The toast was drunk with Masonic honours.

Bro. J. B. Deakin proposed the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., D.P.G.M. and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Past and Present.

Bro. Colonel Fernley responded.

Bro. Bulley gave the health of Bro. G. W. Latham, and thanked him for the way in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge. Everything had prospered. Lord de Tabley could not have had a better representative than Bro. Latham.

Bro. G. W. Latham acknowledged the compliment, and proposed the Visitors, to which Bro. Matier, a member of the Committee of the Boys' School, London, replied.

In proposing The Lodge of Sincerity, 428, the Acting Prov. Grand Master referred to the hospitable reception which had been given to Provincial Grand Lodge at Northwich. The brethren of Lodge Sincerity had, at enormous trouble and large cost, prepared a place where they had been able to meet with thorough comfort. Their business was done in a room large enough for them, and their banquet was held in a room that had provided sufficient accommodation. Nothing had been forgotten which would add to the comfort of the brethren. Labour and trouble unthought of had been expended in preparing for their reception, and for that he wished, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, to return to Lodge Sincerity their most heartfelt thanks. He also took occasion to thank the Stewards for the able and self-denying manner in which they had fulfilled their duties. He was told that it was 21 years since the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Northwich. He could only say that from the welcome they had given the Lodge that day, from the power of organisation they had shown, and the hospitality they had displayed, they should come to Northwich again after a very much shorter interval. He proposed Lodge Sincerity, coupled with the name of Bro. Skidmore W.M., and the Stewards, coupled with the name of Bro. T. Moore, the senior Steward.

Bros. Skidmore and Moore responded.

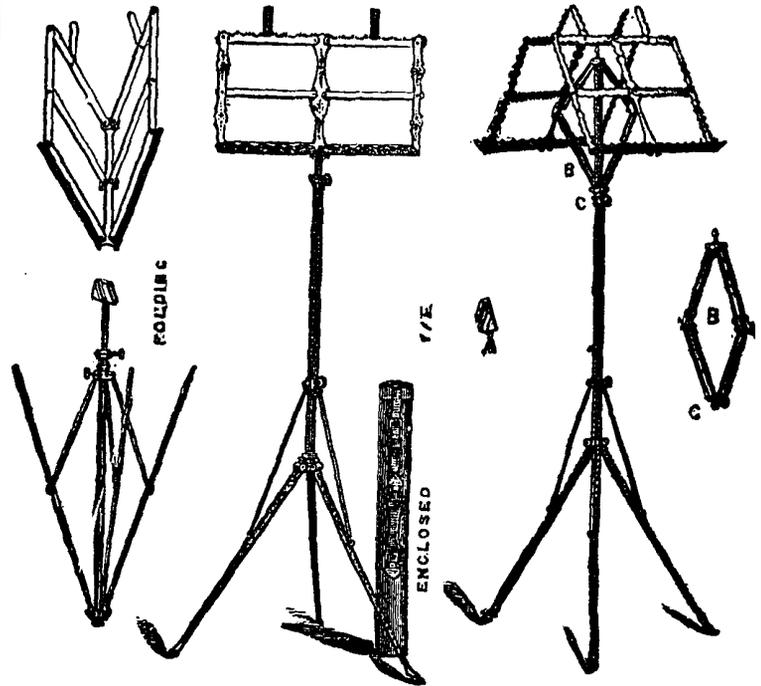
The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

**THE THEATRES, &c.**

- COVENT GARDEN.—PROMENADE CONCERTS.
- DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, FOGGED. At 8, PLUCK.
- ADELPHI.—At 7.15, FAMILIES SUPPLIED. At 7.45, DRINK.
- PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 8, THE ROMANY RYE.
- VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, MONEY.
- OLYMPIC.—At 8, FUN ON THE BRISTOL.
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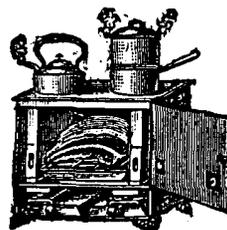
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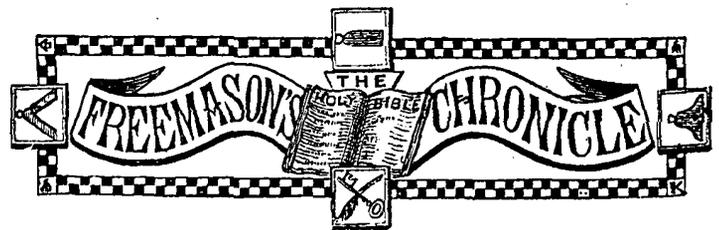
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### CONSECRATION OF THE HADRIAN LODGE, No. 1970, SOUTH SHIELDS.

