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MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1882.

WE publish elsewhere a letter from "Q," a frequent correspondent of ours, and his remarks on the subject of Masonic Benevolence, so far as they concern our Institutions, not so much in relation to the past and previous years, but with a view to the future, are well worthy of consideration. We know from our own experience that a large number of brethren are of the same opinion as he is as to the policy which should be adopted for some years to come, and that, having latterly increased so enormously the liabilities of our said Institutions, we are in duty bound to proceed with caution, if only that we may be the better assured of our ability to maintain them at their present strength. This view is at all events one which we cannot afford well to despise. We have no right to expect that brethren who have already given freely and frequently out of their means in order to provide for the education of our boys and girls, and make comfortable the declining years of the old folks, will go on repeating their subscriptions regularly; for it is not by any means apparent that the enthusiasm of the minority of the Craft, which has done this good work, has seriously affected the disposition of the majority to take their share of it. Brethren who are as accustomed as we are to scan narrowly the lists of subscriptions announced at successive Anniversary Festivals must be well aware that it invariably happens that the Lodges in London which have given towards one list, go on giving towards the next and the next and the next, and that the appearance of a new Lodge—new that is to say, in the sense of not having before appeared, or but seldom—is a matter of infrequent occurrence. Newly-created Lodges are proud of signalling the commencement of their career by giving liberally, but these are necessarily limited in numbers. Moreover, in a few years they cease to be new, and the efforts they make to raise Lodge subscriptions become in time somewhat less enthusiastic, or more probably still, they feel it is necessary they should have a little breathing time before renewing their assistance to the Charities. As to the Provinces, some make a point of giving regularly and liberally, and others, when they do contribute, do so handsomely, while there are yet others who, having local charity associations of their own, are only able to spare from time to time a modest donation to one or other of the Central Institutions. There is also, we regret to say, a fourth category, in which are included the Provinces which rarely, if ever, contribute anything. To state the case summarily, it will be found that the duty of providing from year to year the wherewith to keep our Charities in good working condition is in the main discharged by the same Lodges in London and the same Provinces, and it is not going too far to suggest that a day may come when these Lodges and Provinces may grow tired of these self-imposed responsibilities, and the alternative be forced upon us, either of looking for help where hitherto we have looked in vain or but to little purpose, or of reducing the number of those who derive benefit from our Charities. We allow these are not the most agreeable suggestions to offer, but they are suggestions which it would be an act of folly for us to ignore, and for this reason, "Q.'s" letter, which

deals pretty exhaustively with the figure part of this question, is the more worthy of our consideration.

Naturally enough he begins by speaking in laudatory terms of the results of last year's Masonic Benevolence. Over £40,000 from subscriptions and donations is unquestionably a magnificent sum. What, however, he mostly directs his attention to is, the extent of the liabilities to which we stand committed and the extent to which those liabilities are provided for out of permanent income. He estimates the average annual expenditure of the three Institutions as amounting to £33,500 namely, on account of the Benevolent £13,500, of which £11,600 is for Annuities; Girls' School, £10,000; Boys' School, £10,000; and those who have seen the several reports must be well aware that this is by no means an excessive estimate. To meet this outlay there is, he points out, a permanent income amounting, in round figures to £5,900, of which, some £3,590 belongs to the Benevolent, £1,620 to the Girls' School, and £690 to the Boys' School. That is to say, the permanent liability in respect of the three Institutions taken all together is about five and two-thirds as much as the permanent income they receive together, while, if we take them separately, the liability of the Benevolent stands to its permanent income in the ratio of about three and three quarters to one; the liability of the Girls' School to its permanent income in that of over six to one; and the liability of the Boys' School to its permanent income in that of, as nearly as possible, thirteen and a half to one. To put the case less technically; the Benevolent Institution has £1 of fixed income to meet every £3 15s of liability, the Girls' School £1 of fixed income to meet over £6 of liability, and the Boys' School £1 of fixed income to meet £13 10s of liability, while if we take all three together there is £1 of income to meet £5 13s 4d of liability. His contention is, that under these circumstances, which he states briefly, but we have stated more fully, before we think of extending the sphere of our operations, it is our bounden duty to reduce this serious inequality between fixed income and liability. He argues, reasonably enough, that in the event of a war, a commercial crisis, or a succession of bad harvests, it would be useless to expect that the large sums which we have succeeded of late in raising by voluntary subscriptions would continue to be received. He points out that we narrowly escaped a great war in 1878, and suggests the possibility that the next time there is a serious difference among the Powers we may not be equally fortunate. He implies, if he does not particularly state it, that if either, or more than one, of these unpleasant contingencies should overtake us, whatever deficiency might be caused through the loss of voluntary assistance would have to be made good out of our investments, and this would necessarily have the effect of reducing the permanent income that is now available. We have spoken of his argument as being reasonable enough, and we will venture to emphasise this by adding that in the views to which he gives expression there is nothing of an exaggerated character. He advocates caution in our proceedings, and having regard to what we have done in the way of increase during the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales, we cannot say he is wrong

