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**THE BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.**

IT is very natural that London, which may justly be regarded as the original home of speculative Masonry, should take a deep interest in its welfare. We record elsewhere, and not for the first time, the cordial welcome which has been extended to the Craft by its first magistrate, himself a Mason, and we consider it our bounden duty to make this hospitality the subject of brief comment. In March 1875, Lord Mayor Stone and the Sheriffs, of whom the present Lord Mayor Ellis was one, were invited to a grand banquet by The Great City Lodge, and though there cannot be a doubt that a most kindly feeling existed anteriorly between the Corporation and the Craft, it is equally beyond question that this invitation enlarged that feeling to a remarkable extent. At all events, Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott, when he occupied simultaneously the offices of Lord Mayor and Junior Grand Warden, appears to have felt himself impelled, by a kind of natural impulse, to reciprocate the kindly feeling towards Freemasonry which had been exhibited in the days of his predecessor, Bro. Stone, by inviting Grand Lodge and the Officers and members of his Lodge, No. 1, to a grand banquet at the Mansion House. The Prince of Wales was present, and the entertainment passed off most brilliantly. Lord Mayor Ellis, occupying, Masonically and Civically, exactly the same rank as Sir F. Truscott, has followed in the latter's footsteps, with a success almost as brilliant, the attendance only needing the presence of the Grand Master to have made it equally so. May these interchanges of brotherly feeling be continued!

**THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.**

WE enter now on our twofold task of comparison and comment. We assume the reason why the "antient charges" which, in the present edition of the Constitutions, precede the Regulations, are omitted from the revise is that, as no alteration in or re-arrangement of them is possible, they will find their old place, or, at all events, a place in the new version as a matter of course. In this case, there was no necessity to be at the pains or expense of reprinting them. Thus the revise, as issued for the consideration of the Craft, enters at once on the "General Laws and Regulations for the Government of the Craft," and those who may wish to institute for themselves a more extended comparison than is possible in the circumscribed space at our disposal, must turn for such purpose to page sixteen of the existing edition, where the Regulations begin. It may be as well, however, if we repeat a statement we made last week. The Regulations in the revised edition are numbered consecutively from 1 onwards throughout the whole book; in the present edition, they are numbered under the several heads to which they belong.

No. 1 in the revise, which is conveniently described in

the marginal note as the "Declaration," is word for word the same as in the present edition. So likewise is No. 2, "The Grand Lodge," up to the words, "The United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England" inclusive. The proposed law then continues, "and is hereinafter referred to as 'the Grand Lodge;'" whereas in the other it goes on, "and its members rank in the following order," the list of Grand and other Officers and members constituting Grand Lodge in their order of precedence being added. This last forms No. 6 of the proposed code.

No. 3 deals with the "General powers of all substituted authorities," and corresponds with Rule 15, page 24, in the present edition. The intent and purport in each is the same, but the language in which this is conveyed differs very materially, as will be seen from the following parallel arrangement of the two Laws:—

REVISED EDITION.

"The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and every other Officer and Brother who shall, in accordance with the laws and procedure of Masonry, preside or act in Grand Lodge or in any Provincial or District Grand Lodge or in any private Lodge or on any Board or Committee for or in the place of any other Officer or Brother, who may be absent shall, while so presiding or acting, have all the rights, powers, and duties of the Officer or Brother whose substitute he shall be, or in whose place he shall act, he shall enforce all rules and regulations, and his acts shall have the same validity in all respects as those of such Officer or Brother unless the contrary is expressly provided for in these laws and regulations."

PRESENT EDITION.

"All powers and authorities, rules and regulations, for the government of the grand lodge, or provincial grand lodges, or boards, or committees, respectively, during times of public business or meetings, or proceedings, shall be used and exercised, and enforced respectively by the officers or members by any law or constitution authorised to preside or act in the absence of the grand master, or any superior officer or member in such lodges, boards, or committees, or in the general government of the Craft, as fully to all intents and purposes as if such substitute officers or members were specified in every law or constitution in which any powers or authorities are given, or rules or regulations prescribed for the principals, unless special provision is made to the contrary."

The proposed regulation appears to us to be the better of the two, being more precise and directly to the point than the one it is intended to supersede, but the introduction of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, of whom up to this point we can have had no official cognizance whatever, lends point to the remark of our correspondent referred to last week, that it would have been better had No. 3 contained the list of the members of Grand Lodge. Of course, this objection could easily be overcome by omitting all mention of the said Officers, and making the law begin "every Officer or Brother," &c. We should also, for the sake of euphony, and also because the word is unnecessary, read "for or in the place of any Officer or Brother," instead of "for or in the place of any other Officer or Brother." Reverting, however, to our correspondent's criticism, he proposes that No. 6 should become No. 3, No. 3 being regulated to No. 4, No. 4 to No. 5, and No. 5 to No. 6. In our opinion, it would be a preferable arrangement to merely transpose Nos. 3 and 6, leaving Nos. 4 and 5 where they are.

**EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.**

The new rules in the order of sequence would then read: No. 2 "The Grand Lodge;" No. 3 "Rank and Precedence of Members;" No. 4 "All Laws emanate from Grand Lodge;" No. 5 "Power of final decision"—for which we would suggest the substitution of "Further Powers of Grand Lodge;" No. 6 "General powers of all substituted authorities."

No. 4. corresponds with the first part of Rule 16, p 24, with the words "possesses the supreme superintending authority" from the law "Of Appeal," p 95, interpolated, and reads thus:—

"The Grand Lodge possesses the supreme superintending authority, and alone has the inherent power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care that the antient landmarks of the order be preserved."

No. 5 is *verbatim* the same as the second section of Rule No. 16, p 24. The subdivision of the present law is no doubt an improvement, but, if the new arrangement is accepted, the word "also" in No. 5—"The Grand Lodge has also," &c.—must be omitted, as being superfluous. The marginal note—"Power of final decision"—as we have already hinted, does not appear to us to convey clearly the meaning of the law, which says, in effect, Grand Lodge has the power to investigate certain matters, and it may exercise that power of itself or by delegated authority, but it alone can erase Lodges and expel brethren. We would substitute "Further powers of Grand Lodge," or words conveying the same sense. Moreover, in the law itself we would suggest the addition of the words, "except as hereinafter provided in Law 105, under 'Provincial and District Grand Lodges,'" which lays it down that, under the circumstances as described, "the grand lodge delegates to its district grand lodges, meeting under district grand masters duly authorised and appointed by the grand master of England, in addition to the powers herein given to provincial grand lodges, the power of expelling masons, and erasing lodges within their respective districts." It will be remembered that when Brother James Stevens proposed to submit a motion for the subdivision of the Metropolis into four districts, each with a kind of Provincial Grand organisation presiding over it, objection was immediately taken to the proposed "Metropolitan District Grand Lodges," on this very ground that District Grand Lodges possessed these very powers of expelling Masons and erasing Lodges, and consequently that the new bodies would possess greater powers than the Provincial Grand Lodges. Bro. Stevens, it is true, used the word "District" in a postal, not a Masonic sense, but still most true is it that Masons may be expelled and Lodges erased in District Grand Lodges without apparently any intervention of G.L. authority whatever. For these reasons, we would extend and make more compatible with fact the new law No. 5 by the addition of the exception already noted, and we would also amend the marginal note, which does not accurately convey the meaning and intent of the law.

No. 6, which gives a list of the members of Grand Lodge, may be dismissed with the remark that no places are provided for Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, who should follow after "26 Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies," or for the Grand Standard Bearer and Past Grand Standard Bearers who, if we take the order of appointments as made or recorded this year for our guidance, should follow the "Past Grand Sword Bearers." No place, be it added, is made for "Past Assistant Grand Pursuivants," who should not be left out in the cold, or in accordance with the custom practised till this year should be promoted to Grand Pursuivants, and then take past rank.

No. 7, "additional members may be appointed or elected," differs from old No. 2, p 18, in this respect, that the constitution of such additional members is no longer confined to the vote of Grand Lodge. The new law reads "Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the craft, may, by appointment of the Grand Master, or by a vote of the grand lodge duly confirmed, be constituted members of the grand lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper."

No. 8 corresponds with Art. 3, page 30; with the addition that it confers on the Grand Master the power of constituting a brother whom he may appoint his representative in a sister Grand Lodge, as well as a brother regularly deputed by a sister Grand Lodge, to be members of the Grand Lodge of England, with such rank as the Grand

Master may deem appropriate. This extension of the Grand Master's powers is unobjectionable.

No. 9. "Qualification and disqualification of past masters" compares favourably as regards compactness with Art. 1, page 18. It determines clearly enough that Past Masters cannot be members of G. Lodge when they have ceased to be subscribing members of any Lodge for the period of twelve months, and they only regain their right of membership of Grand Lodge as Past Masters when they have again filled the office of Worshipful Master.

No. 10 is the concluding section of Art. 7, page 19, amplified to this extent that it lays down that "a visitor can only attend Grand Lodge by permission of the Grand Master," and then if admitted, he shall not "speak," &c.

No. 11 is the first section of the same Article 7, 'as far as the word "December," the clause "at which none shall be present but the proper members without the permission of the grand master" being omitted. Having regard to the preceding rule, the retention of such clause was unnecessary.

No. 12 is, with a few verbal alterations, of no importance whatever, the same as A. 12, p 22, while No. 13 corresponds with A. 13, p 23, the clause "which shall be dedicated to brotherly love and refreshment" being omitted, and the restriction against private Lodges within the London district having a Masonic feast on the day of the Festival being struck cut.

No. 14 treats of the nomination, election, and installation of the Grand Master, and compares with the opening sentences of A. 1, p 29, the clauses about the winter solstice and the vernal equinox being appropriately dismissed, while his installation is fixed absolutely for the day of the Festival. No. 15, provides for the appointment of a Pro Grand Master in the case of the Grand Master being a prince of the blood royal, but the clause as to his powers is omitted, these having been already determined by Rule No. 3. No. 16 provides for the contingency of the Grand Master's death, and what measures shall be taken by those next in authority. This law is substantially, indeed we may almost say verbally, the same with Art. 2, pp 29, 30. No. 17, "abuse of power of Grand Master," is the same as Art. 11, p 32.

No. 18 compares with the last section of A 1, p 29, but is greatly improved, as it enumerates the Grand Officers whom he shall appoint, and instal or invest in ancient form. In this list are introduced the "Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies," and the "two Grand Standard Bearers," whose omission from Rule 6—"Rank and precedence of members" of Grand Lodge—has already been noticed. It is further added that (1) he, the Grand Master, "may also appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary," and (2) "the Grand Registrar must be an actual Master or Past Master of a Lodge." It strikes us a place apart, or in No. 3, might have been found for this clause about the Grand Registrar.

No. 19 provides for the nomination of the Grand Treasurer in December, and his election in March. By the present law, Art. 1, p 34, he is to be elected in March without previous nomination. The provision of sureties is now no longer necessary, and is omitted.

No. 20 fixes the appointment, by the Grand Master, of the President of the Board of General Purposes; but as his rank has already been determined in Rule No. 6, the clause of the present law as to his rank, p 36, is left out.

No. 21, relating to the appointment of the Grand Secretary, corresponds with the opening part of A. 1, p 37. So much of the present laws as relates to his clerks and his duties will be found provided for in the New Rules, Nos. 34 and 35.