ON Friday, 15th instaut, the interesting ceremony of consecrating the Hadrian Lodge, took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields, in the presence of a very numerous and influential gathering of the Craft, nearly the whole of the Lodges of the two Northern Provinces being represented. The Masonic Hall had been recently cleaned and re-decorated by Mr. Lusher, of South Shields, and when set out with the new furniture of the Hadrian Lodge, presented a striking and tasteful appearance. The Hadrian Lodge is only the second formed in the borough, and was called into existence owing to the large member roll of the old Lodge of St. Hilda, No. 240. For the purposes of the Consecration a Provincial Grand Lodge was held, and the Lodge was opened and raised by Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.S.G.W. Durham and P.G.D.C. Northumberland, Acting Deputy Grand Master for the Province of Durham, who was assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. J. W. Cameron P.G.S.W., J. McCulloch P.G.J.W., Rev. J. J. Brown P.G. Chaplain, R. Hudson P.G. Secretary, Thomas Bradley Asst. P.G.

Sec., Alexander Iley P.G.S.D., T. G. Mabane Acting P.G.J.D., G. Greenwell P.G.D.C., D. Sinclair Asst. P.G.D.C., Malcolm Acting P.G.S.B., George Porteous Acting P.G. Organist, I. Sinclair P.G.P., and John Thompson Tyler. The Lodge having been raised, the brethren received the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., Lord Lieutenant of County Palatine of Durham, Provincial Grand Master, in due form, and the Marquis then proceeded to perform the Consecration according to the ceremonial provided, the solemn prayers and addresses being impressively rendered by the Rev. J. J. Brown P.G. Chaplain. The music incidental to the ceremony was very ably rendered by Bros. George Porteous acting P.G. Organist, E. J. Gibbon P.M. 541 P.P.G.O. Northumberland, G. J. Leatham 124, J. G. Smith W.M. 48, J. W. Woolner 240, and Thomas Lumley 240. The Lodge having been consecrated, the first Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas Coulson P.G.J.W., was presented to the Provincial Grand Master, as were also the petitioners—Bros. G. S. Shotton W.M., J. J. Athey P.M., T. Potter P.M., T. G. Mabane P.M. and P.P.G.R., J. H. Morton P.M., J. H. Thompson S.W., and W. Davidson. Bro. Thos. Coulson, W.M. designate of the new Lodge, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. E. D. Davis, acting Deputy P.G.M., as the first Master of the Hadrian Lodge No. 1970. The W.M. then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Thomas Potter I.P.M., J. J. Athey S.W., W. Davidson J.W., J. H. Morton P.M. Treasurer, J. Robertson M.C., J. Heppell Sec., Walter Ross S.D., M. I. Wheatley J.D., J. R. Walker jun. I.G., Colin Wawn and W. Dalziel Stewards, and J. Brown Tyler. Several new members to join the Lodge were proposed, and the business of the day was concluded by the W.M. being congratulated by the representatives from the various visiting Lodges, one being from Philadelphia in America. Afterwards the banquet was held in the Golden Lion Hotel (Bro. Thomas Landerdale, late of Newcastle), when nearly one hundred brethren sat down to a first-class repast, which was served in excellent order by the host. The chair was occupied by the Marquis of Londonderry, who was supported on his left by Bro. Thomas Coulson W.M., the vice chair being occupied by Bro. J. J. Athey S.W. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were enhanced by some excellent glees and songs by the brethren who officiated at the Lodge.

