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## THE UNIVERSALITY OF FREEMASONRY.

THIS is a very wide subject, but admitted on all hands to be the core and kernel of the professions we make as members of a common brotherhood whose branches are spread over the whole of the habitable globe. Freemasonry, in its comprehensive and cosmopolitan sense, forms the platform upon which men of all shades of opinion, all schools of thought, all creeds and ideas, can meet in the freedom of unrestrained harmony and goodfellowship; and nowhere is the word "home" so thoroughly and practically demonstrated as within the precincts of a Masonic Lodge. Here, upon the chequered floor is the only spot on God's earth where are exemplified the true principles of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity; and they are here found in all their purest and most disinterested fulness. Nations and communities have for centuries aimed at a realisation of this condition of things, but have utterly failed to accomplish the ends embodied in that sentiment. There is no such thing existent, except in theory, as true equality, and man might as well try and add a cubit to his stature as to expect an exact parallel in all the conditions and relations of life. The countenances, the handwritings, and the very thoughts of men, are distinctive and individual, and the axiom of seeing "eye to eye" in all mundane matters is as remote as the discovery of the philosopher's stone or the attainment of perpetual motion. In nature and art, in the sciences, and all the other phases of human affairs, transition and change are the marked indications of every age; progress and retrogression are ever alternate; and as the world keeps moving on, the motto still holds good, "*Sic transit gloria mundi.*" Only in our great, wise, and beneficent scheme is the great problem of universality solved, and that is in the broad, expansive scheme laid at the feet of every man who finds a shelter and a rest beneath the banner of our Ancient and Honourable Institution—who has felt the fraternal grasp of a brother's hand, and known what is meant by the pure and lofty sentiments delineated by the five points of fellowship. Freemasonry has a "domain upon which the sun never sets:" with us the glorious orb is ever at its meridian, and sheds its lavish and gracious benefits upon all, no matter of what nation, kindred, or tongue, from whom have been removed the hoodwink of darkness, and who have been admitted into the fulness of Masonic light. He may traverse the world from pole to zone, and ever find kindred hearts beating in unison with his own; a hearty and genuine welcome everywhere, whether in frigid or torrid climates; amongst strange people, and in strange lands. Indeed, Freemasonry is "the only one touch of Nature which makes the whole world kin," the "open sesame" to the heart of hearts of brethren who are linked together in the universal bonds of "ye mystic tie." When we take up contemporary journals, and find how brethren from our own shores are received, we find in such records only a pleasing counterpart of that which we witness every day in our own Lodges at home—a hearty sympathy and co-operation in the common cause—a brotherly welcome and downright genuine sense of amenity and binding friendship. There is no other section of humanity in which such sentiments are to be found as those which guide and actuate the community of Masons throughout the world. The wide canopy overshadows all, and the lights which

illumine the Masonic mind drive away all phantoms of discord and enmity, which are never to be found inside the portals of a Masonic Lodge. To our mind, in theory, and we are bound to say it is very fully borne out in practice, the universality of Freemasonry and the affinities it creates, bring us as near as we can hope for in this sublunary sphere to the millennium of peace and goodwill amongst men. A brother sets out upon a distant voyage, to lands where the habits and customs of his future associates are to him an enigma, and which take him a long time to understand. Upon the vasty deep he meets with brethren who have tastes and aspirations coincident with his own, and those who have participated in the ceremonies of a Lodge at sea will be able to appreciate the true bonds of fellowship which perhaps prevail amongst men of various nationalities. Once on shore he finds, even at the Antipodes, a home; the counsel, advice, and hospitality of friends, as ardent in the cause as himself, as solicitous for his welfare as though he were—as, indeed, he really is—one of their own family circle. In cases of difficulty and distress there is no deaf ear turned to the voice of supplication, but ever a helping hand stretched forth to assuage sorrow and to alleviate necessity. There the man who is a true student of the Divine art can never feel alone. He is a unit in the great commonwealth of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and is surrounded on every side, and hedged in by generous and sympathetic hearts, in whose hands his very inmost secrets and dearest interests are held sacred and inviolate. This is the bright jewel which glitters in the diadem of the Brotherhood, this universal unselfish sympathy, this cordial unity and cohesion, and this unrestrained equality, which permeates the whole system of Freemasonry, which leavens the various sections of society and kneads them into one common whole. True, it may be pointed out that these ideas, though lofty and noble in themselves theoretically, are sometimes deficient in practice; but let our detractors point to any community under the sun in which there are not delinquents—any rule to which there is not an exception. We are often reminded that there is no flock, howsoever well tended, but one black sheep is there. And unquestionably, in the course of experience every one of us has found instances in which men speak sneeringly, and even in terms of disgust almost, at the mere mention of those principles of which they once avowed themselves the exponents, and the principles they at the outset of their Masonic career promised to support. The very suggestion of our cosmopolitan responsibilities running concurrent with our universal advantages is spurned by some men of acerbative minds and temperaments, who, when appealed to in any cause of charity or co-operation, turn round and plead hurry or other engagements in order to shirk duties which are morally incumbent upon them. But these are the "outsiders," so to speak, of the Craft. They are men who fail to discern the binding responsibilities of their obligation, who have blurred the mirror of their perceptions, and fail to recognise the sublime allegory by which our "beautiful system of morality" is veiled. Starting into life, with everything around them fresh and novel, they overleap themselves with vaulting enthusiasm; but as the stern realism of experience sets in, and the alloy of personal interests and ambition clogs the freedom of their mental aspirations, the universality of Freemasonry becomes a vista, in the mist of which they lose sight of that disinterestedness and truth of character they displayed when they were freely granted the "pre-

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dominant wishes of their hearts." Such men ought never to have joined the Craft. They are like the unstable light which bursts into a rapid flame, and burns ignominiously out with the first gust of an adverse wind. The chief scoffers, however, against the universality of Freemasonry are those who have entered the ranks actuated by "mercenary or other unworthy motives," who have failed to realise their sordid anticipations, and who, crossed and soured in their Masonic hopes; not content with isolating themselves from those who at first welcomed them within their hospitable circle, ready to share the smiles and tears of our common existence, they become querulous and hypercritical, and finally hostile to the professions they once espoused. But this does not one whit affect the broad, grand, and comprehensive principle of the universality of Freemasonry. In the overwhelming majority of Masonic hearts the truth will ever be realised and practically exemplified that we are a band of brothers, knit together by unflinching, unswerving patriotism and fidelity to each other, and that the ground trodden by Masons should be unstained by even the thought or suspicion of untruthfulness or deceit. The farther the true student of Masonry travels along the path of science, the more deeply he is impressed with the solemnity and vitality of the aphorism "*Semper fidelis*." The wide-spread canopy of Freemasonry is as pure as it is co-extensive with the firmament itself; the love and affections of true Masons are free and fervent as the air we breathe, or the sunshine which gladdens the surface of the earth; and the aspirations of all firm and true men are sealed towards each other with a never-dying and unalterable intensity. This is no mere sermonising, but the plain and revealed truth in connection with our glorious Order; and they know it best who have tested the conditions which rule and sway the existence and progress of the Craft in all lands. Now that the season has again fully set in, and our Lodges are beginning in earnest the work set before them, we shall receive fresh and welcome testimony to the truth of our assertion that Freemasonry is the universal bond of fellowship and the only exponent of freedom and true friendship all the world over; that personal interests are sunk in the grand scheme of mutual love and help; and that the professions of a common brotherhood are no vain, idle boast, or visionary dream. We shall hear from the lips of those who have imbibed most deeply the true delights of Freemasonry how good and glorious a theme it is that is conveyed in the words at the head of this article, and how generally and truly it is practised amongst the members of the Fraternity. That this spirit of cosmopolitanism is increasing in depth and fulness, rather than diminishing, we are quite assured; and that it is the fountain from which good thoughts and noble deeds will continue to emanate can never be doubted by those who have caught the inspiration engendered by a study of the Art, and who are the willing and apt disciples of those glorious tenets embodied in the most free and unfettered system of universal love which can ever be known amongst mankind.

Currency was given last week to a rumour that the Duke of Connaught would probably be appointed by the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership of Essex, vacant by the death of Lord Tenenden. It was a rumour, and nothing more, but it was based on a generally received opinion that the appointment would be very popular, and to Freemasons generally, as well as to the Essex Freemasons particularly, would be most acceptable. The *Yorkshire Post* thinks that as there are several military depots in the country (Colchester, Harwich, Shoeburyness, Tilbury, Purfleet, and Warley), the Duke, being a military officer, would be a suitable Provincial Grand Master. But there are other reasons as well. The Duke of Connaught is a most popular man. He is also a Past Grand Senior Warden, and his younger brother, the Duke of Albany, who is a Past Junior Grand Warden, has already an important province (Oxford), and Freemasons as a body would be glad to see another member of the reigning house in the exalted position of a Provincial Grand Master.—*Evening News*.

#### A MASONIC MEETING AT SEA.

A MEETING of Masons was held on board the *Trojan*, recently, on her outward voyage from Southampton to the Cape. The brethren present who took part in the interesting proceedings of the somewhat novel gathering, mustered about twenty. The sum of £2 12s 6d having been collected, it was decided that it should be devoted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it was directed to be forwarded to the Secretary of that Institution in London. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That Bro. J. C. Lory Marsh P.M. 567 should, on his return to England, apply to Grand Lodge to ascertain under what regulations travelling Masons may be permitted to hold Lodges of Instruction on board vessels at sea."

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE members of this Province held their annual meeting on Saturday last, the 30th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Teddington, where there was a very fair attendance of brethren, who assembled to meet the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Bardett, Bart. Amongst those present were Bros. Sir Charles T. Bright P.D.G.M., Raymond H. Thrupp P.S.G.W., E. S. Blaikie P.J.G.W., H. G. Buss P.G. Treasurer, H. C. Levander P.G. Sec., C. Harding P.S.G.D., H. M. Gordon P.G.J.D., Thomas Nash P.G.D.C., R. Lonsdale P.A.D.C., W. H. Goodall P.G.S.B., G. J. Dunkley P.G. Organist, Isaac Dixon P.G. Pursuivant, J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler, C. Ross, Bird, Pearson P.G. Stewards; amongst the Past Prov. Grand Officers were Bros. F. Davison, H. Briggs, Thomas Massa, T. C. Walls, J. Linzell, W. Stephens, G. W. Kenning, E. B. Bright, Dr. Ernest Brette, G. T'combe, T. W. Ockenden, A. B. Day, G. Hopwood, &c. &c. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened soon after three o'clock, when the rolls of Provincial Grand Officers and of Lodges were called. It will be seen by the list we give above that the Prov. Grand Officers had loyally obeyed the summons of their Prov. Grand Master, while out of the thirty-one Lodges combined in the Province, all but four were represented. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and adopted, and then the Reports of the Audit and Charity Committees were presented, and assented to by the members. The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer resulted in the re-appointment of Bro. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary. The appointment and investment of Provincial Grand Officers was then made as follows:—