Nos. 22-24 need no comment. No. 25, as to the powers and privileges of the Deputy Grand Master might, we think, be dispensed with, as it is provided for under Rule No. 3, "General powers of substituted authorities." No. 26, as to the Grand Wardens, differs somewhat from the present law. Thus, for "in their absence the seniors of the past grand wardens present shall act pro tempore," it is proposed to read "in their absence the past grand wardens present shall act in the order of seniority." Of these we look upon the former as being the more correct from a grammatical point of view. Then the present law continues "If no past grand warden be present the grand master may direct any other member of grand lodge being, or having been, master of a lodge, to act as grand warden for the occasion." It is now proposed: "If no past grand warden be present, the grand master may direct any other past grand officer or member of grand

lodge to act as grand warden for the occasion." We fail to see what is gained by the removal of one restriction as to "being, or having been, master of a lodge," and the introduction of another "any other past grand officer." Under the new regulation the warden of a private Lodge is eligible to fill a Grand Warden's chair, while a Grand Deacon is not. The present rule as to Wardens being liable to fine for non-attendance is omitted. It was never acted upon, and its retention in the Book would only be an act of barefaced hypocrisy.

No. 28 relates to Grand Chaplains, and Nos. 29 and 30 correspond with the laws defining the duties and responsibilities of Grand Treasurer, and the custody of Grand Lodge moneys and audit of Grand Lodge accounts.

Nos. 31-33, respecting the functions of Grand Registrar, remain as at present. The same applies to Nos. 33, 34, and 35, which embody full particulars as to those of the Grand Secretary, there being, however, one addition—in No. 34, that the Grand Secretary is "to receive the contributions payable by lodges or brethren to the fund of benevolence or the fund of general purposes, and pay or cause the same to be paid to the account of the grand lodge at the Bank of England." The new rules, however, are differently arranged as regards matter from the present, while a part of the latter have already been dealt with previously.

(To be continued.)

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

### CELEBRATION OF THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL.

THIS old Lodge celebrated its Sesqui-Centennial or 150th anniversary on Monday, 23rd October. The Lodge was warranted 23rd October 1732, by Lord Viscount Montague Grand Master of the "Moderns" Grand Lodge, and its history has recently been published by Bros. G. P. Brockbank and James Newton, as noticed in our columns a few weeks ago.

The proceedings at the Sesqui-centennial were held in the Masonic room at the Swan Hotel, the Lodge being opened at half-past four o'clock by the W.M. Bro. E. M. Garstang, assisted by his Officers, the following members of the Lodge being present:—Bros. John Booth S.W., Fred. W. Pacey J.W., Rooke Pennington Immediate P.M., William Slater P. Prov. S.G.D. Treasurer, G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G. Deacon Secretary, J. W. Poyntz J.D., Walter Pennington P.M. Master of Ceremonies, R. K. Freeman P.M. Organist, John Hardcastle I.G., W. H. Lomax and James Naylor Stewards, Thomas Glaister P. Prov. S.G. Warden (Mayor of Bolton), Samuel Isherwood P.P.G. Treasurer, James Newton P.P.G.S.D., Samuel Crowther Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, James Walker P.M., W. H. Horrocks P.M., Johnson Mills P.M., John Morris P.M., B. A. Dobson, C. F. Porter, John Ridyard, W. H. Wilson, and Robert Nightingale. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the following Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, viz.:—Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie Past G.W., Provincial Grand Master, H. D. Sandeman Past District Grand Master of Bengal, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Grand Junior Deacon, Major-General H. Clerke Past Grand Deacon, Captain N. G. Philips Past Grand Deacon, J. M. P. Montague Past Grand Deacon, and George Mellor Past Grand Deacon, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The following other visitors were also present:—Bros. John Chadwick Provincial Grand Secretary, J. R. Wolfenden Past Provincial Grand Secretary, F. A. Huet Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant Staffordshire, W. Nicholson Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, J. W. Taylor Past Provincial Grand Organist, T. Mitchell Provincial Grand Tyler, G. Taylor W.M. 146, Jabez Boothroyd W.M. 221, J. B. Taylor W.M. 348, W. Court W.M. 1723, John Alcock P.M. Secretary 348, N. Nicholson P.M. Secretary 1723, R. Horsfall W.M. 950, N. T. Martin W.M. 1814, J. Whitehead W.M. 1952, J. M. Rutter P.M. 221, J. Hothersall S.W. 1534, Joseph Heathcote J.D. 1952, C. E. Schuster P.M. 62, Jessop Hulton P.M. 62, Thomas Wingfield 146, Thomas Nightingale 146, A. Cooke 1030, Robert B. Seddon 1335, J. Collins 678, Thomas Wilson 1814, J. M. Bentley, Mns. Doc.

Lodge having been opened to the third degree, the Prov. Grand Officers, and Grand Officers respectively, entered the Lodge, and were received with the customary salutations.

The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, tendered to all the brethren present a hearty welcome on the interesting occasion which had brought them together. His remarks were supplemented by Bro. Samuel Isherwood P.M. Past Provincial Grand Treasurer, the senior member of the Lodge, he having been initiated therein in 1856.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Col. Le G. N. Starkie) delivered an address, expressing his satisfaction at being privileged to be present at such an assemblage of the brethren, and expressing his thanks to the members of the Lodge for their courteous and kindly welcome, and his earnest hope that the Lodge Anchor and Hope would long continue at the head of the roll of Lodges in his Province and be as prosperous in the future as it had been in the past.

The Secretary (Bro. G. P. Brockbank) announced that letters of apology had been received from the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, General Brownrigg Prov. Grand Master Surrey; Bros. W. J. Hghan Past Grand Deacon, John M. Wike Past Grand Deacon, C. J. Bannister Past Grand Sword Bearer, A. S. Alpass Grand Standard Bearer, Rev. W. Chaytor Past

Provincial Grand Chaplain, Thomas Entwisle Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, and others.

Brother James Newton Provincial Grand S. Deacon read an interesting paper "On Provincial Lodges to No. 105 now No. 37 Bolton." which had been compiled at considerable pains by Bro. W. Hghan Past G.S.D. of England, Past Provincial Grand Secretary of Cornwall, &c. The purpose of the paper was to prove the assertions made by the Lodge historians, "that the Lodge is the Premier Provincial Lodge in England originally warranted as a Provincial Lodge and continually on the roll to the present time." In order to do so, Bro. Hghan makes another assertion, which he fully proves in his paper, viz. "that all the Lodges originally chartered as Provincial Lodges prior to the Anchor and Hope Lodge have either been erased or for a time removed from the roll." A list of such Lodges, alphabetically arranged in Provinces is then given, showing twenty-seven Provincial Lodges and four foreign Lodges, all chartered prior to the Anchor and Hope, and which have all been erased from the roll, having, in fact, discontinued, save No. 97 (now No. 39) Exeter, warranted in July 1732, which was removed from the roll for about twenty years, and in 1770 was placed as the junior of the 1732 Lodges as No. 48; the "Anchor and Hope" then being No. 46.

The reading of Bro. Hghan's Paper was listened to with great interest, and at the conclusion a vote of thanks was cordially given to him for the same.

Bro. Rooke Pennington, B.A., LL.B., Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, read an epitome of the Lodge History during the past 150 years, narrating many interesting facts which he had culled from the History. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Pennington for his Paper.

On the proposition of Bro. William Slater Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, seconded by Bro. James Walker Past Master, a vote of thanks was passed to his Worship the Mayor, for kindly allowing the use of his banquetting-room at the Town Hall for the purpose of the banquet on this occasion.

Bro. G. P. Brockbank P. Provincial Grand Senior Deacon proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Officers for their attendance on the occasion. The motion was seconded by Bro. Newton P. Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, and carried unanimously.

Bro. H. D. Sandeman Past District Grand Master of Bengal, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him and the other Grand Officers in being present on such a unique occasion. His remarks were supplemented by the Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who also expressed his own personal pleasure at being present, and intimated that so far as he knew, this was the first Sesqui-Centennial celebration of any Lodge under the English Constitution.

The W. Masters of the sister Lodges in Bolton, in turn, presented to the Lodge resolutions, which had been adopted by their respective Lodges, congratulating the Anchor and Hope on this auspicious occasion.

On the motion of the Worshipful the Mayor, Bro. Thos. Glaister, seconded by Bro. W. H. Horrocks, a vote of thanks was passed to the sister Lodges for their fraternal expressions of congratulation.

The Lodge was then closed to the first degree. Hearty good wishes were presented by the visiting brethren, and after the Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers had retired, the Lodge was forthwith closed.

The brethren then proceeded to the Town Hall, where a *récherché* banquet was provided in the Mayor's banquetting-room, by the permission of his Worship, who presided during the subsequent proceedings. The following is a list of the toasts given during the evening:—

1. The Queen, proposed by the Mayor.
2. The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, proposed by the Mayor.
3. Our Rulers in the Craft, proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master.
4. Success to the Anchor and Hope Lodge, proposed by the Grand Secretary, responded to by the W.M.
5. His Worship the Mayor, Bro. Thomas Glaister Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden, proposed by Bro. J. R. Wolfenden, P. Prov. G. Secretary.
6. Our Visiting Brethren, proposed by Bro. William Slater, responded to by Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past D.G.M. of Bengal.
7. The Lodge Historians (Bros. G. P. Brockbank and James Newton), proposed by the Mayor.
8. All Poor and Distressed Masons, proposed by Bro. W. H. Horrocks P.M.

The remainder of the evening was occupied in a pleasant and agreeable manner, by the singing of glees and songs, interspersed with recitations, &c.

It is worthy of note that among those present on the occasion was Bro. J. R. Wolfenden P. Prov. G. Secretary (an Ex Mayor of Bolton), who was initiated in the Lodge in 1831, and was also present at its Centenary on 23rd October 1832.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book," for 1883, will be published early in November, Scribes of Chapters and other Companions are requested to notify to the Grand Scribe E. the number they will require.

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## STRAY LEAVES FROM A FREEMASON'S NOTE BOOK.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

**F**REEMASONRY presents itself to us under two general aspects. One wears a solid, sober, serious air, like the cold, hard outlines of a Temple built of Parian marble, and as though its individual members were engaged in a very dignified and important work, with grand objects in view and great duties to perform, and such they *have* to do. In the Lodge, and during its labours, the demeanour *must* be carefully observed. After the labours of the evening are concluded, the members enjoy themselves socially in such way as their tastes and temperaments may suggest, but still in a fraternal and pleasant manner. Legitimate Freemasonry does not wear a cowl, as though it had just escaped from a cell, but walks abroad in the bright sunlight to inhale the pure, bracing, free air of heaven. It does not wear a long face, even at its labours, and is substantially the same everywhere and at all times; "good men and true" labourers on the Temple of Faith, Hope and Immortality. Freemasons may have their faults, and *do* have them, but to be pleasant and social is not a fault; they may produce laughter or a smile, but this is no sin.

A good many years ago an old and particular friend and a very prominent and active Freemason, who was much annoyed at the treatment he had received at the hands of some brother, asked me the question: "Is Freemasonry what it professes to be, or is it a mere pretence?" I replied that I believed it to be genuine, in its professions and characteristics, without any mere pretences. Recently I had occasion to write to the same brother, for we have been intimate friends since his young manhood, near forty years ago, about a matter in itself not very pleasant, and quoted his question of former years, as referred to above. In his reply, referring to that question, he said: "I can't answer you. The Order is largely composed of men; men are largely made up of human nature, and human nature is about the same in Mosque, Synagogue, Cathedral, Meeting House or Lodge. I have sometimes thought that the world was all wrong, but upon more mature reflection I have concluded that, taken all together, good and bad, the world makes a *fair* average out of the bad material of which it is composed. Lodges, like the churches, are not always what they should be, and Freemasons too often forget their duty to themselves and their fellow mortals; but the possibilities of Freemasonry are always the same, and when adhered to, lead to the Temple of Truth, Virtue, Morality, and good-will to man."