It may be mentioned that most of the furniture, and the whole of the working tools, &c., for the new Lodge were presented by the Officers and members, as under:—

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deserve. To the best of my power I will endeavour to promote the welfare of this and every other legitimate branch of the Craft in this county. But to pass from a personal to a more general consideration of the matter. I am sure that Bro. Dewar will bear me out when I say that in whatever county the Craft is flourishing, there also from the parent stem is thrown out a vigorous and healthy shoot of Mark Masonry. It is almost a necessary consequence. As soon as men begin to value and appreciate the beauties of our Order, they wish to advance to a more perfect knowledge of it, and the result is that they form a close union with their old Lodge, a Lodge of Mark Master Masons. We are happy to live in days when this is possible without even the suspicion of disloyalty to the chief Masonic power of this country. The distinguished brother, whom I have to thank on your behalf for being to-day the Installing Master, can tell you how, in days when he first sat as a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, there was a bitter feud between the two G. Lodges. In no measured terms did the one denounce the other. Time is the great softener of all things, and the same voices which once spoke in discordant antagonism are now blended together in perfect unison. Every shadow of ill-feeling is gone for ever, and, as I have said, a prosperous Mark Lodge is sooner or later the natural outcome of every good Craft Lodge. But more than this. I hope that in this particular county Mark Masonry is not merely following the lead of the Craft Province. I think that we are in one important particular taking the lead. It has been argued that poor little Buckinghamshire cannot stand alone, that we want the help and guidance of an elder sister. Brethren, the assemblage to-day is, I think, an answer. If three Mark Lodges, all in North Bucks, can bring together such a meeting as this, surely eleven Craft Lodges can do as much. There is a French proverb "*Tout vient a celle on qui veut attendre*"—"Every thing comes to the man who knows how to wait." But waiting does not mean sitting with our hands before us, it does mean taking every legitimate step to prove the vitality and energy of our Buckinghamshire Masons. We have taken such a step to-day, let us make a few more like it, and in good time we shall be allowed our independence, and the elder sister will be proud to see us walk alone, while we shall not be forgetful of the days when she bore with our infantine insubordination. As regards the Mark, we start to-day young, and perhaps foolish. We have all the dangers of infancy before us, we have not yet even got through the discomfort of teething, we shall come to that directly, when we discuss the Bye-laws; but we come of healthy parents, and we do not mind a little hard work. I hope none of us are afraid of the future. We mean to do our best. I am saying this for every Mark Mason in the Province, and I shall myself be glad to be the servant whenever there is any help wanted of every Lodge in the Province. I do not wish to sit on the right hand of the W.M. if an Inner Guard is wanted. The Provincial Grand Master appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. B. Fontaine Prov. S.G.W., McCubbin Prov. J.G.W., W. H. Bull Prov. G.M.O., W. Fitch Prov. G.S.O., Mickleby Prov. G.J.O., Revs. C. F. L. West and F. W. Harnett Prov. G. Chaplains, H. Poynter Prov. G. Registrar of Marks, J. Williams Prov. G. Treasurer, J. R. Wilmer Prov. G. Secretary, J. Cuthbert Prov. G.S.D., McDowall Prov. G.J.D., R. King Prov. Inspector of Works, T. Taylor Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, J. Reeve Prov. A.G. Director of Ceremonies, J. H. Cox Prov. G. Sword Bearer, W. R. Parrott Prov. G. Standard Bearer, B. Wilford Prov. G. Organist, Howell G.I.G., L. Cooper Prov. G. Steward. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, for the banquet, which was catered for by host Cannon. At the conclusion of the repast, the Provincial Grand Master gave the toast of the Queen and Craft, and remarked that whether at home or abroad Her Majesty always showed much concern for the welfare of her subjects. At the present time we were engaged in an anxious war, and he need scarcely say that the sympathies of the Queen were at that moment with those suffering in Egypt. It was, therefore, at such times that they and all her subjects should sympathise with her, and he was convinced that he was reiterating the feelings of all present when he said that he wished her a speedy and happy termination of the anxiety in which she is now placed. Other Masonic and complimentary toasts were given.—*Newport Pagnell Weekly Standard.*

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held, under the presidency of the R.W. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.—P.G.S.W. of England, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Prov. G.M.—at the Assembly Rooms, Teddington, on Saturday, 30th September, at 2.30 p.m. precisely.

## THOMAS M. LAMB.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

WHOEVER, by virtuous effort, is able to establish, make known and felt, his identity among mankind, deserves to be remembered; and when I seek for a striking example of that kind, I cannot afford to leave unnoticed the qualities exhibited in the life and character of our late friend and brother, Thomas M. Lamb.

Thomas M. Lamb was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, 26th June 1830. He inherited from his mother a delicate constitution and a keen intellect; from his father stability of purpose and sound judgment. His early education was acquired at the district school, and completed in the city high school.