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

in so doing. Moreover, though in the nature of things it is not in the power of the next and succeeding generations to show any consideration to the present, it is certainly part of the latter's duty to avoid committing those who may come after it to an expenditure which they may be ill-qualified or incapable to bear. Moreover, "Q's" letter comes the more opportunely, seeing that the Girls' School is not yet up to its full strength, while, as regards the Boys' School, we are to a certain extent committed to the establishment in connection with it of a Preparatory School. Consequently, there will, in the course of a short time, be a still larger amount of permanent liability placed upon our shoulders, and the duty of caution becomes more imperative still. We have reason to be proud of what we have done of late, and we must not mar the excellent effect of that good work by overtaking our strength. Even the generous-hearted Mason must occasionally draw tight his purse strings.

OURSELVES.

IT is not often that we obtrude matters of a personal character upon our readers, but the receipt of so many kindly letters, from friends and subscribers in various parts of the country, emboldens us to say a few words respecting the progress and present position of this journal. We thank our correspondents most sincerely for these expressions of their sympathy and fraternal recognition, and also for their reciprocated wishes for our enlarged prosperity in the year upon which we have just entered. As we observed last week, we hope by steadily and consistently following the course we have pursued during the eight years of our existence, and by the improvements which are contemplated in the various departments of this journal, we may succeed in securing for ourselves a greater share of public confidence than we have enjoyed in the past, and that the CHRONICLE may be the means of constantly increasing usefulness to all sections of the Craft. We take the opportunity, at the opening of a new year—when men are forming their plans and entering into arrangements for the future—of bringing somewhat more into detail than it would be good taste often to do the claims that a paper like our own possesses upon the class to whose welfare it is devoted. And we do so on this occasion with entire kindness and frankness, knowing that our own interests are inseparably associated with those of the vast and important Fraternity amongst whom the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE circulates.

The further our experience as journalists extends, the more conscious we are how far our paper comes short of the standard we should desire it to reach; but yet we must be content for our work to be judged on its own merits. As we have never made promises or professions, it would ill become us now by a resort to such means to conciliate public favour, if we have not already by our past efforts succeeded in securing it. These efforts, however, we may truly say, have been appreciated in a degree far beyond what we could have hoped, and that our paper has found a circulation, and commands an influence, amongst the Craft generally it would be ungrateful to deny.

That in one respect, however, we have deserved the success that has attended our exertions we have no difficulty in saying. With whatever inefficiency it may have been, we have yet endeavoured to adhere to the great principles which guided us at the outset of our venture. We have always felt the importance of providing a journal worthy of general support amongst Masons, containing information on all matters of interest to the Craft, affording every opportunity for criticism and interchange of thought and opinion; and this we have sought to do in a manner free from any language or allusion that would offend the most fastidious sense of delicacy or propriety. As a class journal, addressing the vast number of thoughtful and studious men who are ranged under the banner of our Ancient and Honourable Institution, we have been free to admit all matters bearing upon the progress and welfare of the Order, deprecating the introduction of factious jealousy in anything affecting the general interests of the Brotherhood.