That describes the whole matter in the writer's usual sententious and facetious way, and much better than I can do it. I withhold the name of the writer, because I have not permission to use it publicly, but this is a correct view of Freemasonry in its grave, solid and dignified characteristics. Would that all its members could see it in the same light, instead of robing it in a kind of mock dignity and putting professions in its mouth which it hardly comprehends, and pledges it rarely makes good. As I said, Freemasonry has two sides to it. Work in the Lodge is serious and exacting. The general duties of the Craft include visiting the sick, burying the dead and providing for the needy. These are the substantial and distinguishing features of the grand old Temple of Freemasonry, and *much* more attention should be paid to these duties.

But there is another side to Freemasonry—a side view, presenting a different aspect—not of Freemasonry, but of its membership. It is a sunny view, taken on a calm, summer eve, when the perfume of the flowers and the fragrance of the foliage fill the air with Nature's richest aroma. Referring to the answer to my letter above quoted, that "men are largely made up of human nature, and that human nature is about the same in Mosque, Synagogue, Cathedral, Meeting House or Lodge," I wish to turn away from the demure, care-worn face, and bask a little while in the sunshine of human nature in its sunnier aspects.

I suppose, Brother Brown, that most of your readers were boys once; nearly all men have passed through boyhood, and we all remember the saying that "men are but children of a larger growth." Well, when boys tire of their books and problems and exacting studies, over which presides the iron features of the stern old Master, when such boys are permitted a little time for recreation on the green, and in the pure and open air, they seem to be different creatures from what they were in the school-room; they grow more and get more soul in them in a brief half hour than they would in a week pondering over their Greek and Algebra. It is just so in the experiences and memories of Freemasons, even the oldest of us. *Eminently a social institution, after the labours are finished and "school is out,"* the members wish for social enjoyment, as soldiers when the hard-fought battle is over, around the camp fire or in bivouac, there are warm hand shakings and joyous greetings and hearty commendations—the quiet and sunshine after the tempest and storm.

Masons are like other men. At a session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky many years ago, I was talking with a member in relation to a certain brother, when I asked, "What kind of a man is that, any how?" "Well," said he, assuming a look of grave thoughtfulness, "there is a great deal of human nature in him." His reply was full of meaning, and thoroughly answered my question. Some brethren, even in the full maturity of manhood, cannot forget they were once boys, and are glad to be boys again. The desire for amusement, even among Masons of mature years and prominent official position, is sometimes uncontrollable, and cannot be restrained even until the serious work of the Lodge is ended, whilst others are all dignity and decorum, and no effort can extort a smile from them. Of both classes, or rather of the sunny and puritanical, I will venture to give some illustrations, for I imagine that some of your grave, dignified readers sometimes enjoy the relaxation of a smile.

I was visiting a Lodge in Ohio; the hall was capacious and handsomely furnished; the Master was a large, dignified man, and looked

as though he would brook no levity while the Lodge was at work. A brother, who was vouched for at the door, came in and, presenting himself before the altar, saluted the Master with profound respect. As he entered the hall there came at his side, but unnoticed by him, his very large and finely formed Newfoundland dog, who walked beside his master to the altar, and stood there with quiet dignity facing the East. The owner was not yet aware of his presence, and took his seat, but the keen-eyed Master was, and knowing that no such visitor had been announced, inquired, "Who vouches for *him*?" Waiting a moment for a reply, and not receiving one, the gavel came down, followed by the imperious command, "Put him out!" The owner rose to execute the command, when the noble animal was, like a cowl, ushered into the outer room, wearing a facial expression which said very plainly: "Well, I have visited the Lodge *any* how." This almost convulsed the members, and the dignified Master had quite as much as he could do to preserve order and decorum. Evidently he had a hard struggle to control his emotions, yet he had no smile, but sat there like a marble statue in the Chair of Solomon. This is one example of unbending dignity and stern discipline in a Lodge.

And now, while I am on the subject of dogs, allow me to give you another instance of a dog in the Lodge, by way of contrast to the preceding one. Grand Master Bierce, of Ohio, had his peculiarities, and who has not? It is this, with other features, that individualises men. Bierce's peculiarities were pleasant rather than harmful, often evoking a smile, but never a tear.

He had a kindly feeling for *all* animals, but especially for dogs, and the homelier and more unattractive they were the more welcome to his friendship and caresses. It made no difference what their appearance or breed of blood, from the little, hairy-faced Scotch terrier, to the intelligent and kingly Newfoundland, all were sure of a welcome from the General. Brother Bierce was Master of his Lodge for more than twenty years. He had a small dog named Peter, who always accompanied his master to the Lodge and to church. On one occasion he followed his owner to a different church from that which the General usually attended, when the sexton unceremoniously drove him out of doors. Peter's dignity was greatly offended, and he never could be induced to enter that church again!

But Peter was always secure of a kind reception at the Lodge. His master always required him to be at his side on the dais, where, sitting on his haunches, he assumed great importance. In the matter of opening and closing the Lodge he was greatly interested, and usually followed the Deacons around during the discharge of their duties, as if he desired to see if they were correct in their work. This interested the members greatly, and especially the Master, who was much gratified at the progress his pet had made in his instructions.

Peter made such progress in his knowledge that he soon learned to distinguish the night in the week on which the Lodge met, and when the hour came for meeting, if he could not readily find the General, he would go directly to the Hall, enter, and take his accustomed position on the dais and there await his master's coming. On one occasion the General had been attending court in the adjoining county—he was an attorney in good practice—and expected to reach home in time to meet his Lodge, but was detained until next day. Peter, however, remembered the night and went to the Lodge, where he took his accustomed seat. The members waited for some time, when one asked, "I wonder if the General has got home?" Another remarked, "I think he has, for here is Peter waiting for him." But the General did not come, and Peter was compelled to go home alone. The General was greatly delighted when he heard of Peter's recollection and faithfulness, declaring that Peter's memory was much better than that of some members of his Lodge, who were more deeply interested.

Such are some of the by-plays of Masonic experience, and the pleasant addendas to the labours of Craftsmen. In good time Peter died and went to the place "where good dogs go," but his memory was cherished by his master, and his rare sense and faithfulness long appreciated. In after years, in a ripe old age, the General finished his work, and his name will long be remembered by his co-labourers "about the Temple" in Ohio. These pleasant recollections of Masonic labours and life and intercourse are scenes on which we may dwell in after years. Now and then the evening glow from the altars lights up the social intercourse of Masonic life, and gives a zest to the pleasant fellowship of the Craft when not restrained by stern discipline or active labour; while the joke and the repartee, the pleasant chat and glowing sunshine shut out anxious cares and make us forget our sorrows in the kindness and warmth of fraternal love. A cheer for the Craft—ready for labour when labour is needed, and glad of the hours devoted to rest and recreation.

"Hail to the Craft, the grand old Craft,  
Which has weathered the storm so long,  
Which has won renown, from Crozier and Crown,  
And a lay from the child of song!"

Now let me turn over a new leaf, and copy a pleasant little story from memory's page. A good many years ago I happened to be in St. Louis while the Grand Lodge was holding its annual meeting, and concluded to attend the evening session. Having no voucher that I knew of, I sent in my name. There were those inside who knew me, and immediately came to welcome and vouch for me. Among others was one whom I felt sure I had never seen before. He was quite a young man, over six feet high, muscular, and straight as a sunbeam. Grasping my hand he greeted me with a rough welcome, and said he also could vouch for me. Did you ever meet me in a Lodge? said I. "No, sir." "Did you ever see me before?" "No, sir." "How, then, can you vouch for me?" Why, sir," he replied, "I read your magazine when I was a little boy in my father's house, in old Kentucky; I'll vouch for you, sir!" I thought it a new way of obtaining a voucher, but went in.

I received a very fraternal welcome, and the Grand Master assigned me to a seat on the dais. I remember no names that were present,

except O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary—one of the grand old Irish gentlemen of former days, and a brother by the name of Vincil, who I think is still an active member of that Grand Lodge. Who was the Grand Master I do not remember, but he appeared to be entirely devoted to the duties of the hour. The Deputy was a different kind of man—so full of fun and mischief that he could not restrain himself, even during the session of the Grand Lodge. He sat at the left of the Grand Master, while I was honoured with a seat at the left of the Deputy. The latter seemed to take but little interest in the current transactions, yet they may have only been informal, and of no special importance, but his eye was wandering, as though waiting "for school to turn out." I watched him closely, for his face and manner interested me. He appeared to dwell in the sunshine, and live on anticipated mischief. Wishing no harm to any one, he seemed to be waiting to victimise some friend.

Soon a member came in, apparently about the age of the Deputy, and, as seats were scarce, he advanced to the front and took a seat on the second step leading to the dais, and directly in front of the Deputy Grand Master. Between the latter and myself stood a basket full of scraps of paper and old tickets that had been used in voting at the election. The basket must have held half a bushel of debris. It seemed to be the opportunity for which the Deputy Grand Master had been waiting. His eyes brightened up at once. He looked at the basket of debris, and then at his friend on the step before him. The temptation was too great for him to resist, so he picked up the basket and emptied the entire contents upon the head of his victim, who, knowing who was behind him, took it as a matter of course. The Deputy replaced the basket and resumed his seat with the quiet gravity of a Quaker preacher, while the victim did not even turn his head towards the Deputy, as though he need not be surprised at the infliction of the official mischief from the Deputy, who sat in his chair with an innocence as though knowing nothing about what had transpired. I suspect it was settled that night in their room over a bottle of wine—such things will occur sometimes.

This was a little by-play, a gleam of sunshine that will come now and then to bring a glow over the sterner realities of life, and make Lodge meetings, when work is over, specially attractive. Most of the then active workmen in the Grand Lodge of Missouri, I presume, have retired from labour to refreshment, but it is still pleasant to recall the sunshine and summer glow of years long past.

From one of the leaves of my earlier note-books I will select another incident which may provoke such a smile as it did from the writer when the event occurred, and was one of the pleasant incidents that come to the hard-working Craftsman when the labours of the evening are ended. Of course, the sunny playspells are not Freemasonry, but the outgrowths of that warm fraternal fellowship and social union when hearts have been bound together around our common altars.

In former years we had a faithful old brother who tyled all the Masonic bodies in Cincinnati, and the Grand Bodies of that State as well. As there were not so many Bodies in that city then as there are now, they all met in the same Hall, and Joseph B. Covert was the Tyler, but we called him "Uncle Joe," for short. He was very fond of a joke, and would sometimes perpetrate one on some assuming young brother who lingered too long about the outer door to chat, when his place and duty were in the Lodge, and Uncle Joe desired to be let alone to attend to his work.

Among the younger brethren, I will call him Jacob, was a very faithful member in his attendance, but was usually late in coming. He would come to the door and say: "Uncle Joe, what are they doing to-night?" Obtaining the desired information he would frequently retire, but sometimes go into the Hall. This continued practice and repetition of the same question at last became annoying, and the faithful old Tyler determined to set a trap for Jacob at the first favourable opportunity, and see if he could not cure him of the habit of coming late and repeating the usual question.