Before his school life closed he expressed a desire to follow the occupation of a watchmaker and jeweller, and in due time was permitted by his parents to enter the store of S. P. Champney for the purpose of learning the trade. While engaged in this employment his recreation consisted in a series of well-directed efforts towards self-improvement and culture. About this time the Young Men's Rhetorical Society was organised for the mental and moral improvement of its members. Mr. Lamb was one of the first to distinguish himself as a clear and logical debater. He conducted a paper published by the society, wherein he first displayed his talent as a writer; and many of his productions of that early day clearly indicated a comprehensive knowledge of English composition.

31st December 1850, he was elected President of the Society. As a presiding officer he was calm, dignified, and accurate in his decisions, winning favour on all sides by his gentlemanly bearing, his acute perception and comprehension of delicate points in parliamentary practice.

13th February 1856, Mr. Champney advertised his business for sale, and on the 29th of the same month Mr. Lamb advertised his new establishment at 275 Harrington Corner, within a few feet of where he learned his trade, and where he continued in business till the time of his death.

He manifested an interest in religious affairs at an early age, and became identified with the Baptist denomination; but later in life embraced a more liberal faith, discarding all sectarianism and every form of worship as essential to the soul's salvation; but his faith in the Supreme Ruler of the Universe was never disturbed. He was conscientious to his own pecuniary disadvantage, never swerving from what he deemed to be exact justice. He was never accused of a dishonest act by an honest person, and his integrity was never questioned in the community where he lived. He was elected by his fellow citizens to fill offices of trust on several occasions, and his official duties were always discharged with rare fidelity. He was a true man, an unfaltering friend, a loyal citizen.

His Masonic life was made up of the generous impulses of an unselfish nature. He was made a Master Mason in Morning Star Lodge, at Worcester, 1st November 1859, and was Secretary of the Lodge for several years.

He was exalted to the august and sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Worcester Chapter, 8th April 1864; and on the 27th October of the same year he received the Cryptic degrees in Hiram Council of Royal and Select Masters. He was created and dubbed a Knight Templar in Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templars, at Worcester, 21st April 1865.

31st October 1867, he received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from the 4<sup>o</sup> to the 14<sup>o</sup>, in Worcester Lodge of Perfection. He received the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star from Past Grand Patron, Daniel Seagrave, in September 1869, and affiliated with Stella Chapter, No. 3, at Worcester, where the said Chapter was organised in 1871. He was elected Worthy Patron, 13th December 1876, and continued in office four years. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for Massachusetts, at its organisation, 11th December 1876, and held the office till 13th May 1879. He was elected Grand Patron 13th May 1879, and continued in office two years. He was elected Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order, 10th May 1878, and held the office till 20th August 1880. He was chairman of the committee appointed to arrange and publish the Ritual of the Order, and that document shows how well his labours were performed. He was appointed committee on foreign correspondence by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts for the year 1879, and re-appointed 10th May 1881. He was elected a life member of Stella Chapter 26th January 1880.

It will be seen by the above record that the Masonic career of Brother Lamb has been alike honourable to himself and to the Fraternity. His death occurred at Worcester, 29th December, 1881, after an illness of only five days. The community was shocked at the announcement of his death—so sudden and unexpected—and the large assembly gathered at the church on the day of his funeral bore unmistakable testimony to his worth as a man and a Mason.

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## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, held at the Goat and Star, Swallow-street, Regent-street, W., on Wednesday, 27th inst, at 9 p.m. precisely. Bros. W. C. Smith I.G. 1563 W.M., E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., J. B. Docker P.M. 1687 J.W. First Lecture:—Bros. R. A. Kirkaldy, W. B. Fendick, H. Esling, E. F. A. Busch, J. B. Docker, E. Farwig, J. C. Smith. Second Lecture:—Bros. G. Festa, J. Cox, J. Hemming, J. W. Elvin, J. Hurdell. Third Lecture:—Bros. G. Willson, W. H. Richardson, G. F. Swan. P. T. Brearey P.M. P.G.S. 1321 Treasurer, G. F. Swan P.M. 1321 Secretary.