Bro. R. H. Thrupp 1691	...	...	Deputy P.G. Master
J. Inglis 708	...	...	P.G. Senior Warden
J. F. Huggins 778	...	...	P.G. Junior Warden
Rev. L. M. D'Orsey 1503	...	...	P.G. Chaplain
H. G. Buss 1293	...	...	P.G. Treasurer
C. L. Smiles 1309	...	...	P.G. Registrar
H. C. Levander 1415	...	...	P.G. Secretary
W. Stephens 1637	...	...	P.G. Senior Deacon
F. D. Kennedy 1503	...	...	P.G. Junior Deacon
T. S. Archer 1494	...	...	P.G. Supt. of Work
R. Lonsdale 1238	...	...	P.G.D.C.
J. H. Pearson 1567	...	...	P.G.A.D.C.
T. I. Bird 1897	...	...	P.G. Sword Bearer
J. W. George 1309	...	...	P.G. Organist
E. Somers 1897	...	...	P.G. Pursuivant
C. Buss 382	...	...	P.G. Asst. Pursuivant
Sir R. Hanson 778, F. Mc Dougall	}	...	P.G. Stewards
788, W. Vincent 1194, E. Poore			
1237, W. G. Kentish 1293, H.			
Gloster 1326			
J. Gilbert	...	...	P.G. Tyler

The following sums were granted from the Benevolent Fund:—To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s; Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons, £10 10s. With respect to the motion of Bro. Clabon P.G.D. in Grand Lodge, 10th June 1882, to increase the Quarterly Payments to Grand Lodge, it was unanimously agreed that any change was undesirable; and as regards the Communication of Grand Secretary in reference to the Royal College of Music, a formal motion was agreed to that Col. Shadwell H. Clerke should be thanked for his letter. After a few other matters had received attention, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. A banquet was afterwards served, but the arrangements made did not receive that cordial approval that might be desired. Brethren who attended seemed to realise that we are approaching the chilly season of the year, and however desirable a "cold" collation may be in the dog days, for the last day of September such an arrangement is hardly to be commended. Moreover, many of those present had made "a day of it," and had fortified themselves for a good dinner by "a good long walk," and for such as these the delicacies of a confectioner's "set out" were of too "unsubstantial" a character. However, the repast was done ample justice to by some, while others threatened what they would do to satisfy their hunger when they returned to town. On the removal of the cloth, Sir Francis Bardett proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft." It might be said Her Majesty for many years had been revelling in a bed of roses, but she had lately passed through a period of great anxiety as to the welfare of her troops in Egypt. After the National Anthem, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., was toasted; and then the Right Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G.; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past. In speaking of the Grand Officers, the R.W. Prov. G. Master particularly mentioned the services of the Deputy G. Master the Earl of Lathom, who was not only popular in his Province, but was universally honoured in consequence of his great efforts to promote the prosperity of Freemasonry in every way. The rest of the G. Officers were equally deserving of praise and support, as they were the mainstay of the Order. The Prov. G. Lodge were fortunate that evening in having before them three Grand Officers, viz., Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Buss, and Levander. He should couple the name of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, who was always ready and willing to do all he could for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. Clerke said that so important a toast required a long speech; but as they (the members of the Province of Middlesex) on former occasions had heard him expatiate on the merits of the Officers comprising Grand Lodge, he had nothing new to offer them, farther than that every year the Grand Lodge of England grew in importance, by the admission into its Councils of many distinguished noblemen and gentlemen. The Province of Middlesex fortunately possessed the services of two very good and able Grand Officers, namely, Bros. Buss and Levander. It afforded him great satisfaction to witness the progress of the Province of Middlesex under the genial sway of their popular Prov. Grand

Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett. The health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master was heartily proposed by Bro. Thrupp, who said he felt extreme diffidence in giving this toast, as he could not do justice to all the good qualities that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett possessed; suffice it to say he was a pure Englishman. They all knew him as an able Mason; but he (the speaker) had heard of his popularity in Wiltshire, and elsewhere, as a kind and generous landlord. Sir Francis said it had always been his desire, not to pose as Prov. Grand Master, but to do the best he could for his fellow men. It had given him great pleasure to assist others with whom he had been associated. The Provincial Grand Master gave the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, coupled with the name of Bro. Thrupp, who gracefully acknowledged the compliment. Bros. Buss and Levander responded for the Treasurer and Secretary. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Brother Alfred Brookman W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, who thanked Sir Francis for the great honour he had done him. The Masonic Charities was next given. Brother Terry, after replying, took occasion to mention that the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution would be held under the presidency of General Brownrigg, the Provincial Grand Master for the neighbouring county of Surrey, when he respectfully hoped that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett might be kindly induced to support his brother-in-arms by acting as Steward for the Province of Middlesex. The musical arrangements for the evening were entrusted to Bro. G. S. Graham, who ably fulfilled the task allotted him. He was assisted by Bros. W. Sexton, Charles White, Henry Prenton, and Michael Watson. We may mention here that Bro. Graham, who is a genial and talented artist, will give his Seventeenth Annual Concert, under royal and distinguished patronage, at the St. Andrew's Hall, Balham, on Thursday, the 26th inst., on which occasion he will doubtless receive the support of many of his brother Masons.

The Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys gratefully acknowledges a donation of Fifty Guineas from a Member of the Court of Common Council towards the Preparatory School Building Fund.

Bro. A. M. Broadley, who is retained as counsel for Arabi Pasha, was counsel for the late Mr. Levy in the Enfida case; he is also the author of "Tunis Past and Present."

It has been arranged that the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons for Hampshire shall take place this year at Gosport. The date selected is Saturday, the 21st of October.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury-pavement, E.C., on Monday, the 9th instant, by Bro. W. M. Stiles W.M. 1507, P.M. 1732, Secretary 1744. Brethren are cordially invited. No visitors' fee is charged at this Lodge of Instruction. At 7.30 p.m.

The Freemasons' Tavern is about to be fitted up with Messrs. Merryweather and Sons' improved and inexpensive high pressure fire extinguishing apparatus, for the new proprietors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The Novelty Theatre, immediately opposite the Tavern, is being similarly protected, and by the same renowned firm.

Our readers are reminded that the annual meeting of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, when Bro. G. P. Festa will be installed in succession to Bro. W. H. Dean P.P.G.S.B. of Dorset, will take place on Wednesday next, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, when a large and distinguished assemblage is expected. On Thursday night Bro. Dean rehearsed the ceremony of installation at the Union Tavern, Aire Street, Regent Street, where there was a goodly assemblage of the brethren, all of whom were much interested and instructed by the manner in which the work was done. We hope next week to be able to congratulate the first Master upon the successful and fitting termination of his reign. Surely no brother has more deservedly won the Past Master's jewel.

We have been written to, by one of the supporters of the candidate, in reference to the remarks which we made in our issue of the 23rd ult., relative to the case of B. A. Cookes, No. 14 on the list for the coming election of the Girls' School. The brother who writes, and who we know is working hard to secure the girl's election, gives particulars, which certainly establish the worthiness of the child to receive the support of the general body of subscribers. Our request for further information was not made so much in reference to this case in particular, as it was for further details in every case. It would be better for all—candidates, parents, and general supporters—if the future ballot sheets gave details on which it would be possible to form some sort of opinion as to worthiness.

Following the resolution of Grand Lodge on the 6th ult., there has been issued from Grand Secretary's office to the Masters of all Lodges under the English Constitution, a copy of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions, which the Board of General Purposes submit for the consideration of the Craft, and on which it will have to determine at special Grand Lodges in February next. It consists of a book of 112 pages and 308 sections, the drafting and arranging of which have occupied the attention of the Board for eighteen months. The discussion which will ensue on these rules, when brought before Grand Lodge, must be very long, and no doubt the objections will be numerous, but it cannot be denied that as they now stand the new Constitutions are designed for the general welfare of the Order, and must commend themselves to the goodwill of the best-thinking Freemasons. Taking, however, only the new arrangement of the rules, the book is far in advance of the volume now in use, inasmuch as the rules are arranged methodically, having regard to their bearing and sequence, and they are all numbered consecutively, so that the number alone will be a complete reference to each rule.—*Evening News*.

The illuminated address from the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge to Lord Charles Beresford is, we hear, to be presented in London, as his Lordship contemplates proceeding to Scotland without delay. It heartily congratulates Lord Charles upon his safe return, after having, in the discharge of his duty, been exposed to many perils both by sea and by land. The members of the Lodge state that they have read, with pride and gratification, the accounts of his gallant deeds before the enemy, and of the valuable service he has rendered to his country, by which he has worthily maintained the traditions of the distinguished family of which he is a member, and has shed additional lustre upon the noble profession to which he belongs. To the members of the Lodge, of which he was the first Worshipful Master and one of the founders, his well merited promotion is a source of the greatest pleasure, and the brethren trust that he may be spared many years to be an ornament to the Navy, and to render valuable service to Freemasonry.—*Portsmouth Times*.

REMARKABLE BICYCLE RIDE.—The 24 hours' Road Competition, promoted by the manufacturers of the "Facile" Safety Bicycle, took place on Saturday last. The event has attracted great interest among bicyclists and others, and the start was made from Anderton's Hotel at 12 midnight on Friday, in the presence of an immense gathering of spectators. There were 26 starters, and the result of the race was as follows:—1st prize, value £10 10s, won by Walter Snook; distance ridden in the 24 hours, 214½ miles. 2nd prize, value £6 6s, won by W. F. Sutton; distance ridden, 198 miles. 3rd prize, value £4 4s, won by C. H. Cole; distance ridden, 189 miles. Besides the above, 14 riders are entitled to the gold medal, value £3 3s, having accomplished 150 miles, and 2 to the silver medal, value £1 1s (128 miles). All the competitors rode "Facile" bicycles, varying in size from 36in. to 44in., and taken altogether the performance of the winner may be considered the most remarkable that has yet been accomplished upon the "silent steed." The whole arrangements for checking the race were in the hands of Mr. P. G. Coleman, official timekeeper to the Bicycle Union.

In consequence of the great demand for No. 1 of the New Series of the PICTORIAL WORLD, containing the coloured Portrait of Sir Garnet Wolseley, and the commencement of Miss Braddon's Tale "The Golden Calf," the Proprietors have reprinted, at very great cost, the entire Number, which will be re-issued on Monday next, 9th October. On 21st October will appear a coloured Portrait of the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, being the first of a series of Political Portraits.

The Fifteen Sections will be Worked by the Members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the "Cambria Tavern," Cambria Road, Loughboro' Junction, on Monday, the 9th day of October, 1882, commencing at 7 o'clock in the evening precisely.

On Monday evening of last week an entertainment was given to 500 boys and girls at Berner-street Board School, St. Georges-in-the-East. They were entertained by the Rev. J. M. Fidler, of St. Mathew's Church, Princes-square, St. George's East; each child also received a bag of biscuits, kindly given by Messrs. Huntly and Palmer, and Messrs. Peek, Frean and Co. On Tuesday evening a second entertainment was given to nearly 400 infants, who received a bag of biscuits, and by the kindness of Messrs. Allen and Sons, of Canal-road, Mile-end, each child received a prize packet of sweets. Dissolving views were exhibited by the Rev. J. M. Fidler and a gentleman from the Shoreditch Tabernacle.

LEWIS'S PENNY READINGS.—A PENNYWORTH OF PURE LITERATURE is one of the best investments that can be made by any "man, woman, or young person"—as the Factories Acts have it—who desires to have recreation, amusement, companionship and instruction constantly at hand. One of the very largest and best pennyworths of this commodity that we have ever seen has just been issued by a firm whose extensive trading organisation has enabled them to produce a marvellous example of cheap publications. Lewis's, the famous house whose warehouses and stores occupy so prominent a position in Market-street, Manchester, have given their name to a handsome book of 130 excellently printed pages, entitled *Lewis's Penny Readings*, containing admirable selections from the best poets, prose writers, orators, and humourists of the last two or three centuries, and sold for one Penny; or persons at a distance can obtain a copy by sending 2½d in stamps. Nothing could be added to the mere mention of this enterprise that could increase its suggestiveness.