One night an initiation was taking place, and the Master of the Lodge was possessed of a very stern manner, though, when work was finished, could enjoy a joke as well as any one. After the work was nearly completed, Bro. Jacob, as was usual, presented himself, and with the customary question: "What are they doing to-night, Uncle Joe?" The old Tyler rose to his feet and assumed a manner of great indignation, declared it was the most outrageous conduct he had ever heard of in a Lodge. "Why, what's the matter, Uncle Joe?" exclaimed Bro. Jacob, who was sure there must be something wrong to thus excite the venerable and usually quiet Tyler. "Matter," said Uncle Joe, "why, I never read of such a transaction in my life, nor do I think you have; I can hardly be induced to sit here at my post of duty while such work is being done." "Do tell me what it is, Uncle Joe? if it is wrong it should be attended to at once." "Wrong!" said the old man, giving his hands a whack together, as if to express his terrible indignation: "Why, sir, it is in violation of all Masonic law I ever read; I only wish the Grand Master would make his appearance just now! Why, sir, you will hardly believe that the oldest Lodge but one in the State, and with such a Master, should be initiating a man who can see no more than a dead horse!" "Why, Uncle Joe, you surprise me; are you sure of this?" "Sure? Did I not see the candidate and conduct him to the preparing-room? I should have protested, but feared to embroil myself with the Master. The ceremony will close in a few minutes, and I will then admit you and you can see for yourself."

The initiation being concluded, Bro. Jacob was admitted, and, approaching the altar, inquired of the Master if it were true that they had initiated a man who could not see. The Master at once suspected something, and in his usual stern manner asked who had told him such a singular story. Jacob said Uncle Joe had given him the information, when the Master, drawing down his heavy brows, inquired if Bro. Jacob had ever seen a person initiated into Masonry who could see? The question awakened a new thought, and Jacob began to suspect that he had been victimised by Uncle Joe, and asked permission to retire, but the Master would not permit it until the Lodge was closed, when all hands, including Uncle Joe and Bro.

Jacob, enjoyed such a laugh as had not been heard in that hall for many a day or evening. Jacob did not forget the lesson Uncle Joe had taught him, and the Tyler was not troubled again with the question: "What are they doing, Uncle Joe?" Bro. Jacob ever afterwards came in good time, or, if his business prevented, he remained absent, yet he was the same faithful and devoted Mason as ever. If the poor were to be relieved, or the sick attended to, Bro. Jacob could always be depended on; he was ever ready with his time and his means to aid a brother, his widow or his orphan. But the kind-hearted old Tyler, and his victim Bro. Jacob, had many a laugh over the manner in which the latter had been cured of an unpleasant habit. But Tyler and Jacob have long slept under the sod, while the venerable Master still lives in age and decrepitude, as he

"Walks thoughtful on the solemn silent shore  
Of that vast ocean we must sail so soon."

I believe, Bro. Brown, I have room for one more leaf from my old scrap-book, and as it refers to an intellectual malady which I believe still prevails to a limited extent, and in a modified form, "in and about" your good City of Chicago, I will copy it for the benefit of "whom it may concern." You know the disease is a troublesome one, and difficult to cure. The last case that I knew of in Ohio was one of "spontaneous combustion." No one could tell whence it came nor where it went, but like Arab robbers in the desert it went as rapidly and as suddenly as it came, and took refuge in a desert where neither reason nor religion could reach it.

The authorities had determined to erect a new Court House in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and asked the Grand Lodge of Freemasons to lay the corner-stone of the new building with the usual Masonic ceremonies. This act of the Commissioners excited the displeasure of certain ultra-religionists of the county, and they prepared and filed a terrible protest against the wicked procedure, but as you have seen so much of anti-Masonic literature I need not describe to you this offensive twaddle. It was so offensive that even those who signed it were ashamed of it, more especially when they learned that the Commissioners had determined to deposit a copy of it in the corner-stone as a curiosity of the age, and that other generations of one or two centuries hence might know of the offensive document, and of the names appended to it.

This act greatly alarmed the Antis, and they would have given almost anything to have the document withdrawn, but it was too late. It had been printed, and the boys on the street read and ridiculed it, while every man of sense denounced it. But it went into the corner-stone, and if any readers of the *Voice* should be alive two or three centuries hence they may get a peep at that curious document and learn something about the creed and professions of the anti-Masons of the nineteenth century.

## THE RAHERE ALMONERS.

THE second anniversary banquet of this ancient fraternity took place on Monday evening, at Cannon-street Hotel, under the patronage and presidency of the Right Hon. Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., who was supported by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Mr. Alderman De Keyser and Joseph Savory, Esq., together with the members of the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Farringdon Without. There were also present a large number of Visitors, and the gallery was occupied by ladies, who appeared to take a lively interest in the proceedings of the evening, which were of an unusually attractive character throughout. True it is, "that nothing succeeds like success," and those associated with this memorable fraternity are resolved that they will, if possible, "success achieve." Perhaps at the outset, some may inquire who and what are these "ancient Almoners?" We will answer these questions. Their intentions and objects are to afford assistance and relief to deserving necessitous persons—and their name is legion—in memory of Rahere, the pious founder of the ancient priory of St. Bartholomew. In order to effect this, a fund, which from time to time will accumulate, is to be devoted to charitable purposes. In addition, offerings in kind from benevolent persons will be bestowed to clothe the naked and to feed the hungry, and this without reference to creed or nationality; "the hand of melting charity" will be opened to all whom Providence has reduced, for reasons and purposes which often it is quite impossible to fathom. The deserving will receive substantial and ready aid, the undeserving will be sent empty away. What a noble undertaking to do this, and much more! What a gracious task to clothe the naked and to feed the hungry, to minister in the name of "sweet charity" to dying wants, to comfort the widow and the fatherless, and all that are desolate under the chastening rod of bitter affliction. No wonder, therefore, that the ladies testified by their presence on Monday evening that they cordially sympathised in this noble movement. Passing, however, from this—with reluctance—for various reasons, we return to what occurred at Cannon-street Hotel. The executive of this noble fraternity are gentlemen who do things as they should be done, and not by halves. As a matter of course, in order to do what is required at their hands, there must be a vast amount of self abnegation, to which they cheerfully and readily submit. There is no looking back; on the contrary, "forward" is their watchword, and this will undoubtedly carry them through. The programme of the evening was the handiwork of Bro. Jas. Stevens V.W.G. Counsellor. Whether we regard its artistic merits, or the literary ability it exhibits, we must freely, but no less impartially, confess it is a masterpiece, and as such elicited the encomiums of all present. His is no 'prentice hand. Mr. Thos. Sangster, Grand Recorder, acted as Master of the Ceremonies, and that so ably as to put the possibility of a hitch out of the question. The City of London Rifle Corps acted as a body guard to the Lord Mayor, a flourish of trumpets, "both loud and long," heralding his arrival. The banquet was well served and unreservedly commended. During this repast a boar's head was brought in on the

shoulders of stalwart men, and keepers from Epping Forest, preceded by sound of trumpet, and followed by choristers in procession, who vocalised "The Boar's Head" most pleasingly. This carol is annually sung at Queen's College, Oxford. The refrain was excellently-well sustained, namely—

Caput apri de fero,  
Reddens landes Domino.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and pledged right heartily. Then followed the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces, to which Major-General B. Milman, C.B., Constable of the Tower of London, responded. Frater Thomas Simpson, in an eloquently-forcible speech, proposed, The Corporation of the City of London, which compliment was acknowledged by Mr. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser. The Lord Mayor next proposed, Ye Antient Fraternitie of ye Rahere Almoners, in the course of which he made honourable mention of the Almoners, inasmuch as he personally knew that they had effected great good among those who would rather suffer privations than resort to parochial assistance. He warmly recommended the claims of the Almoners to all around him, and added that in that great, rich, and also poor city, no institution deserved more aid and sympathy than the one then before them. Although the good work they had in hand extended only over a very short period, evidence had been given that earnest men, and no less earnest women, had been engaged in the great work of doing good, and that without parade or ostentation. His Lordship then feelingly and gracefully alluded to Brother James Stevens and Mr. Sangster, and the efforts they had made in fostering and furthering the objects of the Fraternity, to whom all honour was due. The citizens of London, who had evinced heretofore an anxiety to do good, wherever and whenever appeals were made to them, would no doubt fill the coffers of the Almoners, so that every case that they deemed deserving would be relieved as fully as could be desired. His lordship coupled the name of Bro. James Stevens with the toast, which was pledged with acclamation. Bro. James Stevens, in an able speech, responded, and in a manner peculiar to himself, gave a succinct history of the Fraternity since its resuscitation in 1881. The idea had been taken taken up by a few individuals, and the funds at first amounted to shillings only; thanks, however, to his friend, Mr. Sangster, and others who had rallied round them, they had now money at command, and therefore were enabled to render assistance to many who were in indigent circumstances. It would be remembered that their first anniversary festival was celebrated at the Crystal Palace in August last year, at which he ventured to predict that the time was not far distant when the Lord Mayor would preside over their festivities. That prediction had been verified already, as they could perceive. The executive called for co-operation, so that their usefulness might be extended, and every appeal to them from their poorer brethren might not be made in vain. Those with whom he laboured found cases outside the domain of parochial aid, cases which involved much outlay, and extended over considerable periods of time. They did not intend to leave persons as they found them; on the contrary, they endeavoured to place them, after their poverty had been bridged over, in positions in life where they could earn an honest living, and start afresh in the world with a good courage. Several other toasts followed, in rapid succession. Bro. James Stevens proposed the press in eulogistic terms, which was responded to by Bro. J. J. Brinton, as the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. F. Toole acted as toast-master, and the vocalisation of Messrs. E. Roberts, F. Paton, G. S. Graham, W. Sexton, Madamo Worrell, Miss Florence Cater, Miss Maria Norton, together with the Minstrels, added much to the pleasures of the evening. Frater J. Loring directed the musical arrangements. Bro. J. Stevens, when the guests were about departing bade, in the words of Scott—

"To all, to each, a fair good night,  
And pleasing dreams and slumbers light."

In addition to what we have already stated, we ought to mention that the majority of those present were brethren. Thus proving that they do not narrow their sympathies exclusively to Masonic Institutions, but are "ready to do good unto all men" without stint, or letting their left hand know what their right hand doeth. So mote it be!

#### THE LATE BRO. JOHN FAWCETT.

R.W. Bro. John Fawcett Past Provincial Grand Master of Durham, died at half-past eight o'clock on Saturday night. Although the deceased gentleman had reached the advanced age of 83 years, he retained his faculties in a remarkable degree up to the very last. Indeed, so late as Wednesday he was one of the magistrates present on the bench at the Durham Quarter Sessions. He took his usual walk on Friday, but feeling unwell on Saturday, he remained in his room. On Saturday evening he had dinner served in his bedroom a little earlier than usual. On the butler going up about half-past eight o'clock, he found his master dying. Dr. Barron was sent for, but Bro. Fawcett was dead before the doctor arrived. He was born the 6th of May 1799, and was the eldest son of the late Rev. John Fawcett, by Mary Anne, daughter of the late Ralph Bates, of Melbourne, Northumberland. The deceased gentleman was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, and took his B.A. degree in 1821, and that of M.A. in 1824. He was a Justice of the Peace for the counties of Northumberland and Durham, and in 1847 he was High Sheriff of the county of Durham. He also had conferred upon him the honorary title of D.L. The deceased gentleman had the honour of being the oldest Provincial Grand Master in the United Kingdom. For more than half a century he has been prominently identified with the Masonic Craft. He was initiated into the mysteries at the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, on the

18th October 1820. On leaving Oxford he joined the Marquis of Granby Lodge (124) at Durham, of which he became Master in 1823, and he became Grand Master of the Northern Province on the 6th November 1847, a position he held until two years ago, when failing health compelled him to resign, and he was succeeded by the Marquis of Londonderry. On his resignation the members of the Craft presented Bro. Fawcett, as Provincial Grand Master and as Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons, with a beautifully illuminated address, "for the marked manner in which for upwards of 32 years his lengthened and able administration had advanced and adorned the Order, and for the calm and wise judgment and gentlemanly courtesy, untiring and able energy, and unvarying impartiality and firmness exhibited by him in the discharge of high and responsible office, and praying that the Great Architect of the Universe might during his remaining years see fit to grant him all peace and happiness." During the period in which he held the office of P.G.M. of the Northern Province, Bro. Fawcett had the distinguished honour of installing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as the Worshipful Master of a Craft Lodge, and he also assisted in the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, which took place in the Albert Hall on the 28th April 1875, being one of the largest and most brilliant assemblies of the Craft ever witnessed. The deceased gentleman took a warm interest in several of the public institutions in the city of Durham. Bro. Fawcett is claimed to be one of the oldest Freemasons. It is quite true that he was in that rank, but he was not the oldest Freemason. He was initiated, as already stated, in the Apollo (University) Lodge at Oxford on the 18th October 1820, at the age of twenty-one, and at the time of his death had been therefore sixty-three years a Mason. But Bro. Philip Chetham, of Stockport, Cheshire, was initiated in the Lodge of Peace, Stockport, on the 3rd of October 1811, more than nine years before Bro. Fawcett. There is now living a Bro. James Norris, a resident in the Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, who was initiated in the Lodge of Sincerity, London, on 10th March 1812.

#### NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1695.

THE installation meeting of this rising Lodge was held on Tuesday the 17th inst., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. Present:—Bros. Davies W.M., Thompson S.W., Edmunds J.W., P.M. Eldridge Treasurer, Berry Secretary, Bastable S.D., Speller J.D., Tibbitts I.G., Richmond jun. Steward, Very Tyler; also Bros. Booth, E. Cattermole, W. J. Cattermole, Ayden, Chutter, Earl, Frampton, Hawkes, Lewis, Lang, Perfect, Swinyard, Scott. The Visitors were:—Bros. Butt P.M. 907, Bond P.M. 141, Fenner P.M. 1227 and 1693, Follett P.M. 45, Meekham P.M. 1288, Mullord P.M. 1288, Oliver P.M. 1328, Pigot P.M. 753, Rowe P.M. 167, Forge W.M. 1950, Brown 350, Pierpoint 1828, Butt 1623, Matthews 1766, Baker 1471, Hoare 1765, Wilkinson 167, Barber 1314, Humphreys 167, Nunn 1531, Side 1507, Fowler 754. The Lodge being duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Booth was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Lang and Lewin raised. The ceremony of installation was then most ably performed by Bro. Davies the retiring W.M., and Bro. Thompson was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. The following Officers were appointed by the W.M.:—Bros. Edmunds S.W., Bastable J.W., Eldridge P.M. Treasurer, Frampton Secretary, Speller S.D., Tibbitts J.D., Richmond jun. I.G., Earl Steward. All business being ended the brethren adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, provided in the well-known style of Spiers and Pond. A most enjoyable evening was passed, the proceedings being enlivened by the vocal abilities of several of the brethren.

Montefiore Lodge, 1017.—This excellent working Lodge, which is named after that noble philanthropist Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, who on the 22nd inst. completed his ninety-eighth birthday, met on the 25th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. S. V. Abrahams; Bros. P.M. Marks as S.W., Syer J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, G. T. Mann S.D., Benjamin J.D., M. Leverton I.G., N. P. Vallentine Steward, D. M. Davis Organist, Gulliford P.M. M.C.; P.M.'s Grunebaum, J. Lazarus, Chev. Pollitzer, A. Blumenthal, and a numerous attendance of members and Visitors. Amongst the latter being Bros. S. Marks W.M. 368, Coleman J.W. 1614, J. B. Kyshe P.M. 235, E. Cleaver (Granite), G. Chincses, Elynn 30, S. M. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts, Ellis Jones 28, S. Genese 188, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were confirmed. Bros. Paul Levy Chaucer Lodge, and E. Saunders P.M. 153, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. John Nathan was passed to the second degree, and Messrs. J. Sax and Percy Harbury, being duly balloted for and unanimously elected, were duly initiated into the Order by Bro. W. H. Gulliford Past Master, who, by the courtesy of the Worshipful Master, was permitted to preside. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Brother Nicols, and superintended by Brother M. Silver. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking of the Grand Officers, he made some feeling remarks on the late lamented Lord Tentorden, Prov. Grand Master Essex; all Masons in that county regretted his loss. With the toast he would couple the name of Brother E. P. Albert P.G.P. After the toast had been acknowledged by Bro. Albert, the W.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of one, in honouring whom he might say they were honouring themselves; Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore; whose honoured name is associated with the good work of the Lodge. All wish him continued health. He would call on Bro. Myers to respond. Bro. Myers said he had had the honour and pleasure of seeing Sir Moses a few days since; he was pleased to say he was in good health and spirits. He would convey to him the kind expressions of the W.M. and the members of the Lodge. The

W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates and the joining members, Bros. Levy and Samuelson; all were pleased to see them in the Lodge. Bros. Harbury and Samuelson responded. The toast of the Visitors was next given. The members were gratified in seeing how ably Bro. Marks had acquitted himself in the capacity of Senior Warden. Bro. Marks in an eloquent speech replied; he came from Melbourne, and was pleased to see how well the two brethren had occupied the chair—the W.M. and the P.M. He might tell them Freemasonry was flourishing in Melbourne. In the name of the visitors he thanked them for their hospitality. Brother S. Pollitzer Past Master had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M. After so long an absence he looked younger; while his working showed that he was as zealous as when he last presided over them. The W.M. in replying said, he felt complimented by the remarks made by Brother Pollitzer; it was by mere accident he now occupied the chair; he hoped he had done so to their satisfaction. The toast of the P.M.'s was next on the list. They are all good working brethren, and the W.M. might say volumes in their praise. The Lodge was specially indebted to Brother Gulliford, who had come among them that night and initiated their two brethren most ably. He (the W.M.) hoped to see them occupying the chair. He would couple with this toast the Health of Brother Gulliford. Brother Gulliford having acknowledged the compliment, the Officers received their share of praise. The S.W. had occupied the chair for the second time, and the W.M. hoped to see him in a higher position. Brother Mann also does his work perfectly. In fact all the Officers may be looked upon as Masters in embryo. To Bro. Vallentine especial thanks are due, as no matter what duty is required of him, he is ever ready and capable of performing it. He would call on Bros. Syer S. Warden and Vallentine M.C. This request being complied with, the Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings terminated.

The members of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction announce that Bro. James Terry will rehearse the ceremony of consecration in their Lodge, on the first Tuesday in December next.

#### RECENT CONCERTS.

Jupiter Pluvius has been too terribly in earnest during the past fortnight, even for those most enthusiastic in the cause of music. Moreover, the regular duties of business must always take precedence of what we must define as "pleasurable duties." Saturday last, for instance, was a day on which the element of water—in the shape of rain—especially distinguished itself, but we manfully braved the whole force of this element and turned up incontinently at South-place Institute, South-place, Moorgate-street. Bro. Seymour Smith, who has so often enlivened Masonic audiences by his varied entertainments, had arranged to hold his annual concert, and where—on his account we rejoice—a strong Masonic representative audience had assembled for the purpose of paying this tribute of respect to the worthy beneficiary. A most admirable programme had been prepared, in which many well-known artistes took part, and the result must be described as a success in all respects worthy of Bro. Seymour Smith's claims to recognition by the Craft.

Thursday was fixed for the seventeenth annual concert of Bro. G. S. Graham, with whom likewise the Craft is familiar as a contributor on many occasions to the more convivial pleasures of Lodge and occasional gatherings. He, too, had an admirable programme, and a strong artistic force to support him, and, as in the case just noted, a triumph worthy of the occasion and of the beneficiary was achieved. Weather notwithstanding, Bro. Graham had reason to be satisfied with the loyalty of his friends and patrons.

#### THE THEATRES, &c.

**COVENT GARDEN.**—PROMENADE CONCERTS.  
**DRURY LANE.**—At 7, FOGGED. At 8, PLUCK.  
**ADELPHI.**—At 7.15, FAMILIES SUPPLIED. At 7.45, DRINK.  
**PRINCESS'S.**—At 7.30, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 8, THE ROMANY RYE.  
**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 8, MONEY. This day, at 2.30 also.  
**OLYMPIC.**—At 8, FUN ON THE BRISTOL.  
**CRITERION.**—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 8.45, LITTLE MISS MUFFET. (Last night).  
**LYCEUM.**—At 7.45, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. This day, at 2 also.  
**SAVOY.**—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.30, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.  
**GLOBE.**—At 8, CRAZED. At 9, THE VICAR OF BRAY. (Last night).  
**COMEDY.**—At 8, RIP VAN WINKLE.  
**HAYMARKET.**—At 7.50, NEARLY SEVEN. At 8.10, THE OVERLAND ROUTE.  
**OPERA COMIQUE.**—ON CONDITION. At 8.15, SOMETHING NEW  
**TOOLE'S.**—At 7.20, WAITING CONSENT. At 8, THE UPPER CRUST.  
 Mr. GUFFIN'S ELOPEMENT. (Last nights).  
**AVENUE.**—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS.  
**GALEITY.**—At 7.40, DONE ON BOTH SIDES. At 8.15, LITTLE ROBIN HOOD. This day, at 2.30, also.  
**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.45, MERRY WAR.  
**IMPERIAL.**—At 8, AS YOU LIKE IT.  
**STANDARD.**—At 7, POOR RELATIONS; or JANE EYRE.  
**SURREY.**—At 7.30, FOR EVER.  
**MOHAWK MINSTRELS,** Agricultural Hall.—Every evening, at 8. On Thursday, 2nd November, GRAND INAUGURATION FESTIVAL.  
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Bro. Colonel Creaton presided at the meeting on Thursday last of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, among those present being Bros. John H. Rucker, Frank Richardson, A. E. Gladwell, Robert Grey, Joshua Nunn, F. Adlard, &c. The usual minutes having been read and confirmed, or read for information, a petition was submitted, and the candidate's name placed on the list for the April Election. Notice of motion was given by Bro. F. Richardson for the increase of the salaries of governesses and teachers, as recommended by the House Committee, after which a series of motions by the same brother, as to the salary of Miss Gardener, a teacher, grants to the Misses Goodridge and Hinson, pupils, to enable them to pursue further their musical studies, and to enable the Chairman of the General Committee to sign cheques in respect of the swimming bath during its erection, were passed unanimously. A proposal by the Chairman to invest sums amounting to £1,350 in augmentation of the Sustentation Fund was also carried, and the Committee then rose, after the usual complimentary vote to Colonel Creaton for presiding.