## 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, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)  
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

## MONDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich  
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)  
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, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-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)  
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge  
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
487—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
909—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  
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldg., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
940—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
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)  
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
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)  
1588—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.)  
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford  
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)  
78—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
128—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley  
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  
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon  
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.  
673—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
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, Batley  
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton  
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

## WEDNESDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

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)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
764—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  
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1238—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1331—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.)  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester  
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike  
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
 430—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
 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  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 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  
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.  
 M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

#### THURSDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

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)  
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction.)  
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road  
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8: (Inst.)  
 M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
 240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton  
 440—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hall, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1511—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1687—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle  
 1628—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chatham Street, Rochdale  
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

#### FRIDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 141—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, Hammernsmith (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)  
 1293—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.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 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  
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.  
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

#### SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
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 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 Prov. Grand Lodge Middlesex, Assembly Rooms, Teddington  
 140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

##### —:0:— SPHINX LODGE, 1929.

ON Saturday afternoon the brethren of the above popular Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, for the purpose of transacting some important business in connection with Masonry in general, and their Lodge in particular. Precisely at the time for which the Lodge had been convened, the W.M., Brother J. R. Richards, opened the proceedings. He was supported by the following Officers, namely, Bros. J. S. Mansell S.W., A. Middlemass J.W., J. Hernaman Sec., J. J. Brinton J.D., G. W. Marsden jun. I.G., Forbes Steward, B. R. Bryant I.P.M., P.M.'s Bros. G. T. Bickerton and H. Bickerstaff; also Bros. J. C. Bradley, R. Irvine, C. Gooding, C. Wilson, A. Parnacott, C. Lye, S. H. Goldschmidt, R. J. Voisey, C. F. Cogle, Dr. C. Gross, H. S. Bigg, T. E. Webb, W. Andrews, T. E. Heller, J. Turney, A. W. Hall, T. H. Woodward, J. E. Knox, G. P. Britten, C. J. Tyrrell, Brooks, G. T. Allen, D. D. Mercer, and F. G. Lewin. The visitors present were Bros. J. Howes J.D. West-Smithfield 1623, R. J. Vincent S.W. and V. F. Marche Crichton Lodge 1641, John Hodges E.A. Duke of Albany Lodge 1963, and A. Clark Wickham Lodge 1924. The Lodge being opened in the first degree, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Permewan, Heller, and Mercer were unanimously appointed an Audit Committee. They will meet for the despatch of business on the first Saturday in November. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with in the usual manner. On the voting papers being examined, the W.M. announced that the choice of the Lodge had fallen on Bro. S. Mansell, but the voting had not been unanimous, inasmuch as several brethren had recorded their votes in favour of Bros. Middlemass, Heller, Bryant, and Nairne. However, the W.M. declared Bro. Mansell duly elected. Bro. J. C. Reynolds sen., who was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, was unfortunately absent. Bro. Harrison was chosen as Tyler. At this stage of the afternoon's proceedings a most interesting incident ensued. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Voisey, W.M. of the Duke of Albany 1963, who passed to the second degree Bro. T. Hodges an E.A. of that Lodge. During this solemn and impressive ceremony the chair of S.W. was occupied by Brother R. T. Vincent, and the J.W.'s chair by Bro. C. Wilson; Bro. V. T. Murche—also of the above Lodge—in conjunction with Bro. J. J. Brinton of the Sphinx, acting as Deacons. We should be omitting a duty if we failed to notice the efficient manner in which the brethren visitors conducted the ceremony. At the close of the passing, the Officers of the Sphinx Lodge resumed their respective positions, and the business appertaining to the Lodge proper was continued. Later on Bro. Britten P.M. proposed that a jewel and collar be presented to Bro. J. R. Richards, in recognition of his services as W.M. This was seconded by Brother B. R. Bryant I.P.M., and carried unanimously. The W.M., in some well chosen remarks, acknowledged the appreciation of his services. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where, under the direction of Brother H. Forbes, the esteemed and indefatigable Steward, Brother Slawson, of 736 Old Kent-road, had in readiness a most substantial repast, which, as usual, elicited the unqualified approbation of the brethren. On removal of the cloth, the loyal and patriotic toast was given from the chair, and was followed by that of the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom Deputy G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. I.P.M. Bryant then proposed the health of the W.M., remarking that Bro. Richards' year of office had been far from a propitious one to him personally, owing to his ill health; nevertheless, under such untoward circumstances, he had maintained the *prestige* of the Lodge; and, as far as possible, had most carefully attended to the important duties associated with his office. It had been a source of comfort to them that evening to have him once more among them, and, in addition, to witness the able manner he had filled the chair. He (Bro. Bryant) was pleased to know that—with one exception—their respected W.M. had been supported by willing and efficient Officers, who knew their duties and had well performed them, even under great personal inconvenience. There was much comfort afforded to a Master of a Lodge when he knew that he was surrounded by those in whom he could place reliance, and whose co-operation could be depended upon when unforeseen circumstances arose. There had been a vast amount of work done in the Lodge during the past year—most important work—inasmuch as the number of brethren initiated had rapidly increased. That work had been gone through most admirably. Moreover, this could not fail to afford satisfaction to their W.M., whose term of office was at that moment expiring,