Brother Rev. H. G. Donavia Hunt Mus. B., F.R.A.S., delivered the inaugural address of the session at the distribution of certificates and other awards to the successful students of Trinity College on Tuesday evening.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Lodge was opened at three o'clock by Bro. Barham, who was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters:—Bros. R. J. Taylor, F. W. Dawson, H. C. Ball, J. Maples, J. W. Skeggs, R. M. Heney, E. Wallanche. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. S. Dunkley 1777, S. W. Barker P.M. 1767, J. J. Thomas W.M. 753, G. S. Graham S.W. 1777, George Tribbel P.M. 1287, Walter Hallett P.M. 733, G. Lilley W.M. Stuart 1632, R. White 1426, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, A. Southam P.M. 1420, T. Poore P.M. 720, T. Bartlett 185, Horace White J.D. 1257, Ruff P.M. 95, J. Garrod P.M. 754, J. W. T. Chapman J.W. 922, C. Evans I.G. 1922, W. G. Dickens P.M. 860, George Read P.M. 511, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567 P.D.C. Middlesex, Donald Clark P.M. 1632, R. Burleton P.M. 1681, H. Cross J.W. 586, J. H. Hawkins P.M. 1693, Thomas Cross W.M. 1194, S. White 1426, A. Millward W.M. elect 1677, R. Day 201, J. T. Dufroy I.G. 1275, A. Runacres P.M. 1558. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Report of the Audit Committee, was presented, and unanimously adopted. Bro. Henry Cross was elected a joining member, and then Bro. William James Fortescue was raised to the sublime degree, and Bros. George J. Picking and William Hopkins were passed. Both ceremonies were performed by the I.P.M., Bro. J. R. Taylor. Lodge was then called off, and after a brief interval, the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Markland, was presented to Bro. Past Master J. R. Taylor, who had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Officer. The obligation was duly administered, the brethren below the rank of I.M. retired, a Board of Masters was opened, and the ceremony proceeded. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and the following were appointed Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—H. Cox S.W., W. G. Cole J.W., J. G. Unite P.M. Treasurer, Edward Witts P.M. Secretary, E. G. Banks (named as) S.D., A. C. Rawlings J.D., A. A. Tartas I.G., J. Maples P.M. M.C., R. J. Taylor P.M. W.S., E. E. Heyworth A.W.S., T. Bowler Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Taylor, who fully realised all that had been expected of him. We may here say these expectations were of a high standard, and based upon what had been evidenced as to ability by his efforts in the earlier part of the days' proceedings. A proposition for a rejoining member was submitted to the Lodge for next meeting, and the resignation of a brother tendered, and accepted, with regret. Hearty good wishes were submitted and Lodge was closed. The proprietors of this well-known hotel supplied a most enjoyable banquet, Bro. Arthur Clemow personally superintending the service. On removal of the cloth, Grace—For these and all Thy mercies—was sung, and the W.M., Bro. Markland, gave the Loyal toasts. Bro. Barham, in brief but expressive terms, proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Markland had only just been installed, but the members had every confidence in his ability to rule the Lodge, which doubtless during his year would continue its career of prosperity, while the happy feeling of sympathy amongst its members would, if possible, be extended. After a song by Bro. H. Cross—"Hearts of Oak"—came Bro. Millbank's reply. He was much gratified at the way in which the toast had been received. He could but feel flattered at the unanimous manner in which he had been elected to the highest position in the Lodge. The way in which he had been received that evening was intensely gratifying. He would do all he could to advance the interests of the members. Short speeches were the order of the evening, and, under the circumstances, he would conclude by again heartily thanking the brethren, one and all, for the reception they had given him. Here Brother Heney favoured with a song. For the Visitors, Bros. Poore and Lilley replied. In replying to the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Taylor, after acknowledging the cordial remarks of the W.M. in introducing the toast, felt he had only done his duty; if the brethren were satisfied with his exertions, he was amply repaid for any trouble he had been at. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, who gracefully acknowledged the compliment, at the same time he recognised his many shortcomings, which the brethren had graciously overlooked. The other toasts customary on these occasions were done full honour to, and able replies were elicited. Bro. T. Poore gave a popular selection from the works of Dickens. There were several other recitals, and the harmony of the evening was well sustained; in this regard Bros. H. Mann, A. Millward, Picket, and Chapman, especially deserve praise.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—The first regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Albion Tavern Aldersgate-street. Bro. L. M. Myers W.M. in the chair, Bros. J. Benjamin S.W., N. Martin J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, G. Bean S.D., A. Botibol J.D., L. Wall I.G., P. E. Van Noorden Organist, L. Lazarus P.M. M.C., J. Wynman and S. B. Alexander Stewards; P.M.'s R. Baker I.P.M., L. Alexander, S. Hickman, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, L. Lazarus and Roberts. Visitors—N. S. Marks I.G. 368 Melbourne, F. A. Pullen J.W. 742, G. Bohn 405, E. M. Cottrill 30, San Francisco, Marcus 1839, J. S. Lewis 490, W. Birdseye 715, J. Samuel 205, Fletcher W.M. 180, Isaacs 19, New York, S. Davis late 188, Baker 244, Brown P.M. New Jersey, U.S. After preliminary business, Bros. Deering and Lack were passed to the second degree. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs Lorie and L. Davis, who were initiated into the Order in a way that reflected great credit on the W.M. for his perfect working. Bro. J. Levy was elected a joining member. Messrs. Henry Marks and W. H. Bacon were proposed for initiation. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, eighty-three in number, sat down to a sumptuous and recherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, and the National Anthem was given, Miss

Pattie Laverne singing the solo verses. This having received a most enthusiastic reception, the toasts of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.; the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England followed in quick succession. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the G. Officers. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Benevolent Fund, coupled with the name of Bro. L. Alexander Past President. Miss Laverne sang the "Surprise," and was deservedly applauded. Bro. L. Alexander P.M., in responding to the toast, said he was pleased to inform those present that the newly-initiated brethren had each given the sum of 21s. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Initiates, Bros. Lorie and Davis; one he had known for many years, and the other, by the recommendations he had brought, would doubtless become a credit to the Order. In order to save time, with this toast he would associate the name of Bro. Levy, their newly elected joining member. Bro. L. Davis was the first to reply, and he was followed by Bro. Lorie, who said the solemnity of the proceedings had so impressed him that he could scarcely find words to speak. It had long been his earnest desire to become a Freemason, and he had now accomplished his wish. To speak metaphorically, he might say he had stepped on the first rung of the ladder, and he trusted he might be able to ascend to the top. The joining member also spoke, and thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. Bro. R. Baker I.P.M. then rose; he had only to mention the name of the W.M. and he knew how the toast would be received. They had seen how excellently Bro. Myers had performed the ceremonies, and how firmly he upheld the dignity of the Lodge, while as a president he was second to none. The members would regret when his year of office was over. No better man or Mason exists. The W.M. thanked Bro. Baker for speaking of him in such glowing terms. If he had given them satisfaction, it was most pleasant to receive their approval. The other toasts comprised the Visitors, responded to by Bros. Marks, Baker, Brown and Fletcher. Brother Richard Baker responded for the Past Masters. The Treasurer, Brother Lyon, and the Secretary, Brother Albert, each acknowledged the compliment paid them, and Brother Benjamin replied for the other Officers. The W.M. deserves great praise for the way in which he exerted himself for the entertainment of the brethren. A talented company had been engaged, under the direction of Brother P. E. Van Noorden. The brethren gave a hearty welcome to Miss Pattie Laverne, who is an old favourite with the members of the Joppa. Her rendering of Brother Van Noorden's "Yet," deserves special praise.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 30th ult., there were Present Bros. W. Williams W.M., Galer S.W., C. Weeden J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, J. A. Powell S.D., H. Opperman J.D., Wolf I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, I. P. Cohen, Archer, Houghton, Giller, Richardson, Hirst, Robinson, Marks, Thompson, C. K. Killick jun., &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hirst being the candidate. The fourth and fifth sections of the lecture were worked. Bro. Thompson answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. H. Opperman, of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, was elected a member. Bro. Galer was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when Lodge was closed and adjourned. Bro. C. K. Killick jun. will read a Lecture, by Dr. Oliver, on Ancient Masonic Rituals, on the second Saturday in October, on which occasion we trust he will have a numerous attendance of brethren.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 3rd October, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. A. J. Clark W.M., A. Jones S.W., Wardell J.W., T. Clark S.D., Christian J.D., Baker I.G.; P.M. Bro. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Catling, Darnell, F. Brown. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catling candidate. Lodge was called off, and Bro. T. Clark then gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Christian worked the first, and Bro. F. Carr the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. C. Cracknell, of the Bargoyne Lodge, No. 902, was elected a member. Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Audley Lodge, No. 1896.**—The first meeting of the season was held on Tuesday, 26th ult., in the Lodge-room, Town Hall, Newport, Salop. The W.M. Bro. John Bodenham P.P.S.G.W. North Wales and Shropshire, P.G. Treasurer Staffordshire, presided, and was supported by Bros. Lieut.-Col. Masefield S.W., C. R. Gordon, D.D., Prov. G. Chaplain J.W., James Smart P.M. P.P.G.O., J. W. Thompson P.M. P.G. Steward, and a full muster of members of the Lodge. The occasion was invested with special interest by the presence of W. Bro. W. Masefield Grand Standard Bearer P.D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, who is a native of Newport, and an honorary member of this Lodge. During the recess an address of congratulation, signed by all the members of the Lodge, was presented to Bro. Masefield. This was now ordered to be entered on the minutes, and Bro. Masefield suitably acknowledged the compliment. At the close of the business, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Bird, which, by a singular coincidence, was held in the house where the venerable guest of the evening was born, eighty-two years ago. The building has, it is scarcely necessary to add, undergone various changes, both of business and of form, during the period that has elapsed. The W.M. in proposing the Officers of Grand Lodge, took occasion to remark the probably unique circumstances under which Bro. Masefield was present, and expressed the gratification of all the members of the Lodge at the honour reflected on it by having on its roll, and present with them, a native of the town, whose Masonic career had commanded such deep and general respect, and on whom Grand Lodge honours had been so well and worthily bestowed. The other visitors were Bros. James Senior W.M. 726, Charles Fleet P.M. 117, and Duncan Guilding (Brecon).

## ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723, BOLTON.

THE first meeting after the vacation was held on Wednesday, the 27th September, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at half past six o'clock in the evening. Bros. William Court W.M., Latham S.W., Cosgrave as J.W., N. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, J. W. Taylor M.C., T. E. Smith Organist, Priestley as Chaplain, T. B. Tong I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D., J. Morris, J. M. Rutter, J. H. Greenhalgh; Derham, Parkinson, Morris, Naylor, Bardsley, Goulburn. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, it was resolved to contribute the sum of £1 1s to the John Hervey Testimonial Fund. An address of condolence was agreed to be sent to the widow of Bro. T. T. Holt, late Organist of the Lodge, who had, during his brief career as a Mason, made himself exceedingly useful—particularly in regard to the musical arrangements—in conducting the proceedings of the Lodge. The sympathy of the brethren was also conveyed to the Senior Warden, who since the last meeting had been bereaved of his wife and child. It was resolved that the congratulations of this Lodge, as the youngest, be cordially conveyed, on the occasion of the Sesqui-Centennial meeting on the 23rd October 1882, to the members of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, being the oldest Lodge in the town, and also in the Provinces in England, which has continued to meet uninterruptedly for a period of 150 years. Bro. Blain I.P.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing board in the first degree, and was highly complimented by the Past Masters and other brethren for the pleasing and effective manner in which he conveyed his information. He was requested to continue his efforts to introduce this method of Masonic instruction to the brethren. Lodge closed at 8 p.m. The brethren adjourned to banquet, the after proceedings being considerably enlivened by the assistance of Bro. Smith and other brethren who displayed considerable musical talent.

**Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658.**—The first regular meeting of the above excellent working Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The Lodge was draped in black, and the brethren wore Masonic mourning, out of respect to the memory of a late member of the Lodge, Bro. E. E. Levy. There was a full attendance of members and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. Rusk 1051, G. Stokes I.G. 1558, R. P. Hart 1348, E. P. Storr P.M. 22, A. Marston 158, J. Watts P.M. 507, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The W. M. Bro. Albert Storr occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. J. Cox S.W., S. Boys J.W., Earney P.M. Treas., J. Hill Sec., J. Darwin S.D., Smith M.C., P.M.'s J. Thorp, Larham, Earney, &c. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of the last regular, and emergency meeting on the 22nd June, were read and confirmed. Bro. F. J. Tall was passed to the second degree, and Bro. H. C. Hill was raised to the third. Both ceremonies were perfectly and impressively conducted by the W.M., while the assistance rendered by the Officers left nothing to be desired. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. Seabourne, A. M. Leach, and F. F. Leach. The candidates were not present, but were accepted and will be initiated at a future meeting. Mr. H. F. Phillips was named as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Hill Sec. proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of the late Bro. E. E. Levy, expressing the Lodge's sympathy with them in their bereavement. The W.M. said he fully supplemented the kind remarks of the proposer and seconder; the late Bro. Levy was one whom they all respected. Bro. J. Hill Secretary proposed, and Bro. H. Cohen seconded, that the first paragraph of Bye Law No. 8 should be amended as follows:—"That the initiation fee shall be £5 5s, and the joining fee £3 3s at such times as the number of members shall not exceed 30. When more than thirty, and not exceeding 50, the initiation fee shall be £7 7s, and the joining fee £4 4s, and when over fifty and not exceeding seventy, then the initiation fee shall be £9 9s, and the joining fee £5 5s. At such times as the number of members shall exceed seventy the initiation fee shall be £12 12s, and the joining fee £8 8s." This was carried unanimously. That the sixth paragraph of Bye-law No. 8 shall read—"The visitors' fee for the installation shall be 12s 6d, and for refreshment on other evenings 5s, and any brother introducing a visitor shall be responsible for the payment of the fee for the same." That the seventh paragraph of Bye-law No. 8 shall be altered as under—"The W. Master shall be privileged to invite two visitors to banquet or refreshment at the expense of the Lodge. At the installation meeting, the W. Master and the W. Master elect shall each be entitled to invite two visitors to the banquet, and if the out-going Master does not instal his successor, the brother who may be called upon to officiate as Installing Master shall have the privilege of inviting one guest to the banquet at the expense of the Lodge." Both these amendments were likewise assented to. That a new Bye-law, No. 8A, shall be inserted as follows:—"That one guinea shall be deducted from each and every Initiation-fee, throughout the current year, if the funds will allow it, and also that 3s be taken from every member's paid annual subscription to form a 'Benevolent Fund'; also that when the balance at the end of the year, after all and every liability have been paid, shall exceed twenty pounds, that the sum of ten guineas shall be placed to the account of the Benevolent Fund, and that votes in different Masonic Charities be obtained in its name by the Lodge. That a book shall be kept by the Secretary for recording the account of the Benevolent Fund, with the names and addresses of the brethren, and full particulars of each of their votes, which may and have been obtained by this Bye-law." This proposition was also carried. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visitors, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent dinner, ably supplied by Bro. Venables. The W.M., who very genially presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but appropriate terms. Bro. Thorp I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. They had not all seen how ably Bro. Albert Storr had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office, but they had seen how he had performed the ceremonies of raising and passing. He hoped they would give the toast

the reception it merited. The W.M., in reply, said he could not but be thankful for their kind expressions. In the year 1877 a few brethren established this Lodge. It was agreed that it should be called after Lord Skelmersdale, our worthy Deputy Grand Master, who had given the members permission to use his coat of arms. They never expected in such a short space of time to see the Lodge so prosperous, nor could they have anticipated the acquisition of such brethren as constituted its members. Personally, he was proud to see how it had progressed, and he would say, God speed the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, they were honoured by the presence of many brethren who were distinguished in Freemasonry. He would call on Bros. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Storr P.M. 22, Watts P.M. 507 to respond. These brethren severally replied. Bro. Storr dwelt especially on the notice of motion for a Benevolent Fund to be attached to the Lodge, and warmly advocated the claims of the three Masonic Charities. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters; they were not numerous, but they are patterns for imitation. While they had such P.M.'s as Bros. Thorpe, Earney, Larham, and Cass, the Lodge must prosper. Bro. Earney P.M. said it was a great pleasure to see a Lodge only five years old establishing a Benevolent Fund. He was sure it would be a success; anything that he and the P.M.'s could do for the advancement and the interests of the members would be willingly undertaken. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens and Officers, said the S.W. and J.W. had done their duty well, and he looked forward to see some excellent working in the Lodge. As to the worthy Secretary, Bro. Hill, the members were all greatly indebted to him, and hoped eventually to see him attain the proud position of the chair. The toast was ably responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens. Bro. Earney P.M. Treasurer also acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. informed the brethren that the Lodge of Instruction meets every Friday evening, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, where Bro. Hill is the Preceptor. He (the W.M.) was always ready to assist Bro. Hill, and thus enable the brethren to become perfect in the working. Before parting he had much pleasure in proposing the health of those who had so ably contributed to the harmony of the evening. Bro. Benjamin's splendid singing, accompanied by Bro. Zucker, and Bro. Humphrey Cohen's recital of Bro. G. R. Sims' "Christmas Day in the Workhouse," and a selection from "Pickwick," it had been a pleasure to listen to. The Tyler's toast completed the business of the evening.

**Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.**—On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. Monck's, Prince Regent, Dalwich-road, East Brixton. There was a good attendance of brethren, including Bros. Poore W.M., C. H. Phillips S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, Hy. M. Williams Secretary, H. Stokes S.D., H. Darham J.D., J. E. Farr I.G.; also Bros. W. Lucas, Croucher, Albert, Pooler, Axford, Bigg, Serjeant, and J. V. Henrich. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, which was ably done by the W.M., with Bro. Bigg as candidate. Bro. Albert proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was creditably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Albert as candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Three new members were unanimously elected, and Bro. Phillips was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

## ROTHESAY LODGE No. 1687.

HELD its sixth installation meeting at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, on the 4th inst. A prominent feature was the Lodge banner, with arms of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., this being one of the Prince of Wales's titles. The chair was occupied by Bro. Docker I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Crossland, who is now sojourning in Canada. Bros. Duret S.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, F. Green sen. S.D., Valeriani J.D., F. V. Green I.G.; P.M. J. Hancock, and a goodly attendance of members and brethren; amongst the latter being Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., L. de Stephani W.M. II Dover I. Lugani, Dr. Ramsay P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, H. Harvey 749, L. Ruf P.M. 12, Warner P.G.S., Festa W.M. elect 1900, Blackie 1426, Simms 207, Hobbs 209, Grozan 256, Cloots, Higgins 1563, Strong, G. Solomon 9, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge was inducted into the chair by Bro. Docker I.P.M., whose working in the Lodge for two years has been so uniformly good that every brother fully anticipated a display of ability on his undertaking the ceremony of installation. Bro. Docker, on its conclusion, received the applause of the brethren and Visitors. After the customary salutations, which were given in ancient form, the newly-installed Master appointed and invested his Officers. Brother L. Beck P.M. and Founder, P.P.G.O. Middlesex I.P.M. acted as M.C.:—Bros. Duret S.W., Green sen. J.W., L. Beck Treas., Docker Sec., Valeriani S.D., Green jun. J.D., Moule I.G., J. Smith A.M.C., Potter Tyler. The applause that followed the appointment of each Officer showed the W.M. had selected those brethren who, like himself, would work for the credit of the Order. The W.M. stated that a member of the Lodge had recently died in distressed circumstances, and a sum of five pounds was voted, to be given to the widow, from the Benevolent Fund. This being the first application for the benefits it was established to dispense. Bro. Valeriani S.D. announced his intention to serve as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School; he hoped to have the co-operation of the brethren, and to take up a good list. Hearty good wishes were given by the numerous visitors, and the brethren, 39 in number, sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert provided by Bro. Gosden, and superintended by Bro. Smith. The W.M. in enlogistic terms proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, Bro. Beaumont and Miss Beck singing the solo verses of the National

Anthem. The toast of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was fully honoured, as were also those of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. The W.M. said the Lodge that night was honoured with the presence of a Grand Officer—Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. Not only as a member of Grand Lodge, but also as a worker in connection with the Charities, is he well known; he (the W.M.) was pleased to have so distinguished a Mason present. Bro. Stewart said when the M.W.G.M. gave this Lodge permission to use his title he was assured the members would never abuse it; theirs was a Lodge worthy the confidence of the Craft. The W.M., Bro. Parsons, knew his duties thoroughly; a man the Craft was proud of. Bro. L. Beck I.P.M. proposed what he described as the toast of the evening. The W.M. had paid the greatest attention to the duties of his office, and the brethren that evening had seen his qualifications, not only in that respect, but in many others; this Lodge was indebted to him for his exertions in the cause of Charity; he would ask them to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited; their W.M. was a man who was respected in every capacity. The W.M. said he was indebted to Bro. L. Beck for his kind remarks. He was one of the Founders of the Lodge; he was proud to say he had received great assistance from Bro. Beck. When he was initiated it was by an Italian, that was seven years ago. Bro. Docker is a Belgian, and the next Master he hoped would be a Frenchman; he wished to pay a good and just compliment to Bro. Docker, who had installed him into the chair. He had done so, he might say, without any effort, although he had to master the difficulties of two languages. This he had done thoroughly, as they had heard, not only to-night, but on many occasions—he is one whom they all respect. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to whom he gave a hearty welcome. Bro. Stoppani, No. 1, Lagani, in a very exhaustive speech responded. Bro. Festa followed; he was proud to see the W.M. in the chair; he knew no better working Mason, nor one who had the interests of the Craft more at heart. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s. There were only three present—Bros. Docker, Hancock, and Beck. Last, but not the least worthy, was Bro. Docker, whom he had invested with the Collar of Secretary. He is already most anxious to do good in Masonry, and where there is working Bro. Docker is always ready to assist. Bro. Docker, in responding, said he had done what he could for their comfort; his services were at their disposal, not only in his old, but in his new capacity. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers. The S.W. had now filled that office for two years. It would be a great pleasure to say that it was with his concurrence that he, the W.M., had been elected. Bro. Duret said it gave him great satisfaction to be among them once again; he was pleased to see so many members of the Lodge present, and he hoped in time to occupy the chair. Bro. Green J.W. endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker. He took a great pleasure in attending Lodges of Instruction; it was evident the members of the Lodge had also done so, and to that fact he attributed the efficiency exhibited. Several others made a few remarks, and shortly afterwards the Tyler was summoned. The W.M. provided a very excellent musical entertainment. Miss Beck delighted the brethren with some excellent songs. Bro. Beaumont and Master Solomons also assisted. Bro. Charles Solomons accompanied on the pianoforte. During the evening it was intimated that a P.M.'s jewel would be presented to Bro. Crossland on his return to England.

#### KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

THIS successful Lodge met at the Highbury Railway Hotel, Islington, on Tuesday last, to celebrate its annual meeting. The Lodge was opened at 4.30, by Bro. A. W. Fenner, who was ably supported by his Officers, while several visitors attended to do honour to the occasion. The business of the evening comprised the reading of the minutes of last meeting, which were unanimously confirmed; the installation of a Master for the new year, and the introduction of a candidate into Freemasonry; besides routine work usual on these occasions. Brother Fenner, who is well known as a shining light in Freemasonry, undertook the duty of installing his successor, and Bro. Mather, who acted as M.C., introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Hall. After the candidate had given his unqualified assent to the fulfilment of the duties devolving upon him in his new capacity, he was obligated, and in due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the ceremony was proceeded with. The following brethren received the collars and insignia of office:—Crosbie S.W., Weston J.W., H. P. Isaac P.M. Treasurer, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, Thompson S.D., Opperman J.D., Pummel I.G., Williams M.C., Defriez W.S., T. Bowler Tyler. In due course the addresses were delivered, and Bro. Fenner resumed his seat amidst congratulations. The new W.M. now proceeded to initiate Mr. William Andrew Francke, who had been proposed by Bro. Snook, and seconded by Bro. Trewinnard P.M., and for whom the ballot had been taken in the earlier part of the evening. Bro. Hall proved himself a worthy successor to the competent workers who have hitherto filled the chair in this Lodge. Later on the Auditors' Report was adopted, and after some other matters had received consideration Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served by Brother John Baker, who spared no effort to add to the comfort of his patrons. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. briefly introduced the Loyal toasts. On Brother Fenner the I.P.M. rising, he said: This was the first time he had had the opportunity of wielding the gavel as I.P.M. of the Kingsland Lodge. He was assured their W.M. desired the aid and co-operation of the Officers and members; personally he (Bro. Fenner) was assured he would receive every assistance. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M. Bro. Snook here sang the "Old Brigade," which he rendered in capital style. The W.M. in reply thanked one and all for the kindness he had met with. He would strive earnestly to advance the welfare of the Lodge, which, as one of the Founders, he takes a deep interest in. He next proposed the health of the Install-

ing Master, to whom a Past Master's jewel was presented. It afforded him (Brother Hall) infinite pleasure to attach it to the breast of Brother Fenner, whose children and children's children he hoped would treasure it as an heirloom. After a song by Bro. P.M. Hawkins, Brother Fenner replied. After thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks, he assured the brethren that he should prize the jewel they had voted him. He should continue in the future what he had done in the past—to strive for the welfare of the Lodge. He urged on all to unite as a band of Brothers, and make the Lodge second to none in the Craft. Several other toasts were given and some sensible remarks were made in reply. The proceedings were enlivened throughout with songs and recitations. Bros. A. Mullord and Isaac, in addition to those we have already named, assisting. Bro. W. Wright was, as usual, a most efficient accompanist. A notable feature of the evening was that all those who had filled the office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge were present. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. Wright Org. 1897, R. Pearcy P.M. 228, John Osborn P.M. 1602, Edward Wolf 223, R. W. Pearcy W.M. 1227, Charles Biggs I.G. 1549, H. Hawkins 857, Thomas Douglas 1756, Edwin Woodman S.D. 1950, A. Mullord P.M. 1288, J. King 1623, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211.

#### Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541.—

This excellent Lodge of Instruction, of which the well-known and respected Brother J. R. Stacey, is the Preceptor, is held in connection with the Loughborough Masonic club, and until last week met regularly on Saturday evenings at Loughborough Junction. A removal having been considered necessary, arrangements were made with Bro. C. Sims, of the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, and at that prosperous and prospering establishment the meeting of Saturday last was, for the first time, held. There was a very large gathering of members and friends, the large room which Bro. Sims has provided for the accommodation of the Lodge being occupied to its fullest extent. Amongst those present we observed Bros. J. A. Smith W.M., J. Butterworth S.W., J. B. Sherring J.W., J. R. Stacey I.P.M., G. J. Dawson Treasurer, H. A. Shent Secretary, C. J. Axford S.D., G. Cooper J.D., J. Stafford I.G., A. J. Martin Steward, S. J. Eidmans, E. Farwig P.M., H. M. Appleton, C. Jones, C. Martin, C. F. Haines, C. Sims, W. J. Webb, W. Smart P.M., W. Walker, A. Stokes, W. Bristow, E. Albert, James Stevens P.M. P.Z., W. Maxted, W. J. Godden, H. Stokes, E. Bye, W. Stuart, R. Poore, H. Bigg, H. Venables, R. Forster, J. D. Smith, J. Hill, O. L. Finch, T. Hendon, Brand, W. B. Briscoe, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes read. The second section was worked by the brethren under the questioning of Bro. Stacey Preceptor, the second by Bro. Farwig P.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eidmans candidate. The brethren assisted Bro. James Stevens to work the fourth section, and the Lodge was then closed. Subsequently harmony prevailed. Mr. A. E. Spent presiding at the piano, and Mr. T. White and several brethren sang excellently and to the expressed satisfaction of all present. This musical termination to Lodge work will be repeated on each future first and third Saturdays. The earnest endeavours of Bro. Stacey to render this Lodge of Instruction efficient deserves encouragement, and we hope to see still larger gatherings as occasions may offer.

#### West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—

Meeting held at the Institute, Ealing, Tuesday, 3rd October. Present—Bros. J. Green W.M., J. R. Fernée S.W., C. W. Cunningham J.W., A. Jones S.D., T. A. Smith J.D., J. Wells Secretary. H. E. Tucker Preceptor, J. F. yers I.G., J. Owen, E. T. Brown, Meadows, and G. Taylor. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and closed to the first degree, when Bro. A. Jones delivered the lecture. Bro. J. Fryers was elected a member of the Lodge. Bro. J. Furnée was appointed W.M. for Monday, 17th inst. The Officers of the West Middlesex Lodge No. 1612, will occupy their respective positions on Tuesday, 10th inst.

Last night the annual installation of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, was to be held at the Hall of the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, Dalston, when the Rev. F. T. Twining, of the Homerton Hospital, was a candidate for initiation by the retiring W.M., Bro. James Glaskin, assisted by his Officers. Bro. William Stephens P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, and a Past Master of more than one Lodge, was subsequently to be installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and to invest his Officers. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings, and of the banquet which is to follow, in our next issue.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., has been sworn in as an Assistant of the Carriers' Company of London..

The Gresham Hall Angling Society has now removed to Bro. Wood's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, where its meetings will be held every Tuesday evening, instead of Thursday, as heretofore. Papers will be read on the first Tuesday in each month, the series being introduced on Tuesday evening last by Captain Alfred, who read an exceedingly interesting essay on barbel fishing.

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The Marquis of Ripon Lodge resumed its meetings on Monday last, at the Pembury Hotel, Amhurst Road, Dalston; they will continue to be held there every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when visitors are cordially invited to attend.

The painted windows presented to St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, by the Crusaders Lodge, to commemorate its restoration, will be unveiled on the 13th inst., by the Lord Mayor. The subjects are connected with Bible history and Freemasonry; and the artist is Mr. Charles Evans, of Warwick-street, W.

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- CRITERION.—At 8, CUPIDIN CAMP. At 8.45, LITTLE MISS MUFFET.
- LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET. (Last night).
- SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.30, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.
- AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS.
- GAIETY.—At 7.40, MY ONLY COAT. At 8.15, LITTLE ROBIN HOOD. This day, at 2.30, also.
- GLOBE.—At 8, CRAZED. At 9, THE VICAR OF BRAY.
- COMEDY.—At 7.15, THE FAST COACH. At 8, BOCCACCIO.
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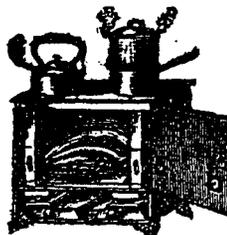
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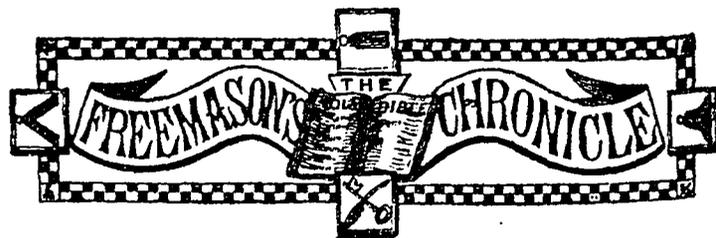
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### MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE,  
NORTHANTS, AND DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Masters of the above Province was held, under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday last, the 28th ultimo. The Fowke Lodge of Mark Masters was opened at three o'clock, by W. Bro. Joseph Young W.M., assisted by the Officers of the Lodge. The minutes of the Annual Festival and Installation Meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Spearpoint,

J.D. of the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 528, as a candidate for advancement. The ballot proving unanimous in his favour, that brother was regularly advanced by the W.M. to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., &c. and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master having been saluted according to ancient custom, the roll of Lodges in the Province was called over, the following being duly represented:—Fowke 19, Howe 21, Knight of Malta 30, Simon de Montfort 194, Simon de St. Liz 245, Duke of Connaught 246, and the recently consecrated Lodge the Derby 302. Among other formal business transacted, the following vote of condolence was moved by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. S. S. Partridge P.D.P.G.M.M., and carried unanimously, that the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge have received with deep regret the mournful intelligence of the decease of their highly esteemed and respected Brother James Malcolm McAllister P.M., who during eight years had most zealously and efficiently filled the important office of Provincial Grand Secretary in this Grand Lodge, and the brethren, whilst recording on their minutes this tribute to departed worth, desire at the same time to offer the widow and children of the departed heartfelt expressions of sympathy and condolence in the irreparable bereavement with which it has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to afflict them. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Rev. A. A. Bagshawe P.G.C. P.M. } Deputy P.G. Master	246 (re-appointed) ... ..
Rev. F. H. Richardson W.M. 194 ...	P.G. Senior Warden
Miles J. Walker W.M. 21 ... ..	P.G. Junior Warden
Henry J. Atkins W.M. 245 ... ..	P.G. Master Overseer
William C. Moore W.M. 246... ..	P.G. Senior Overseer
N. T. Hewens I.P.M. 245 ... ..	P.G. Junior Overseer
Rev. C. Henton Wood J.W. 19 ...	P.G. Chaplain
Samuel Cleaver S.O. 194 (elected)...	P.G. Treasurer
H. C. Okeover W.M. 302 ... ..	P.G. Registrar of Marks
C. E. Stretton I.P.M. 194 ... ..	P.G. Secretary
S. J. Simpkin J.W. 30 ... ..	P.G. Senior Deacon
George Ellard S.W. 245 ... ..	P.G. Junior Deacon
Edmund Jeeves M.O. 21 ... ..	P.G. Supt. Works
Jos. Young W.M. 19 (re-appointed)...	P.G.D.C.
J. O. Manton S.O. 246 Treas. 302 ...	P.G.A.D.C.
W. S. Black S.W. 21 ... ..	P.G. Sword Bearer
W. L. Ball W.M. elect 246 ... ..	P.G. Standard Bearer
R. Croft Org. 245 (re-appointed) ...	P.G. Organist
S. A. Marris Treasurer 19 Reg. 194 ...	P.G. Inner Guard
W. S. Hall S.D. 30 J.O. 302 ... ..	P.G. Stewards
F. Griffith Reg. 19 J.W. 21 ... ..	
J. D. Harris Secretary 194 ... ..	
T. Dunn Ty. 19 and J. Tauser Ty. 194	P.G. Tylers