#### MARK MASONRY.

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**Temple Lodge, No. 50.**—The annual meeting of this Lodge was holden on the 25th inst. at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth. Three brethren were advanced to this very interesting and instructive degree. In a Board of Installed Masters Bro. James Griffen P.G.S. was installed as Worshipful Master, and after the ceremony invested the following Officers—J. Russell Lord I.P.M., Francis Beer Westlake S.W., John Dunn Barker J.W., John B. Gover Treasurer, Leonard D. Westcott Secretary, Thomas King sen. Chaplain, George Sercombe M.O., Charles Harris S.O., William Stanbury J.O., Richard Uglow S.D., Thomas King jun. J.D., Thomas Grey I.G., George Whittleby Organist, William Symons M. of C., William Holberton A.M. of C., William T. Hocking Standard Bearer, Walter Frank Westcott R. of Marks, Mosley Joel S.S., Andrew Spinney J.S., William H. Phillips Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel for the dinner, which was admirably served, and for which Bro. Watts was especially thanked. The W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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**A** QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st of November next, at six o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes (as follows) will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th July to the 17th October 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter				Disbursements during the quarter	192	18	8
„ Unappropriated Account	200	9	11	Balance	507	8	9
Subsequent Receipts	237	1	0	„ in Unappropriated Account	201	19	11
	£902	7	4		£902	7	4

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions William Thompson Bealand as Z., George Hesketh as H., John Edward Wordsworth as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Wharnclyffe Lodge, No. 1462, Penistone, Yorkshire, to be called "The Wharnclyffe Chapter, and to meet at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Peniston, in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

2nd. From Companions Henry George Thompson, M.D., as Z., Stampa Walter Lambert as H., Frederick Thomas Mullett as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, Croydon, to be called "The Addiscombe Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Croydon, in the County of Surrey.

3rd. From Companions William Donkin as Z., George Bailes as H., Jacob Barker as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, Durham, to be called "The Norman Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Durham.

4th. From Companions Jesse Gustavus Redman as Z., Charles Burley as H., John Matthew Goldfinch as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, to be called "The St. Michael's Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Sittingbourne, in the County of Kent.

5th. From Companions John Harvey Askham as Z., William Hayward Allen as H., George Payne as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1564, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey, to be called "The Brownrigg Chapter," and to meet at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, St. John's, Woking, in the County of Surrey.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

6th. The Committee have also received a Petition from the Principals and others members of the "Holy Zion Chapter," No. 486, Calcutta, in the District of Bengal, East Indies, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter having become illegible through damp and other unavoidable causes.

The Committee also recommend that the Charter of Confirmation for this Chapter be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Companions of the "Chapter of Charity," No. 187, Bristol, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st of February 1882. This Memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Grand Superintendent of Devonshire having reported that a Chapter in his Province has neglected for several years to hold meetings or make returns, and has not replied to a Summons calling upon it for explanation of the same—and the Grand Superintendent having thereon recommended to Grand Chapter that the Chapter be erased from the Roll under Article 72, Royal Arch Regulations;

The Committee now submit the same for consideration of Grand Chapter, and have called on the Chapter, in accordance with the said Article of the Regulations, to show cause, to next Grand Chapter, why it should not be erased from the list of Chapters.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G.Pr. Sej.  
Grand Treasurer,  
President.

## ENTERTAINMENT BY THE LORD MAYOR.

THE Lord Mayor, on Friday evening, the 20th ult., entertained at the Mansion House the Grand Officers and the Officers and many of the members of the Grand Master's Lodge, of which his Lordship is the present Worshipful Master. Upwards of 150 guests were present, including Bros. Lord Carrington, Sir John Monckton, Sir Francis Burdett, Sir George Elliot, M.P., General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, Sir Francis Truscott, Colonel Stevenson, Sir Albert Woods, A.E. McIntyre, M.P., Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Justice Prinsep, Lieut. Colonel Lyne, H. D. Sandeman, Alderman Hadley, W. Lake, Colonel Creaton, Rev. T. Robinson, W. G. Harrison, Q.C., Philbrick, Q.C., Sir John Bennett, the Rev. A. W. Hall, Dr. Wendt, W. Bristowe, Major Fernier, H. G. Buss, and Littell. The Lord Mayor proposed, amidst great enthusiasm, The Queen and the Craft, The Health of the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, and the other principal Grand Officers, remarking, in giving the former, that the way in which her Majesty was pleased to receive the address of congratulation voted by Grand Lodge upon her escape from assassination would never be forgotten by those brethren who were privileged to be present. In giving the toast The Provincial and District Grand Officers, the Lord Mayor remarked upon the very heavy duties that those gentlemen performed. Their duties, too, were of a very responsible character, and they were discharged in a manner that gave the greatest satisfaction to the Craft generally. It was with the greatest possible regret that they heard of the death of Lord Tenterden, Provincial Grand Master of Essex. All who had had the opportunity of seeing him recognised the fact that he was a true and hearty Mason. They deeply regretted his loss—a loss which was felt by the country at large. Sir Francis Burdett, replying, remarked that they had present the Past Grand Master of Canada, who ruled over a district 400 miles in extent, and the District Grand Master of Bengal, whose power extended over 1200 miles of country. Before such brethren the Provincial Grand Masters of England must feel themselves very small indeed; but, nevertheless, they successfully rallied around the brethren. The Lord Mayor next gave The Sister Grand Lodges, observing upon the great pleasure he experienced in having present such important Officers as the Past Grand Master of Canada and the District Grand Master of Bengal. As they were all aware, the great principles of Freemasonry were brotherly love and loyalty to the State to which each Mason belonged. And, in his opinion, very much of the loyalty which happily they found existing in this country and throughout our Dependencies was due to Craft Masonry. It was with extreme pleasure, therefore, that they found that at this moment the number of Freemasons was greater than it had ever been at any period in the past. Canada was a country not only large in extent, but it possessed great and free institutions, and it was with extreme pleasure that, notwithstanding evil elements, they found it still loyal to the Mother Country. As in England, so in Canada, he believed that very much of the loyalty was due to Freemasonry. He referred in humorous terms to the fact that Colonel Stevenson, Past Grand Master of Canada, was an Alderman of the City of Montreal, where they had 27 Aldermen and no Common Councilmen. Colonel Stevenson had also the proud honour of firing the salute when their Grand Master the Prince of Wales visited Canada. Colonel Stevenson in responding, referred to the universality of the Craft, stating that it was really the most important body, and had more influence on the government of the world than perhaps many of the so-called Governments really had. It was based on goodwill towards all men, and he was proud to say that there were no material differences existing between any of the Grand Lodges, and certainly none which should separate the Grand Lodges of Canada. They were striving to build up that territory on the same principles as governed that of Great Britain, and were determined to demonstrate, without question or cavil, that even by the side of one of the greatest Republics the world had ever seen, how a people could enjoy as much civil and religious liberty under a limited Monarchy as existed in a great Republic itself. At present the government of Canada cost Great Britain not a single sixpence; but they were pleased to enjoy the great privilege and satisfaction of having at their head a nobleman, the Marquis of Lorne, and the Princess Louise. At the same time, Canada enjoyed the protection of the British army, and if Great Britain continued as true to Canada as Canada was true to Great Britain, Great Britain would find on the shores of America a nation which would be a source of strength to the British Empire. The Lord Mayor proposed the health of the Grand Officers, and Lord Carrington Grand Senior Warden responded to the toast. He said that for the last few years it had been customary that the office of Senior Grand Warden should be held by a member of the House of Peers. He was happy to say that, though a member of that House, he was a descendant of a member of a great banking house not a hundred yards distant, and was proud to be a citizen of the great City of London. The Lord Mayor next proposed the toast of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and coupled with it the name of Bro. Richard Herve Girard, the Treasurer of the Lodge for more than fifty years. The Hon. Bro. Justice Prinsep, District Grand Master of Bengal, proposed the health of the Lord Mayor. As an eminent example of the saying that nothing succeeded like success, he adduced the case of the honourable host of the evening. Whether in private life, in his Civic Office, as a Brother Mason, or as an Englishman, he had been equally successful, and in all these offices he was recognised as a thorough Englishman. The appreciative audience before him were fully acquainted with, and fully recognised the high qualities which had enabled the Lord Mayor to fill his various offices, to which he had risen by sheer ability; and Her Majesty had been glad to recognise that ability by conferring upon him an hereditary honour. They all hoped that future descendants of his would recollect that the year in which the honour was conferred on the Lord Mayor was the year in which he held high office in Grand Lodge. Although not Masonic, he coupled with the toast,

the health of the Lady Mayoress. The Lord Mayor, in reply, referring to Burn's lines:—

"Oh! wad some power the giftie gie us,  
To see oursels as ithers see us,"

said he wished he could see himself in the same colours as those in which he had been depicted by others, and he should be the happiest man alive. But even when a Chief Justice proposed his health in such glowing terms, he was not so foolish as to believe anything he said. His case was a very simple and plain one—in fact, nothing could be better than a letter which he received from Lord Derby when he (the Lord Mayor) was made a baronet, in which his Lordship said that the baronetcy was the reward of labour. He (the Lord Mayor) believed that was a true statement at least, and that he deserved no decoration for anything he had done in this world except for labour. He would, as long as health and strength lasted, go on labouring in several interests, among which would be the interest of Freemasonry, and the interests of his country and the City of London. After thanking Mr. Justice Prinsep for including the Lady Mayoress in the toast, his Lordship said that no entertainment given by him in that Hall had afforded him greater pleasure than entertaining his Masonic brethren that evening. The company shortly afterwards separated. During the dinner, the Coldstream Guards Band, conducted by Bro. C. Thomas, played a charming selection of music, and between the toasts Bros. Winn, Coates, and Seymour Smith sang several songs, accompanied by Bro. Fountain Meen.

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE,  
No. 1903.

## PRESENTATION TO LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of presenting an address of congratulation and welcome to Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, on his return to this country from Egypt. Brother Thomas Page W.M. presided, and was supported by a large number of members of the Craft, including the following:—Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B., Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Charles Beresford I.P.M., J. R. Martyr J.W., Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, A. Leon Emanuel Secretary, Lieutenant W. Latham Cox S.D., John McLeod J.D., Major H. E. Brunker M.C., H. J. Long I.G., G. Sylvester Org., H. W. Townsend P.M. P.G.D., James Johns P.M. P.P.G.S.B., R. J. Rastrick P.M., Frank Bevis, J. Knowlton, T. H. Woods, G. Backler, Dr. W. Royston Pike, T. F. Wilton P.P.G.O., A. J. Wright, W. A. Marshall, Lieut. Southwell G. T. Bourke, R.N., P.M., G. A. Lacey, H. Chalcraft, G. M. Nelder, Lieutenant Sackville H. Carden, R.N., C. J. E. Mumby J.W. 1069, Lieutenant Rogers, R.N., Charles Reader, W. C. Primmer, J. Smith, Lieutenant W. H. Montessor, R.N., J. G. Livesay, J. R. Willson P.M., W. Maybour, E. Davis, and Carter Tyler. Visitors—Bros. H. Cawte P.M. 342 P.P.G.W., Irvine Harle P.M. 1780 P.P.G.P., S. S. Pearce P.M. 319 P.P.G.D., R. W. Mitchell P.M. 903, A. R. Holbrook P.M. 309, T. H. Williams P.M. 1776, F. Powell W.M. 903, J. Brickwood W.M. 342, Captain Wouham, R.N.; Rev. Dr. Ring, R.N.; C. Trivess S.W. 1428, H. Croucher J.W. 342, R. King, J. Russell, P. H. Emanuel, T. W. Holdstock, T. Scaddan, Adams, G. Attrill, J. Green, George Young, Arthur Jolliffe, C. A. Pates, G. Barnden, J. H. Bridle, &c. Letters of apology were read from Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, Sir H. D. Wolf, M.P., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary, Lord Carrington Grand Senior Warden of England, Colonel Hay Gordon Highlanders, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Captain Haldane, Fredk. Binckes, &c. The business of the Lodge was admirably conducted by the Worshipful Master, who, on its conclusion, said that before closing the Lodge he had the most pleasing duty to perform that would fall to his lot during his year of office, namely, that of presenting to Brother Past Master the Right Honourable Lord Charles Beresford an address of congratulation on his success and gallant conduct at the bombardment of Alexandria, when in command of Her Majesty's ship Condor. The founders of the Lodge were fully aware that when his lordship gave consent to be the first Worshipful Master, he informed them that there existed a probability that his services would be required before his year of office had expired. Unfortunately for the Lodge those services were required, he having been appointed to take command of H.M.S. Condor. The war in Egypt afforded the opportunity for displaying that energy, zeal, and true British pluck which was characteristic of the noble family whose name his lordship bore, and that he had shown himself possessed of all those qualities was universally admitted. From the time the signal was made, "Well done, Condor," to the termination of his Lordship's services in Egypt, whether afloat or on shore, his career was most anxiously watched, but by none more anxiously than the brethren of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge. At the regular meeting, held in August, a proposition was made, seconded, and carried unanimously, that an address of congratulation should be presented on his Lordship's return, and the Worshipful Master felt sure it would be highly prized by his lordship, conveying as it did the brethren's high appreciation of those services so gallantly and cheerfully rendered to their beloved Queen and country. They congratulated his lordship most heartily on his promotion, and prayed that the Great Architect of the Universe might grant him long life, which he (the W.M.) felt sure would be devoted to the service of his country, and last, but not least, to the benefit and welfare of the Craft. The Secretary then read the following address, which was most handsomely illuminated by Mr. J. Robertson, Commercial-road, Landport, and framed in a neat oak and gold frame:—

To Bro. Capt. the Right Hon. Lord Charles de la P. Beresford, R.N.