owing to effluxion of time. Although on previous occasions their W.M. had been, from dire necessity, compelled to delegate the duties of his office to others, on that occasion he was himself again. With his wonted ability he had taken his place in their midst, and he (the speaker) felt assured that all who heard him would endorse the hope that his health would be restored to him, and that as a P.M. he may be spared to occupy a position among them for many a long year to come. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kindness and sympathy. During his year of office, as had been remarked, most untoward circumstances had arisen, in consequence of his health having been affected; but he had been supported under his trials by knowing that he had efficient Officers, who possessed the knowledge and the ability to conduct the business of the Lodge. He might ask himself what he had done to merit their approbation and recognition? but could not elicit a satisfactory reply. Therefore, he felt the more grateful to them for the considerate kindness and fraternal sympathy which had been so unreservedly manifested by all the brethren. The Past Masters, likewise, had rendered him invaluable aid, and he should cherish the associations of his year of office—so far at least as the Lodge was concerned—with infinite pleasure and thankfulness. The W.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. elect, in some exceedingly appropriate remarks, and Bro. Mansell acknowledged the compliment, assuring the brethren that he would emulate the actions of his predecessors. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to witness the passing of a Brother by the brethren of the Albany Lodge. Bro. Vincent, in responding to the compliment, passed a warm eulogium on the members of the Sphinx Lodge for allowing the ceremony to take place. He had, on former occasions, been a guest there, and had experienced considerate kindness at the hands of the brethren of the Lodge, for which, on behalf of himself and those who had taken part in the passing, he heartily thanked them. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, to which I.P.M. Bryant responded. The Worshipful Master having alluded to the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. J. Hernaman and J. C. Reynolds, proposed their health in complimentary terms. Bro. Hernaman, in a most eloquent speech, replied thereto. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, stated that no Master could have better Officers than he had had during his term. He was proud of them, and so also was the Lodge. Bro. Middlemass J.W. responded, in a speech of great force and appropriate allusion and expression. The W.M. said that they were all indebted to Bro. Forbes, their Steward, who ministered to their creature comforts with unceasing care and attention. It was self-evident that Bro. Forbes did not consider himself; he took all possible pains to make them comfortable. He seemed to anticipate the taste of each one among them, and so long as he had been their Steward he had been unremitting in discharging his onerous duties. Bro. Forbes assured the W.M. and brethren that he would render true service, without lack of energy. So long as he was Steward his best services were at their command. He had not anticipated so many brethren being present that evening. Had he been aware that so many would have been in attendance, he would have provided a different menu for them. At that season of the year, as a rule, but few brethren attended. They should have told him of their intention of being present; fortunately, however, there had been enough and to spare. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. Bros. Vincent, Gooding, Murche and Hernaman, by their excellent vocalisation and recitations, contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Darnell W.M., Gribbell S.W., A. A. Marks J.W., R. Percy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., I. P. Cohen S.D., Catling J.D., Wolf I.G.; also Bros. Richardson, Weedon, Carr, C. Lorkin (Treas.), Woodman, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Richardson answered the questions leading to the degree of M.M. and was duly entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Richardson being the candidate. Bro. Cohen worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Gribbell was duly appointed to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M., this being the first time of his presiding in this Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.**—At the meeting held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, 18th inst., Bros. Rowles W.M., Cotton S.W., J. H. Taylor W.M. 1767 J.W., Taplin S.D., Bailey J.D., Taylor I.G., Duffin Tyler, Brooks Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brooks candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the second degree. Bro. Cotton S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Cotton, in a very felicitous speech, presented, for the future use of the Lodge, a set of six collars, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes. After this compliment had been acknowledged, Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 25th September. Bro. Cotton's gift is the third one made to the Lodge during the short time it has been in working order.