An invitation was accepted to hold the next annual Communication at Northampton, under the banner of the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245. After the closing of Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, the business of the Fowke Lodge was resumed, during which a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the I.P.M. Bro. T. Worthington P.P.G.S.O. At the close of the Fowke Lodge, the annual banquet of the Province took place, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master; ample justice having been rendered to it, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed by the "veteran" Provincial Grand Master, who has now, for nearly a "quarter of a century," continuously presided over this Mark Province, to its great advantage and prosperity.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

THE Grand Lodge of this Province assembled, by command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, at Maidenhead, under the banner of the Jersey Lodge, No. 257, on Monday last, and was well attended by Officers and Brethren from all parts of the Province. The Committee of General Purposes met in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, at 11 a.m., and at high noon the Jersey Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. H. H. Hodges, and shortly afterwards the procession of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the Lodge-room. There were then present, amongst many others whose names we were unable to ascertain:—Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey Prov. G.M., C. Stephens Prov. D.G.M., Fred. Davison G. Treas., D. M. Dewar Asst. G. Sec., James Stevens P.G.J.O., H. Lovegrove P.G.S. of Wks., W. Morris S.W. 257, W. B. Farr P.M. Mayor of Maidenhead, J. Jenkin P.M. 247 Mayor of Oxford, J. J. Pulley P.G.S.D. Prov. G. Sec., Edw. Margaret P.M., R. Nicholson J.W., Rev. Edw. de Ewer S.O., F. R. Spender Treas., E. J. Shrewsbury Reg., H. J. Mount Sec., H. Arrowsmith S.D., A. E. Hewitt J.D., E. Davey I.G., and C. Nowell Tyler, and other members of No. 257; G. M. Knight W.M., J. Bauer P.M., G. G. Cosburn J.W., S. Knight J.O. of No. 27, G. Norwood, W. Hemmings, and W. Thompson, of No. 55. Maurice Wheeler J.O. 225. C. G. Burke J.D., W. C. Moffatt M.O., and J. W. Lindars of No. 235; S. Bradley S.W. 238. Christopher Park P.M., J. H. Thorogood, A. Wheeler, H. G. Drinkwater, R. Payne, and G. W. Downing of No. 247; W. Lake P.M. 78 P.P.G. Reg., J. M. Dormer P.P.G. Asst. Sec., W. Ravenscroft P.G. Asst. Sec., F. H. Cozens P.M. 104 P.G. Org., G. Boyer P.P.G.P., Henri Brett, J. Reade 340. &c. The Prov. G.M. and Deputy P.G.M. having been respectively saluted, the business of the Jersey Lodge was proceeded with, and the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been confirmed, Bro. H. H. Hodges the W.M. vacated the chair of A. in favour of Bro. C. Stephens the D.P.G.M., who then installed Bro. W. Morris as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The Officers of the Lodge were appointed

and invested in the following order, viz.:—Bros. H. H. Hodges I.P.M., R. Nicholson S.W., Rev. E. de Ewer J.W., C. W. Cox M.O., E. J. Shrewsbury S.O., Beal J.O., F. R. Spender Treasurer, Vardy Registrar, H. J. Mount Secretary, A. E. Hewitt S.D., E. Davey J.D., Llewellyn I.G., Deacon M.C., J. S. Silver Organist, Puttick Stwd. The W. Bro. F. H. Cozens P.G. Organist conducted the musical portion of the installation ceremony, which was most efficiently performed by the able D.P.G.M. At its conclusion, the Prov. G. Master occupied the Throne, and the several Officers of the P.G. Lodge took their respective positions. Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form, and the rolls of the P.G. Lodge Officers and of the Lodges in the Province were called over, and received a very fair response by the brethren in attendance. The minutes of the last P.G. Mark Lodge at Abingdon, in August 1881, were confirmed, and the report of the Prov. Grand Secretary as to the position of the Province was read and received with much satisfaction. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were received and approved of, the balance to credit of P.G. Lodge being larger than at previous meeting. A contribution to the proposed wedding present to Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, was unanimously voted. After other routine business, Bro. Jenkin, of Oxford, nominated the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey as Prov. Grand Master for a further period of three years, and no other nomination being made, his Lordship was re-elected, and expressed his thanks to the brethren for the confidence they had again reposed in him. Bro. E. J. Trendell was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. C. Stephens 235 ... ..	Prov. D.G.M.
J. Jenkin 247 ... ..	P.G. Senior Warden
W. Morris 257 ... ..	P.G. Junior Warden
S. Bradley 235 ... ..	P.G. Master Overseer
H. Clarke 225 ... ..	P.G. Senior Overseer
R. E. Baynes 555 ... ..	P.G. Junior Overseer
De Ewer 257 ... ..	P.G. Chaplain
E. J. Trendell 225 ... ..	P.G. Treasurer
E. P. Plenty 27 ... ..	P.G. R. of M.
T. J. Pulley 235 ... ..	P.G. Secretary
A. Wheeler 247 ... ..	P.G. Senior Deacon
H. J. Mount 257 ... ..	P.G. Junior Deacon
W. Ravenscroft 235 ... ..	P.G. Supt. of Works
S. Knight 27 ... ..	P.G. Director of Ceremonies
H. Elliott 55 ... ..	P.G. Asst. D.C.
Maurice Wheeler 225 ... ..	P.G. Sword Bearer
Geo. Bover 27 ... ..	P.G. Standard Bearer
James Rutland 257 ... ..	P.G. Organist
J. W. Lindars 235 ... ..	P.G. Asst. Secretary
C. G. Butler 235 ... ..	P.G. Inner Guard
Cordrey 235 ... ..	P.G. Stewards
H. G. W. Drinkwater 247... ..	
Tench 235 ... ..	
W. Hemmings 235 ... ..	P.G. Tylers
W. Norwood 55 ... ..	

It was announced by the Provincial Grand Master that he would hold his next Provincial Grand Lodge at Reading, a very cordial invitation from the Mark brethren of that town having been given. Brother Jenkin offered his services as Steward to represent Provincial Grand Lodge at the next Mark Benevolent Festival. Grand Lodge was then closed, and subsequently the Jersey Lodge and the brethren separated for a short interval. On re-assembling, at Boulter's Lock, they embarked on board three of Brother Deacon's steam launches, the "Beatrice," "Wild Rose," and "Iris," and enjoyed a very pleasant trip to Great Marlow, returning at about 5.30 p.m., to dine at the Ray Mead Hotel, where Bro. Deacon had provided a very substantial banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic speeches were given after dinner, over which the Prov. Grand Master presided, whilst they were necessarily brief, in order that "due time" might be observed in respect of trains departing for the several districts from which the brethren had attended. Bro. Farr, in proposing the R.W. Deputy G.M.M.M. and the Officers of Grand Lodge, thanked such of those Officers who had attended, and also expressed thanks to the Jersey Lodge for the manner in which the reception had been accorded, and facetiously referred to one or two incidents of the river excursion, which had so pleasantly varied the business of the day. Bro. F. Davison Grand Treasurer responded, and proposed the health of the Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master, who thanked the Prov. G. Lodge for re-appointment, although he had doubts as to the advisability of continuance in office beyond the specific period assigned. He would, however, be careful that the Provincial Grand Lodge interests should not suffer in this instance. He desired to recognise the great assistance he had received from his Deputy, whose health he proposed. Bro. C. Stephens acknowledged the cordial reception given to the toast, taking the opportunity to pay a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Pulley, the Prov. G. Sec., to whom, as Bro. Stephens remarked, the happiness and comfort of the day was so materially due. He also desired to thank the Jersey Lodge for the admirable and successful efforts its members had made to secure a highly satisfactory result to the meeting, and concluded by proposing the health of its W.M. Bro. W. Morris, who briefly responded. Bro. Jas. Stevens P.G.J.O. proposed the toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund, calling attention to the hard working of Bro. Binckes G. Secretary and Bro. Dewar Asst. G. Secretary, in their efforts to promote the best interests of the Fund. Bro. Dewar P.G.M.O. returned thanks, and in the course of his very interesting remarks mentioned that the appointed managers of the Fund now saw their way to include daughters as well as sons of worthy Mark Masons in the educational privileges of the Institution. Other toasts followed, but time had overtaken the full programme, and departures became, before nine o'clock, absolutely necessary in many instances. Within a brief space after that hour all the brethren were fairly on their way to their respective homes, which we trust they reached safely, and with the satisfaction of pleasant reflections on a day well spent in the cause of Mark Masonry.

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## ERRORS IN VOTING PAPERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In a special paragraph following your usual able and exhaustive analysis of Voting Papers for the ensuing Elections, you prominently call attention to the "error" committed in substituting "W.M." for "P.M." in the column descriptive of qualification of Fathers of Candidates. I venture to submit, however, that it is immaterial which title is given. To be a "P.M." a brother must, of course, have been previously a "W.M.," and either is sufficient to denote what is intended to be shown, that the brother deceased has so far discharged his Masonic duties faithfully and conscientiously as to have entitled him to the highest position his Lodge has it in its power to bestow on any of its members. I do not admit that it is to be inferred, naturally or logically, that because the description is given "W.M." a brother held that rank at the time of his death. He had held such rank, and there is no misdescription, or need of "further information" on the question.

As to "errors" generally! It, doubtless, to the great majority, appears a very simple matter to compile a document such as our voting paper, and to issue it as a perfectly "correct card." And I can quite understand the annoyance experienced by the friends of any given candidate at the detection of mistakes in connection with a case, which in their opinion may to some extent jeopardise its success! They turn at once to the particular case in which they are interested, and at a glance can ascertain whether particulars with which they are intimately acquainted are given with minute accuracy, and should they discover a "little rift," sharp and severe are the criticisms to which the luckless responsible official is subjected. Let, however, any one try his hand at the preparation of a complicated sheet such as our voting paper has become, and he will find how easy it is, with the exercise of every care, to trip in some detail. Most disappointing and mortifying is detection! I have felt it acutely, and deeply deplore any act of seeming carelessness or neglect.

I never defend errors! It always appears to me the better and more politic course to admit them unreservedly, and to strive to remedy their consequences. All I ask is—for as much indulgent consideration as can be extended, and I do so now the more emphatically—in relation to omissions in our voting paper, for which I am truly sorry—on account of illness of now nearly nine weeks' duration, for five of which I had to keep my bed, and for the remainder have been, as I still am, unfortunately, in a condition not best fitted for attention to arduous duties.

But, after all said and done, suppose for an instant there were no such things as "errors." The charm of life to the large criticising class would be utterly destroyed. The machinery of society would be paralysed. The elaborate organisations for the correction of "errors," "mistakes," &c. (harsher words are employed occasionally) would be useless and unnecessary, their very existence would lose its *raison d'être*. Such a state of perfection is inconceivable. "The web of life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together," and so let it, as it must, continue. There must be those who perpetrate blunders for the sake of those whose mission it is to expose and condemn them. "In error I was born, in error I have lived, and in error I shall die," was the definition of himself given by one eminent in an immediate bygone generation; while, for myself, I am free to confess that were I to attempt a palliation of the numerous shortcomings to be laid to my charge, this hurried epistle would insensibly extend itself to an *apologia pro vita mia*.