MY LORD AND BROTHER,—We, the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, desire to tender your lordship our warm and hearty congratulations upon your safe return to England, after having, in the discharge of your duty to your Queen and country, been exposed to many perils both by sea and land.

We have read with pride and gratification the accounts of your gallant deeds before the enemy, and of the valuable services which you have rendered to your country. You have worthily maintained the traditions of the distinguished family of which you are a member, and have helped to shed additional lustre upon the noble profession to which you belong.

It is to us, the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, a source of the greatest pleasure that our first Worshipful Master, who was also one of the founders of the Lodge, and who has always evinced the warmest interest in its prosperity, has by his special promotion already obtained some recognition of his valour.

We trust that your valuable life may be spared for many years, to be an ornament to the gallant service of which you are a member, and to render valuable service to Freemasonry in general.

We have the honour to be,

My Lord and Brother,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

T. Page W.M., H. W. Townsend acting I.P.M., G. Bray S.W., J. Martyr J.W., P. H. Good Chaplain, H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. L. Emanuel Secretary, W. Latham Cox S.D., J. McLeod J.D., H. M. E. Brunner M.C., J. Johns Asst. M.C., H. Long I.G., Sam Knight and G. Backler Stewards.

Lord C. Beresford said he could assure them he meant what he said when he told them he did not know how to express himself adequately in thanking them for their magnificent address. When he at first heard of their intention he did so with regret, for the reason that he did not deserve it. During his year of office circumstances had prevented him from doing his duty as he should have wished. His next feeling was one of great pride—not for anything he had done himself, but it was in some measure a tribute to that profession to which he belonged. There was an old-fashioned expression, that you might take a horse to the water, but could not make him drink. The best officer might take a ship into action, but that was of no use, unless the men were careful with their shots, and plucky at their guns. And but for the men they would not have done what they did. Therefore he thought the honour they had done him that night was indirectly conferred on the men he had commanded. His Lordship paid a high compliment to the Marines who had assisted him in the police ashore. He wished to thank those Officers of the Lodge who had taken his duty in his absence, and more particularly Bro. Townsend, who had undertaken the work in a critical time, as the first year was always the most difficult. The Lodge now stood second to none in the kingdom, and that proved how well the duty had been carried out. He assured them that this address would be stored with his treasures at home, and it would remind him of the brotherly affection they had shown him on every occasion. Lord C. Beresford moved that an address of congratulation be presented by the Lodge to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, on his return from Egypt, and this will be considered at the next Lodge meeting. A banquet was served after the Lodge meeting, in the dining-room of the hall. Bro. T. Page W.M. presided, and was supported by Lord Charles Beresford, Admiral of the Fleet Sir H. Keppel, and several Provincial Officers and Installed Masters. The catering was entrusted to Mr. W. Maybourn, of Butcher-street, Portsea, whose arrangements were very satisfactory. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Brother H. W. Townsend Provincial G. Deacon, replying for the toast of the Provincial Officers. The W.M. said that the next toast he had the pleasure of bringing to the notice of the brethren was one that he felt sure would be drunk with great enthusiasm. When he mentioned the name of their distinguished brother the Immediate Past Master, Lord Charles Beresford, it was quite sufficient to ensure a hearty response. No words of his could increase their estimation of his deeds, which had gained world-wide fame and further honoured the illustrious name he bore. He (the W. Master) felt sure the Masonic body had reason to be proud of having such a brother amongst them. It was matter of indifference to his lordship whether it was on sea or land, as long as he could face the enemy, and his conduct before Alexandria not only commended his name to the heart of every Englishman, but made "all the world wonder." They were reminded of a well-known poem, and when they asked, "Was there a man dismayed?" they could say there was not one on board of that little Condor. England need not fear for her prestige while she had such gallant leaders as Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. The W.M. concluded by asking the brethren to drink heartily to the toast, and pray that his lordship might be spared for many, many years to be amongst them. Lord C. Beresford thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their kind and enthusiastic reception. The Navy as a service had very few opportunities of appreciating the better part of war. It made it worth while fighting when their fellow countrymen turned out to welcome them home and cheer them as they marched in. The Navy did not get any of that; after the war was over they were ordered off to their ships, except those who were unlucky enough to get promoted and sent home. After a campaign Jack and his dear old friend Joe—as they called the Marines—went off to their ship, but they knew that the people at home thought just as much of them, although they did not come home. He was sure the reception they had given him was as the representative of the "good old trade," and that they were thinking of the good fellows out there. He then spoke of the gallantry with which the Egyptians fought at the bombardment of Alexandria, and as evidence of the pluck of our men, he mentioned

that the poor boy whose foot was shot off hopped on one leg to the sick bay, and, holding up his foot, said, "Look what Arabi's done to me." It was the same in the sister service, for he was told of the Highlanders at Tel-el-kobir that men in their death struggle told the others to go on and leave them to take care of themselves. After the bombardment the men went ashore, and amongst other duties they had to guard the Ras-el-Tin Palace. To show the judgment and discretion with which they did their work, the first man they arrested on suspicion was a judge. That was very creditable on the part of the men who arrested him. Amongst their other duties was the landing of the mules and horses. He saw one petty officer violently kicked on the stomach, and when he was able to speak, he said, "I hope the animal will treat Arabi in the same way." He spoke of the work at Ismailia, and described Captain Fisher's ironclad train, of which he said each truck was made a ship in commission, with mast and pennant. With regard to Admiral Hoskins' work in the Suez Canal, he thought the admiral had not received half enough credit for it. With regard to their dear old Commander-in-Chief Sir B. Seymour, he certainly did get the credit he deserved; the way in which he organised the ships and put them into action was extraordinary. He was proud of the manner in which the blue jackets marched past at Cairo, seeing they came from different ships, and the Marines were second to none. He referred to the irksome nature of the police work ashore, and to the splendid way in which all the men worked. He described in a most humorous way a dangerous escapade of a stout marine serjeant—a gallant old fellow, who had gone too far to the front in one of the reconnaissances from Fort Meks. He was pursued by about thirty of Arabi's cavalry, and they saw the dear old fellow footing it like a hare, and whenever he got a cartridge in his rifle turning round to fire. Fortunately, with a little gun they had posted, they were enabled to scare the cavalry, and save the "fat old serjeant." The Marines had acted most gallantly on 5th August, and their steady retreat under fire was the most beautiful thing ever seen. Having referred to Sir Garnet's plan of attack, which he designated as splendid, and the plucky charge of the Household Cavalry, his lordship said there were many lessons to be learned from the war, and one was, that the transport and medical departments both required looking into; and another, was the value of machine guns, of which he gave some interesting instances. Before he sat down, he wished to propose a toast—that grand old corps, which, whether on sea or shore, or as his countrymen would put it, "where the devil ever they are," would always do well—the Royal Marines. He hoped this campaign would remove from the minds of every one, whether in or out of office, any idea of proposing to do away with the Marines. He coupled with the toast the name of Colour-Sergeant Holdstock, who had been mentioned in dispatches for distinguished service on 5th August. Colour-Sergeant Holdstock, who was loudly cheered, in responding, expressed his willingness to follow his lordship anywhere. He described several incidents in the war, in which he and his comrade Sergeant Young had taken part. Several other toasts followed.—*Portsmouth Times*.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., this Saturday, the 28th October. Bros. T. Cull P.M. 1446 W.M., G. Davis P.M. 167 S.W., G. H. Hunter P.M. 1298 J.W., R. Percy P.M. 228 Preceptor. First Lecture—Bros. Cook, Glass, Cobb, Hunter, Wright, Sparrow, Saul. Second Lecture—Bros. Hickman, Powell, Gilham, Davis, Forge. Third Lecture—Bros. Strugnell, Osborn, Sutton. At 7 precisely.

By the brethren of the St. James's Lodge of Instruction, on Monday evening, 30th October, at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. Bros. J. Davison P.M. 299 W.M., W. Martin S.D. 879 S.W., W. Beavis S.W. 879 J.W., J. Laurence Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. G. Emblin, J. Jackson, E. Tilling, J. Cox, J. Davis, C. W. Kent, H. J. Lardner. Second Lecture—Bros. James Perkins, G. Perkins, W. Pennyfather, W. Martin, Thomas McButt. Third Lecture—Bros. W. Beavis, Clark, James Hawkins. The Lodge will be opened at 7 precisely.

Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901.—This Lodge, which was consecrated April 1881, now numbers forty members. It held its regular meeting on Thursday, 19th instant, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green. A goodly muster of the brethren were present. Two candidates were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of Freemasonry according to ancient custom by the W.M., Brother L. N. Nicod, who did his work in a very impressive manner. Bro. W. H. Hook the I.P.M. and first Master of the Lodge, now the esteemed Secretary, presented a very handsome bound Photographic Album with gilt plate, engraved with the name of the Lodge, &c. The W.M. received it on behalf of the Lodge with much pleasure, and a hearty vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Hook for his handsome present. After the business was over and the Lodge closed, some thirty to forty brethren and visitors sat down to a banquet provided by the W.M., and a very enjoyable evening was passed. Brothers Massarel, Eagle, Bellis, and Allison contributed to the evening by their excellent singing. The usual toasts were given and responded to, the Tyler's bringing the proceedings to a close.

Bro. J. L. Graydon announces his annual benefit, at the Middlesex Music Hall, Drury-lane, on 1st of November, on which occasion several well-known music hall stars have promised their attendance. There will be new scenery, and the usual floral display.