**United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.**—The usual weekly meeting, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 15th inst., was well attended. Bro. Richard Poore was the W.M. on this occasion, and there were present, amongst others, Bros. J. N. Bate S.W., J. B. Sarjeant J.W., W. J. Newland S.D., R. W. Pooler J.D., H. Stokes I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, G. W. Knight, Richards, R. Alison, &c. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees, and

Bro. Alison, as candidate, was proved and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the M.M. degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, the traditional history being given by the W.M. Bro. Bate effectively recited the M.M. Charge, and Lodge was closed down in due form and called off. "Entry drill" was practised during the interval, and Lodge was called on. The Preceptor having charge of the Lodge for the ensuing week, announced his intention to work the sections of the first lecture, on the 22nd; and the 29th, was appointed for the working of the ceremony of installation, Bro. Stevens officiating as Installing Master. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and the meeting adjourned.

**Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 19th September, at Freemasons' Hall, Brecon. Bros. John Morgan W.M., T. L. Lewis P.G.O. S.W., W. Webb J.W., T. H. Price Treasurer, E. H. Teale Sec., H. C. Rich jun. S.D., T. H. Price J.D., A. Orlopp M.C., R. Owen Steward, E. T. Edwards I.G., John Evans Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. H. C. Rich sen. P.G.S.W., J. A. Whittle P.G.J.D., R. Webb P.P.G.J.W. Visitor—Bros. G. J. Davies P.M. 364. The business consisted of the raising of Bros. Meredith and Tudor. After labour, the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent. Bros. Lewis, Edwards, and Heins treated the brethren to some of their choicest songs.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, 15th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. C. E. Botley Hon. Sec. W.M., Goss P.M. S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., Maton S.D., Kent J.D., E. Monson jun. I.G.; Bros. Andrews P.M., and Taylor. After due observance of ceremonial, Bro. Taylor offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Gomm P.M. was appointed to preside at the meeting on the 29th inst.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Christian W.M., Smyth S.W., A. J. Clark J.W., F. Carr Sec., Corble S.D., Glass J.D., Brasted. P.M. Bro. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, T. Clark, Jones, Baker, Steele, Collins, A. Jones, Darnell, Catling. After preliminaries, Bro. Catling offered himself as candidate for raising, and was interrogated; the Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Brasted worked the first, and the W.M. the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Smyth was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead.**—The brethren assembled on Wednesday, and after enjoying a delightful trip to Henley and back, during which they partook of a substantial luncheon on board, they adjourned to the Ray Mead Hotel, where Bro. W. Stollard, the W.M., occupied the chair. Bros. T. B. Linscott S.W., Jeffries J.W., H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks Sec., J. Innes S.D., W. Deacon I.G., E. W. Allen P.M. 173 as I.P.M. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Jeffries was unanimously chosen. Bro. Finch P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and C. Nowell Tyler. A jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Stollard, for his services. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Deacon, that gave great satisfaction. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. That of the R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., was responded to by Bro. H. H. Hodges, and Bro. Lucas responded for the Visitors. Bro. Jeffries W.M. elect contributed to the harmony of the evening by two excellent songs, one of which created roars of laughter. The brethren then returned to town in a special saloon carriage.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, Ealing.**—This flourishing Lodge has recently been compelled, in consequence of illness in the family of Bro. Stephens, to seek other quarters; and a Committee was duly appointed to consider the matter, and decide on the permanent arrangements to be made for the future. After carefully looking into the various proposals submitted to them, it was formed that there was a preliminary difficulty in selecting a place, owing to the Thursday nights being otherwise engaged; and, although with some reluctance, the Committee decided that there was no alternative but to recommend that the Lodge should meet at the Ealing Institute, on Tuesday evenings, at 7.30, in the same rooms as are now used by the mother Lodge, and the first meeting under the new arrangement was held on Tuesday, 19th September, when, considering the inclemency of the weather, there was a very good attendance of the brethren, and much satisfaction was expressed at the completeness of the arrangements made by the Committee. Indeed, when all is in working order, there is no doubt that the new arrangement will be a perfect success. Brother C. Andrews P.M., who has taken a great deal of interest in the change, had been selected to preside, but to the regret of the brethren, he was unable to attend, on account of illness, and in his absence the chair was taken by Bro. H. E. Tucker Preceptor and W.M. elect of the mother Lodge. Bro. Tucker was supported by the following Officers: Bros. G. Coop S.W., T. A. Smith J.W., J. R. Fence S.D., C. W. Cunningham J.D., J. Green I.G., J. Wells Sec.; and amongst the other brethren present were noticed the following:—A. J. Burr P.M., J. J. Clarke, E. C. Porter, H. Danby, Vasse, and Sherman.