With a request for general forgiveness,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

Secretary R.M.I.B.

Dover, 4th October 1882.

## R.M. BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your article on the forthcoming election you express your proper determination to seek for information to show the merits of the several candidates for election in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. I ask for space in which to assist you. The case of Frederick Wolfe Hennah (41 on the list) is that of the eldest son of three, whose mother is the widow of Brother Hennah. Our departed brother was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 127, Margate, when principal of a scholastic establishment at Westgate-on-Sea, and though he removed to London, to combine ministerial with scholastic duties, he continued to take a warm interest in his Lodge until his premature death, which occurred last autumn. He was seized with a fatal illness owing to his feeling impelled to the duty of preaching while labouring under a severe chill. His scholastic establishment, shorn of its head, became of little value to his widow, who had to dispose of it for a nominal price, and has herself to battle with the world in the arduous role of a teacher. How hard this task is, only those who know the little esteem placed upon brain workers' effort can tell. Some few, myself among the number, poor in the art of vote begging, are pressing this case. Poor Bro. Hennah was the

London member of a Kent Lodge, and while his widow cannot appeal to any London Lodge for help in her son's cause, from the circumstance of her husband removing from Kent, the brethren of his Lodge did not seem, at the last election, to regard the case as a "local" one. Bro. Hennah was loyal to his Lodge, and one element in this case, giving it a wide claim upon our brethren, is, that the widow has nothing but her helplessness to strengthen her appeal. The "case" is thought to be so good that, apparently, brethren have thought it "must get in," and hence left it to take care of itself.

Ever yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. WHILE.

135 Loughborough-road, S.W., 4th Oct. 1882.

## THE REVISE OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have obtained a copy of the "Draft Revise Constitutions," which is printed in large type, on both sides of the page, with very narrow margin, and that margin chiefly filled up with references to the edition of 1813. The references are certainly essential and useful, but why the type was not reduced to half the size, so as to leave nearly half the page for remarks, amendments &c., &c., I cannot conceive, unless it was to defeat the object for which I moved,—that copies should be sent to all Lodges, and be available for all who wished to purchase them; or the Committee, if they objected to alter the type, might have had the copies interleaved as I have done, and then left a fair margin of profit at the limit price of two shillings. A day or two after the motion "for postponing the consideration," of the Revise, I called at the office, and looked at a copy which lay open for inspection, which was printed in the same type as the copies now issuing, on one side of the page only, and on large folio paper, the printed matter in the middle, with ample margin on either side and on the opposite page, for amendments and corrections. I called attention to the fact that the new method (Baron de Ferriere's) of counting the votes on a division, had not been substituted for the old one, and that it would be as well to have the alteration made in the copies about to be issued; but that has not been done, though there was ample time. I would here remark that, had the Grand Lodge accepted the revise at the meeting in last September, without having given us time for consideration, we should have defeated the very resolution we had just confirmed. Now, with regard to this very law of telling the votes, brethren generally may not be aware that the law with regard to the teller has not been acted up to for the last seven years. It reads thus, page 28, article 9, in the present edition, and pages 24, article 26, of the Revise:—"All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote and the Grand Master two votes, unless the Lodge think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. The votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost; but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favour of the motion shall pass to one side of the Grand Lodge, and those against it to the other, when they shall be counted by THE GRAND DEACONS, THE MOVER AND SECONDER OF THE MOTION, and TWO OF HIS OPPONENTS, provided such demand appear reasonable to the Grand Master." Now, Sir, can you or any other brother tell me when the mover and seconder and two of their opponents were appointed tellers with the G. Deacons? I may be told that they could have demanded it. I answer, no doubt they could, and in many instances would, had they, as they should have done, made themselves acquainted with the Rules of the Craft. It becomes all the more necessary now that we have risen to be such a vast and important factor in society that the revision of the laws which govern us should be maturely weighed and considered, and made as perfect as possible. When Bro. Fenn announced that sixteen months had already been spent on the work, I think it shewed great want of courtesy, and of what was due to the Craft at large, that they had been kept in ignorance of the fact for over twelve months.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 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 Bothnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1344—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
- 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
- 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
- R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
- 1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
- 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
- 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
- 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
- 542—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
- 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
- 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1489—Marchess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Arnhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
- 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
- 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
- 1425—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
- 1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
- 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, 148 Bow-road, Bromley
- 1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
- 1891—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel West Kensington. (Instruction)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gre ham-street
- R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)

- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
- 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
- 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
- 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
- 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
- 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
- 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
- 392—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
- 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
- 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
- 537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 539—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
- 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
- 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
- 949—Williamson, St Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
- 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
- 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
- 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
- 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Salthurn-by-Sea
- R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
- 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 229—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
- 513—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
- 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
- 890—Dalhousie Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
- 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
- 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
- 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
- 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1448—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Fernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
- 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
- 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1611—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
- 1665—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (In.)
- 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1969—Waldock, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 83—Social, 23 St Giles Street, Norwich
- 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
- 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
- 281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
- 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
- 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
- 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
- 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
- 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
- 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
- 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
- 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
- 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
- 1251—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
- 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
- 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
- 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
- 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- 1613—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
- 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
- R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
- R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
- 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
- 147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
- 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
- 539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
- 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
- 820—Lily, Greyhound, Richmond
- 887—Whitington, Red Lion, Pannin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 9 (Instruction)
- 1305—St. Marvlebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
- 1309—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 6
- 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
- 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, Cock Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
- 1768—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
- 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
- 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
- R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
- R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street

- 54—Hone, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
- 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
- 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
- 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
- 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
- 289—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
- 493—Symmetry, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
- 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
- 668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
- 754—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
- 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
- 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
- 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, She w, near Oldham.
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salom-street, Bradford.
- 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
- 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
- 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
- 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
- 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
- 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
- 1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
- 1393—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furress
- 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
- 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
- 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
- 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
- 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
- R.A. 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
- R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
- M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
- 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
- 239—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 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)
- 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
- 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 1159—Southern Star, Phoenix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1216—McDonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey R.ics, Camberwell
- 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
- 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst
- 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1533—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E
- 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.

1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction.)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1709—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley  
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1801—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge  
 R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8: (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter  
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 786—Croxtheth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.  
 1368—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill.  
 R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath  
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

### FRIDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1.7—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyns Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clanton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 453—Chicwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
 642—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme  
 1001—Harrigate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrigate  
 1097—Beaufort, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1299—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rook Ferry  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 408—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

### SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 1695—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall W.C.  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.**—The first meeting of this old and highly popular Lodge since the vacation was held on Thursday evening last, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, where there was a moderate large attendance, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. S. Humphries W.M. There were also present Bros. W. Ball S.W., J. Smith J.W., H. Follett P.M. Treasurer, A. A. Wing P.M. Secretary, W. T. Nell S.D., H. Fontaine J.D., F. R. Callow I.G., J. Driver P.M., J. G. Defriez P.M., Geo. G. Symons P.M., J. Vass P.M., Charles Cordingley I.P.M., H. W. H. Hornsworth P.M., R. E. Hunt, S. Stanton and W. H. P. Thomas Stewards, J. N. Heall, Thomas Bolt, J. G. Locke, B. G. Glennie, Joseph Jesson, E. A. King, S. Wood, Thomas C. Cubbon, and J. J. Marsh Acting Tyler. Visitor: Bro. H. J. Dean W.M. 1260. Lodge having been opened in accordance with the usual formalities, and some special business transacted, an advance was made to the third degree, when Bro. J. G. Locke having proved himself worthy, was raised to the sublime degree of

M.M., the ceremony being ably performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. On resuming, the ballot was opened for Mr. Isaac Tallintire, of Canonbury, who had been proposed by Bro. S. Wood, seconded by the I.P.M.; and for Mr. William T. Hodson, of Kingsland-road, proposed by Bro. B. J. Glennie, and seconded by Bro. S. Wood. Both were unanimously accepted, and Mr. Hodson, being in attendance, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working being all that could be desired. Mr. M. Deva had been balloted for previously, but was not present. The election of a Tyler of the Lodge, in the room of Bro. Steed, deceased, was adjourned till the next meeting. At the conclusion of business, the brethren snugged together, an excellent repast being provided by Bro. Wood, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with songs and recitations, and altogether a most agreeable and harmonious evening was enjoyed.

### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THAT this popular Lodge well deserves its title, and maintains the prestige it has gained in past years, was amply evidenced on Thursday night, the 28th ultimo, at the first meeting after the summer recess, when the esteemed Wor. Master, Brother J. Roberts, was met by a numerous gathering of the brethren and visitors at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. There is a soundness and vitality about this Lodge which is positively encouraging, and it is no empty compliment to say that the whole of its proceedings are deserving of imitation by every section of the Fraternity. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites soon after five o'clock, when the Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. G. Schädlar S.W., Charles J. Rich J.W., G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, J. Hawkins S.D., H. W. Gregory I.G., W. Walker M.C., P.M.'s Charles Daniels, C. E. Ferry, L. A. Leins, J. Bellerby; Bros. C. Hills, T. East, E. T. Bond, C. Jones and R. Dyson (Wine Stewards), J. Woods, G. W. Carey, E. Watkins, R. Wallis, A. Miller, G. W. Miller, T. M. Ellis, A. Slater, C. W. Eaves, G. George, S. Rudd, G. Haller, J. B. Wall, G. Simpson, N. Henson, F. A. Herold, C. W. Martin, W. Fencott, G. Devenish, H. Sladden, J. Stafford, Wood, A. Paull, W. Retallack, R. Frost, W. Spurr, W. H. Edridge, T. Chivers, C. Wilkinson, C. T. Speight Prov. Grand Tyler Surrey, Tyler, &c. Visitors:—Bros. C. H. Webb P.M. 174, J. Terry P.M. 228 Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, B. Lamere I.P.M. 193, J. H. Thompson 1580, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, H. J. Smith S.D. 751, John E. Fells W.M. 193, and others. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree; Bros. Wood and East were interrogated, and having answered the questions satisfactorily, were entrusted, and afterwards passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by his Officers. Lodge was then lowered, and the ballot was prepared for Mr. William Retallack, magnetic appliance manufacturer, of Plymouth, who had been proposed by Bro. C. E. Ferry P.M. and seconded by the Worshipful Master. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Retallack being in attendance, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working being of the most efficient character, affording edification and instruction to all present. A sum of five guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased brother, and it was resolved that a petition be presented for election into the Boys' School of the son of a deceased member. After the transaction of some formal business, the brethren adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous repast awaited them, and to which upwards of fifty guests sat down, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master. Dessert having been placed upon the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. J. Bellerby responding for the Grand Officers, expressing the hope that, if spared for 20 years to come, he might have the privilege and pleasure of having his name associated with that toast. He felt sure all the Officers were actuated by the same desire, to promote the best interests of the Craft, and by wise legislation to advance the cause which was nearest and dearest to the heart of every true Mason, viz.—Charity. Bro. C. E. Ferry P.M. then rose, amidst applause, to propose the next toast. It was his privilege and pleasure again to assume the gavel, and really it made him feel two or three years younger to be so close to the W.M. He regretted the absence, through indisposition, of their I.P.M. Bro. Chicken; if he had been away on a holiday he should have had still more gratification in speaking on his behalf. He felt sure, however, he should enlist the sympathy and co-operation of all present when he asked them to drink with him the health of their esteemed W.M., who had acquitted himself so well. No man could do more than his best, but Bro. Roberts had tried to do even better than that; they must therefore appreciate the efforts he had made on behalf of the Lodge, and they could not hesitate to do honour to one who had, by act and deed, done all he could, and successfully, to maintain the prestige and honour of their good old Lodge. The toast was received with enthusiastic cheers, and Bro. Roberts, in responding, said he had to thank the brethren most heartily and sincerely for the kind manner in which they had met him that evening. It was always a pleasure to him to do the best he possibly could on behalf of this Lodge, and he should continue to do so as long they brought up initiates and gave him work to do. He had received a few lines from their I.P.M., Brother Chicken, that day, to say he was sorry he was too unwell to come amongst them; but he hoped it was only a passing indisposition, and that their excellent brother would soon again resume his position in the Lodge, which he so ably maintained. In turn, he proposed what he might call the toast of the evening, namely, their Initiates. This intimation was received with loud applause. He had initiated that evening a brother, a friend and neighbour, being a countryman of his—a pure thoroughbred Cornish man; and he believed they were about the best people out. If Bro. Retallack only acted up to the principles laid down to him that evening, he would be a thorough