## 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, 28th OCTOBER.

- 198—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 Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace  
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1320—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow

## MONDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

- 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1489—Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 392—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1353—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaiton  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1506—Elington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

## TUESDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 189—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1041—Wandswoth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)

## WEDNESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6  
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields  
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
 274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester  
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 329—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Finsbury-street, Bristol  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow

- 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.  
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton  
 833—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
 872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.  
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.  
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
 1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester  
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool  
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley  
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead  
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

## THURSDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1330—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston  
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction.)  
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1311—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury  
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester  
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire  
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Inslinden  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry  
 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks  
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham  
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.  
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.  
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.  
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.  
 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.  
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.  
 971—Trafalger, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley  
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland  
 1232—Anchorage, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire  
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topham, Devonshire  
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire  
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster  
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes  
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire  
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich  
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley  
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley  
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1594—Cedwain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire  
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks  
 1837—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire  
 R.A. 397—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebrlen Bridge  
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill  
 R.A. 753—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Ramcorn, Cheshire  
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

## FRIDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 597—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)

730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 890—Horseley, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 185—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 7—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Shin and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 1489—Ezra, 90 Ball's Pond-road, N  
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Maidstone  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham  
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 530—St. Matthew, Dragon Inn, Walsall.  
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury  
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop  
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 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1661—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.  
 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
 K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

#### SATURDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street  
 199—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1273—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bothwell G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

##### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 18th inst., at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. The members assembled at the Great Western Railway Station, Paddington, where a saloon carriage had been specially provided for the accommodation of the brethren. On their arrival at Maidenhead, Lodge was opened by Bros. W. Stollard Worshipful Master, T. B. Linscott Worshipful Master 55 Senior Warden, A. L. Jefferies, Junior Warden, Captain Finch P.M. Treasurer, H. H. Hodges P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks Secretary, J. Innes S.D., J. Greenfield J.D., E. W. Allen 173 I.G. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. A. L. Jefferies J.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Allen P.M. 173, who gave a most perfect delivery of the ceremony. The W.M. having been saluted according to ancient custom, appointed and invested his Officers:—W. Stollard I.P.M., T. B. Linscott W.M. 55 S.W., J. Innes J.W., Capt. Finch P.M. 173 Treasurer, H. H. Hodges P.M. Secretary, J. Greenfield S.D., W. Allen P.M. J.D., F. Foxley P.M. 173 I.G., Nowell Tyler. An excellent banquet was provided by the worthy host, Bro. Deacon. The W.M., who ably and genially presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the R.W. Sir Daniel Gooch R.W. Prov. G.M. Berks and Bucks, the W.M. said how pleased he was to propose the toast. Sir Daniel was one for whom every Mason in the Province entertained the highest regard and esteem. Bro. H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. ably responded, and then proposed the health of the W.M., who, personally, he had known for many years; and he was sure from what they had seen of Bro. Jefferies' qualifications, he would be one who would study their interests, and the Lodge under his direction would prosper. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said his future actions would shew the brethren that to the best of his ability he would discharge the duties required of him in his present important position. In proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, the W.M. spoke of their qualifications, and took the opportunity of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Stollard, with a jewel voted by the Lodge. He hoped he might wear it for many years. (The jewel is of solid gold, set with a pearl and diamond. It is of very elegant and chaste design.) Bro. Stollard, in brief and appropriate terms, returned thanks for the valuable gift. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Allen P.M. 173, paid him a just compliment for the excellent manner in which the ceremony had been performed. Bro. Allen, in reply, thanked the W.M. He was pleased that his services had given them satisfaction. Anything it was in his power to do for the welfare of the Lodge would be at their disposal. The toasts of Treasurer and Secretary, Wardens and Officers, and that of the Tyler, concluded a very agreeable and harmonious meeting.

**Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 23rd inst., at Bro. McDiarmid's, Cambria Tavern, Loughboro' Junction. Present:—Bros. Sherring W.M., Warren S.W., Westley J.W., McKinley Secretary, Westmore S.D., Banks J.D., Keyse I.G., Johnson Preceptor; also Bros. Da Silva, Littlewood, Long, Carter, Skinner, Taffs, McDiarmid. After preliminaries, the W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, and the J.W. the second. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Long as candidate. Brother Westley worked the fourth section of the lecture. All business being ended the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till the 30th inst. A social meeting is held after business, for an hour, when the usual toasts are given, interspersed with songs and recitations. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed here by Bro. Da Silva W.M. Lodge of Israel 205, on Monday evening, 4th December. A hearty and cordial welcome will be extended to all visitors to the above Lodge of Instruction.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 21st inst., there were present Bros. W. Giller W.M., R. M. Jones S.W., E. J. Spencer J.W., R. Percy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, A. Gribbell S.D., R. W. Galer J.D., Wolf I.G.; also Bros. I. P. Cohen, Brasted, Ferrar, Houghton, W. Williams sen., W. Williams jun., Arober, Burtenshaw and C. Geer. Lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second. Bro. Williams jun. underwent examination, and being found proficient was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Williams jun. acting as candidate. The ceremony included the traditional history, which was rehearsed by the W.M. in a manner that reflected great credit. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and from refreshment to labour. Bro. I. P. Cohen worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. C. Geer, of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, was elected a member. Bro. R. M. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.**—At the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, 23rd October. Bros. Rowles W.M., Cotton S.W., Taplin J.W., Andrews P.M. S.D., Acworth J.D., Bailey I.G., Tucker W.M. 1612 Preceptor; and others. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Brooks being the candidate for both degrees. Bro. Cotton S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the meeting on the 30th inst.

**United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.**—The meeting of this prosperous Lodge of Instruction, on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, was well attended. Bro. James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. Poore, opened the Lodge at 7.30, and after the minutes had been read, advanced the Lodge to the M.M. degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. R. Allison being candidate. Brother J. N. Bate ably gave the charge in the third degree. Lodge was then closed down, and the ceremonial sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren. Amongst others present, in addition to the above named, were Bros. E. A. Francis S.W., C. H. Nevill J.W., J. N. Bate S.D., J. B. Sargeant J.D., J. Letchford I.G., F. Thurston P.M. Treasurer, John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, J. S. Edmans, R. W. Pooler, &c. Friday, the 27th (Preceptor's night), Bro. C. H. Nevill, of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, will conduct the working in the first degree.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—Held at the Jacob's Well, 13 George-street, Manchester-square. On Friday, 20th Oct., the members of the above Lodge resumed their weekly meetings, after the summer vacation, and a very enjoyable and instructive evening was passed. Bro. E. B. Cox fulfilled the duties of W.M. in a very creditable manner. Bros. Tribble P.M. 1287 and Dairy P.M. 141 rendering able assistance. The brethren met in very goodly numbers, and the Lodge being opened in due form, Bro. H. Moore Secretary worked the first section of the lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Bridger being the candidate. The Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and after a short interval was resumed and opened in the third. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Chambers S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Cox for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair of K.S. on this the first occasion in the William Preston Lodge of Instruction. Amongst those present were Bros. Wilson, Little, Bridger, Carsons, R. D. Smith, Brander, H. Smith, Parsons, Fromholz, &c. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Coop, Preceptor of the Lodge, pleading his private avocations as a reason for non-attendance. Three new members were elected. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

We have pleasure in announcing that at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday next, the 30th inst., at 8 p.m., the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed, after which the Lodge will be closed, when Bro. James Oxley, No. 1306, will give a reading entitled "Retrospective Rural Reminiscences." Brethren are cordially invited to attend, and doubtless many will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Bro. Oxley.

**Roslyn Lodge, No. 1543.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, on Tuesday, 24th inst. Owing to the dreadful gale, the attendance was not so good as usual. There were present Bros. H. E. Dehane W.M., Warner S.W., Rattray J.W., Clapham P.M. S.D., Calanan J.D., Rhind I.G., Snell P.M. Treasurer, W. Rowe, Russell, E. Dudley Saffron Walden Lodge. The Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. F. W. Warner, who had been elected, in his absence, W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, now regretted that, owing to circumstances over which he had no control, he should be unable to undertake the duties of the chair. Bro. Rowe was passed to the second degree. The W.M. and J.W. having audited the accounts, Bro. Dehane informed the brethren that they were correct, and a balance on the right side was in the hands of the Treasurer. After a few feeling remarks from the W.M. on the great loss the Province had sustained by the death of the R.W. Bro. Lord Tenterden, Provincial Grand Master, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Lady Tenterden. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.**—A meeting was held on Monday, at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road:—Bros A. Jones W.M., Hammond S.W., Hubbert J.W., Chitson S.D., Clements J.D., Oxley I.G., Moss Preceptor, T. J. Barnes P.M. Treasurer, B. Stewart Secretary; also T. Knight, Brittain, Peterlin, Pringle. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brittain candidate. Bro. Peterkin offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the second degree. The Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Moss proposed, and Bro. Barnes seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the manner in which Brother Jones had filled the chair for the first time in this Lodge.—Carried unanimously. Bro. Hammond was unanimously elected W.M. for the next Lodge meeting.

**Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, where there was a considerable attendance of brethren, including Bros. Geo. Moss P.M. W.M., Richard Poore S.W., A. E. Albert J.W., Hy. M. Williams Secretary, E. A. Francis Preceptor, G. W. Knight S.D., J. Amsden J.D., C. H. Phillips Treasurer I.G., Hy. Baldwin, G. Flint, W. Croucher, J. S. Plummer, F. A. Smith, G. Monk, E. Bye sen. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were unanimously confirmed. By permission of the W.M. Bro. Baldwin rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a most excellent manner, Bro. Flint acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Plummer being the candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. On the proposition of Bro. H. M. Williams Secretary, seconded by Bro. Albert, Bro. F. A. Smith I.G. Royal Leopold, No. 1669, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Richard Poore having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and hearty good wishes expressed, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned in perfect harmony until Tuesday, 31st inst., at 8 p.m.

**The Hackney Hansard.**—Commercial enterprise has added to the stock of periodical literature a record of the sayings and doings of the Parliamentary Debating Society of Hackney in the form of the House of Commons' Hansard. Two numbers have already appeared, and it is pleasant to know that the circulation of the work has secured a deservedly remunerative return to the professional shorthand writers who are at the expense of producing it. The work is certainly well got up, and exhibits great care in the reporting and editing. Although the publication, which is a weekly one, is mostly on sale in Hackney, it may also be obtained at the offices of the Proprietors, Messrs. Walpole and Bottomley, Shorthand Writers, 90 Chancery-lane, W.C. Other local Parliaments are also about to have their Hansard.

We have great pleasure in bearing our testimony to the beauty of the new Valse, entitled "Pense à Moi," by Bro. Edward Crosse, Lodge No. 1298, of 4 Argyle-place. It is described as the "Valse of the Season," but we shall content ourselves with saying that it is very tuneful and inspiring, and will be highly favoured by all votaries of Terpsichore. We can also commend Bro. Crosse to our readers as one who provides most efficient bands for balls, banquets, and private parties, and we trust he will receive from the Craft a large measure of support, such as he is worthy of receiving.

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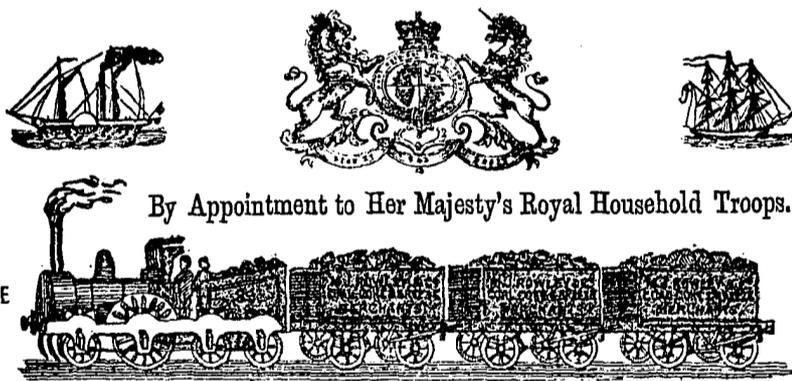
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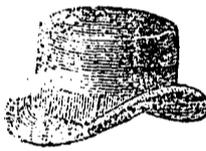
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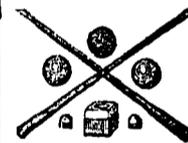
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