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—The usual meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 19th instant, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, when the following brethren assembled:—Shadler W.M., Roberts S.W., Posener J.W., Marshall S.D., Mann J.D., Walker I.G., Clements Secretary, Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Webb, Daniels, Maidwell, Wooding, Oxley, W. Fraser, J. S. Fraser, Job, Haslip, Arons. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees, and resumed to second, when Bro. P.M. Webb, according to promise, rehearsed the ceremony of installation, in a very efficient and praiseworthy manner, Bro. Roberts, W.M. of the mother Lodge, serving as W.M. elect. This brother subsequently appointed and invested the Officers. Bro. Shadler resumed the chair, and Bro. Haslip answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to second degree, and Bro. Haslip passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge resumed, and Bro. Haslip, W.M. New Concord Lodge 813, was elected a member. Bro. Posener was appointed to fulfil the duties of W.M. for next Tuesday evening, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance, the efficiency of the working of the W.M. elect being known to many of the brethren. Lodge closed and adjourned. We are requested to state that the Prosperity Chapter of Instruction will shortly open at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1612.**—The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst. Bro. G. Simpson W.M. was in the chair, and there were also present Bros. J. T. Seller I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., E. Balmford P.M., P. H. Rowland P.M., C. G. Padel P.M. (who acted as S.W.), M. Millington J.W., with the rest of the Officers and many brethren and visitors. A ballot was taken for a candidate; it proved successful. Bro. J. S. Cumberland moved a resolution standing in his name, relating to the Lodge bye-laws, and ultimately it was referred to a committee to report at the next meeting. Two Auditors were appointed for the annual examination of Lodge accounts. A circular from the Prov. Grand Secretary at Hull was read, asking for the opinion of the Lodge on the proposed increase of fifty per cent. on the Lodge quarterages, and an unanimous resolution was passed condemning the proposal, several members expressing an opinion that the sums granted in relief by the Board of Benevolence were often much too large. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then explained to the brethren the alterations that had been made by the committee appointed last year at Hull in the Provincial regulations, a draft of which would be submitted to the Prov. Grand Lodge at Northallerton on the 5th October, and a general opinion was expressed that the amended rules would be in many ways advantageous. Bro. Whytehead also gave a summarised account of the proposed alterations in the Grand Lodge Constitutions, pointing out the superiority of the new code. Bro. Cumberland expressed a hope that the question of the position of Past Masters would be finally and thoroughly settled, in which opinion all on the dais heartily concurred. There being no other business, the W.M. invited the J.W., Bro. Millington, to essay the work of the first degree. Bro. Millington having taken a seat on the dais, then appointed Bro. Turner to act as J.W., and rehearsed the initiation ceremony with excellent effect, and was afterwards congratulated by the Past Masters on his success. The Lodge work being resumed, Bro. Whytehead presented to the library several books, reports, &c. Two names of candidates for Freemasonry were proposed, and the Lodge was closed.

**Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.**—On Tuesday evening last, the 19th inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Brixton. In the absence of the W.M. for the week, Bro. Phillips, the esteemed Treasurer of the Lodge, was called to the chair. Lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of the two previous meetings read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and passing. On the motion of Bro. Francis Preceptor, it was resolved that the Lodge should pay a fraternal visit, on the 18th October next, to the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, Balham; and it was also resolved that the Lodge should visit the Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction on the 9th October next. One new member having been elected, and routine business transacted, Lodge was closed in due form.

The return home of Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., was expected to take place either yesterday or to-day (Saturday).

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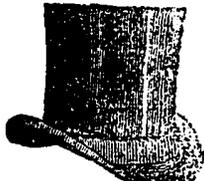
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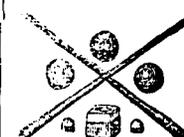
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