good Mason. He had entered into the good path, and he felt sure he would never regret it. The toast having been received with a hearty good fire, Bro. Retallack responded in a very happy vein. He said it was not an easy matter as a novice to stand before a number of brethren such as he saw around him, and in first attempting to address them in a new capacity. He had always looked upon Masonry in a solemn light, and had long desired to become a member of the Fraternity; but business and other engagements had prevented him from earlier seizing the opportunity. However, the ceremony of that evening was the most solemn and impressive he ever attended, though he was constant at many in the course of his life. He assured the brethren he should leave no effort untried and no stone unturned to follow up the duties imposed by Freemasonry. He should support the Charities so far as his pocket would admit, for he did not think any ceremony so went home to his heart and feelings as that which he had just witnessed in the Lodge-room. It was binding on his conscience, and without any presumption he felt himself already a Mason. Although he had travelled 230 miles in order to be present this evening, he would travel 500 miles to thank them for the very kind manner in which they had received him on that occasion. It was a marked day in his history, which he should not easily or ever forget. The W.M. then rose and said, this Lodge was ever noted for having visitors amongst them, especially in quantity, and though they had not so many as usual, it was made up in quality. He then enumerated the visitors who had honoured the Lodge with their presence, with especial reference to each. The toast was most cordially received. Bro. Webb was the first to respond; he said this was the first time he had visited the Prosperity Lodge, and it afforded him the utmost pleasure to see the work so well performed; it gave him the greatest gratification to have been present. Their Masonic meetings were again commencing for the season, and it seemed like a revival taking place. He hoped they should meet on many as happy and prosperous occasions as the present. Bro. Lemare remarked that the last time he met the brethren of this Lodge was at Richmond, and he must say he never attended the meetings of any Lodge where there had been more hearty feeling manifested amongst the brethren. He was delighted to hear of the rapid progress of the Lodge, and as long as there was that spirit of emulation amongst them they would be sure to maintain the title they had adopted. He liked a good name, and was sure the Prosperity Lodge would prosper. His own Lodge was the Confidence, and they felt confidence in each other, confidence in themselves. Wherever he met Masons he was glad of the grip of the hand, all over the world, of the confident brotherly greeting, and it was that feeling which bound Masons together wherever they assembled. He travelled a good deal, and was constantly meeting those whom he was glad to hail as brethren. He must say, therefore, it was a help through life to be a Mason. It smoothed all difficulties, for wherever a man was he met new friends, and if they were only true to themselves they must do good in the world. Bro. Maidwell also replied. It afforded him great pleasure in meeting old faces year after year, and he knew the manner in which their W.M. did his work must meet with the approbation of all by whom he was surrounded. He drew attention to the Lodge of Instruction in connection with this Lodge, which was always much appreciated by those who attended, and said they had inaugurated a little Chapter of Improvement which, with the assistance of their esteemed Bro. Walker, would be soon in full operation. There was also the Prosperity Masonic Charities Association, which he hoped the brethren would support; and concluded an able speech by expressing the hope that they would all combine to make the various ramifications of the good old Prosperity Lodge complete and successful. Bro. John E. Fells endorsed the sentiments which had fallen from his own I.P.M., and did not think he could add anything farther, except to thank the brethren for the cordial reception that had been accorded to the toast of the Visitors. It always afforded him pleasure to be associated with the Craft in its every aspect, for he was certain the good it effected could only be gauged by those who were most intimately acquainted with its operations. He admired the spirit of unity and cohesion which was manifested in this Lodge, and trusted he might have the gratification of seeing more of the usefulness and influence exercised by the Lodge of Prosperity. Bros. Smith and Thompson also suitably responded. In reply to the toast of the Masonic Charities, proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., Bro. James Terry, who was received with enthusiastic applause, said this was not the first time by many that in the Prosperity Lodge he had had the pleasure of responding to the toast which the W.M. had thought fit to introduce that evening. He knew full well that when the toast of the Masonic Institutions was given in this Lodge it was not an idle toast, but one which came home most forcibly and most practically to the hearts and pockets of many whom he saw around the table. In days gone by, in the history of this Lodge, the names of the Charities were scarcely noticed, but now better times had dawned, and for years the various Institutions had been well supported by members of this Lodge. The Prosperity was never behind its compeers in making advances to those Institutions, but prided itself upon the fact that when it had enough in hand it always donated a certain amount to either one or the other of the Charities. If every Lodge were to pursue the same course of conduct, the promoters of these Institutions would not have to make half the number of appeals, or attend so many Lodges in the course of the year, as they were compelled to do at present. He took it as an augury of the success of the future that, this being the opening night of their winter session, the Prosperity should be the first Lodge he had been called upon to visit. He welcomed it as an omen that prosperity would attend their efforts in the coming year—that under the Stewardship of their W.M. the very best list that possibly could be brought up from this Lodge would be forthcoming. He knew the Lodge was progressive, even as Masonry was a progressive science, and that with its growth would follow a corresponding increase to the Masonic Charities. He alluded with pleasure to the establishment of a Charity Association in connection with the Prosperity Lodge of

Instruction, and said if they looked at this and similar organisations in the country, they must acknowledge much good had resulted. 46 ballots, representing 450 guineas, had been paid into the coffers of the three Institutions from this Association. He ventured to say that, but for the establishment of such movements there would have been but 46 guineas paid in; and it only showed how easy it was, by the small payment of 1s a week to make every member who belonged to them a Life Governor of one of the Institutions. He had no doubt that as, through the exertions of the Secretary Bro. Brown, and the Treasurer Bro. Maidwell, this Association had existed 2½ years, another would rise, Phoenix-like, from its ashes, and enable new members to participate in the beneficent cause. All must be acquainted with the fact that if advantages were to be extended to annuitants, and to the boys and girls, the brethren must also be prepared to contribute the means of supporting them. Spasmodic effort was of no avail, and he urged steady and regular support to all the Charities. He alluded to the large numbers who were sent empty away, because of the deficiency of the means at the disposal of the executive to relieve all the cases which demanded their attention, and appealed for the constant and steady support of the various Masonic Institutions. In conclusion, he wished for this Lodge a long course of future happiness and prosperity, leaving them with the hope that they would do all in their power to help those who could not help themselves. Bro. Terry having resumed his seat, amidst prolonged applause, the W.M. proposed the P.M.'s, and the Secretary and Treasurer; the absence of the latter Officer he sincerely regretted. Bros. Ferry, Daniels, and Bellerby having suitably responded, assuring the W.M. of their continued and cordial assistance, Bro. Brown P.M. and Secretary said he saw their worthy Treasurer on the previous day; he told him he was not feeling quite so well as he could wish, but said he would endeavour to be present that evening. He feared he was indisposed, or he would have been present amongst them. He also saw Brother Past Master Cornwell that evening, and he also was not able to attend, in consequence of the illness of one of his daughters. He thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast, and said he was always anxious to do his best for the welfare of the Prosperity Lodge. One of the most agreeable of his duties was that of being Secretary of the Prosperity Charities' Association, which had been so kindly mentioned by Bro. Terry. It was a small Association, started by a few of the brethren, but he hoped by the end of the fourth year they should have sent up 780 guineas to the Charities by the means of a simple shilling a week each. As that fund was drawing to a close, he hoped they would start another, which should have even a larger result, if possible. Anything he could do towards that end would afford him infinite pleasure. He could only say his duties in connection with the Prosperity Lodge were a labour of love, and he hoped to be able to continue in the same course for many years to come. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was then proposed by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged by the S.W., and the official list closed with the drinking of the Tyler's toast. An abundance of good vocal and instrumental music combined to make up a very harmonious and pleasant evening.

#### United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—

The ceremony of installation of W.M. was rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on Friday evening, the 29th ult., when there was a full attendance of members, and several Visitors. Lodge was opened by Bro. James Stevens P.M. Proceptor, and there were present amongst others—Bros. Thomas Poore P.M. S.W., B. Fulwood P.M. J.W., J. N. Bate S.D., F. Thurston P.M. Treasurer J.D., H. M. Phillips I.G., H. M. Williams Organist, John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, J. W. Watts P.M., J. H. Taylor W.M. 1767, J. B. Sarjeant, R. Poore, Nevill 1426, Turner 72, Payne, R. W. Pooler, H. Stokes, Harper, H. S. Bigg, &c. Lodge was opened to F.C., and Bro. Thos. Poore was, as candidate W.M. elect, duly presented. Lodge was opened in M.M., and the ceremony of installation was effectively rehearsed by Bro. Stevens, with the assistance of Bro. J. W. Watts as M.C., and musical service by Bro. Williams. After the investment of Officers, and the usual addresses by the Installing Master, Lodge was regularly closed down and called off. Entry drill was practised, and after a sufficient interval, the Lodge was called on. Several Visitors were elected members. Bro. J. N. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Votes of thanks were passed in favour of the Installing Master and his assistants during the ceremony. The Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned to the 6th inst. at 7.30.

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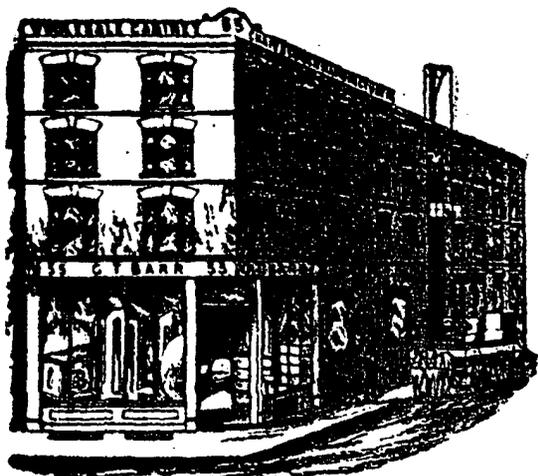


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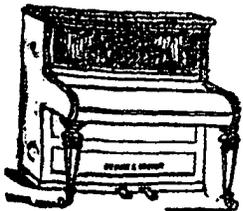
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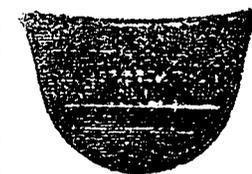
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