We are desirous, however, of extending, if we can, still more widely the influence of our paper, and to make it a still more complete and interesting reporter of Masonic events and opinions; and we have thought that we should

take the present opportunity of explaining to our many thousands of readers *why* and *how* they should aid us in doing so. And first, perhaps, it may be proper to ask what are the legitimate uses of what is called a "class" newspaper? Some are inclined to ascribe to it a very circumscribed field indeed, and suppose that its functions are limited to the mere detail, without note or comment, of the affairs of the circle amongst which it moves; and that if it assumes in any degree the position of a moral or social teacher, or an advocate of ever-increasing improvement, it goes beyond its province. We have never accepted this definition of our duties. We do, indeed, hold most fully the desirableness of making our journal a medium for circulating with accuracy, and with a fulness proportionate to their interest and importance, the various occurrences of the Craft. Care and judgment are also needed in no small degree not to give undue prominence to any one interest, or to the affairs of any special locality, but to present, as it were, a bird's-eye view of the entire occurrences in Freemasonry, both at home, in the colonies, and abroad. But while accomplishing this, the intelligent and conscientious journalist has other responsibilities. Addressing himself as he does every week to the minds and thoughts of students of the Art, it is for him to interest and instruct, as well as to amuse; and so, alike by his own writings as by his selections from those of others, he is called to point the moral of the tale of current events his columns tell, and to enforce the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth which it is the object of his journal to promote.

But a Masonic paper has other duties, of a less lofty, yet perhaps of more direct, interest to its readers. It is called as a sentinel to guard the special interests of the Craft, to watch the conduct of the various Lodges and branches of the Order, to expose wrongdoing when it has been made manifest, to foster intelligently the spirit of Masonic enterprise and charity, and to facilitate and stimulate measures of a moral or material nature—in a word, to exercise an honest, faithful, and fearless guardianship over all the interests of the community amongst whom it is circulated. To be qualified to discharge a trust so important as this, a journal must commend itself, by the straightforward honesty of its tone, to the confidence of its readers; maintaining a spirit of manly independence, it must never descend to unworthy personalities; and whilst zealously promoting every project calculated to further the general good, it must keep itself unspotted from even the suspicion of partisanship with cliques or coteries. The influence of a paper or magazine conducted on such principles as this must be healthful and beneficial to the audience by whom it is listened to, and the effect of such a messenger of information and instruction cannot be other than the most potent.

At the same time, it is a fact that the sheet we sell our readers costs us more money than we receive for it, and if the price we get for our paper merely was considered, we should expend our industry, and capital, and thought not only without pecuniary return, but at a positive loss, for, as is very well known, the profits of such a paper as ours are derived almost exclusively from the advertisements that are published in its columns. We, then, have no difficulty in appealing to all who are interested in the Craft, and its literary support, to sustain us liberally by their advertisements. To those engaged in business we shall not repeat the familiar arguments in favour of advertising. They are so generally understood now by intelligent commercial men that it has come to be accepted as an axiom that, for ordinary business, advertising is essential to success. We shall, therefore, only say to the vast audience to whom we speak that there is no other agency in existence so effective for making business announcements public as in the columns of this journal. And we must remind our business friends that the gain they thus derive from advertising is not only direct, but incidental. The general effect upon the interests of any community of a good paper is, as every one knows who has studied the subject, most important; and, as we have shown, a good journal cannot be sustained without liberal advertising. Thus it will be seen that the judicious advertiser not only increases his own business, but at the same time the prosperity of the Craft, by the policy he pursues; and we might cite the highest commercial authorities in support of the statement that no investment pays so certain and so large a per centage as advertising of this character.

Nor less useful are the pages of a respectable journal for bringing under the notice of the entire class sought to be

reached appeals for charitable or benevolent purposes, or proposals for new commercial enterprises, or contemplated business improvements. One notice in the editorial columns of such a paper will at once find attention and circulate information on subjects like those we have named which no amount of private effort could produce; and the cost of the publication of the lists of the donors, the appeals of committees, the representations of the promoters of worthy enterprises, is almost in every case repaid twenty-fold in the increased subscriptions they produce. The policy of economy, therefore, that would save the cost of advertising in such cases is of the "penny-wise and pound foolish" kind, that all experienced promoters of works of charity or schemes of public enterprise or improvement have long since abandoned.

It will, then, be seen that as the prosperity, so the real power, of a newspaper depends upon the extent of its advertising business, and therefore we appeal to the entire advertising community for their liberal support in this way. We make this appeal on independent commercial grounds, for we give the most abundant value for the price paid us. In speaking thus we do not wish to be understood in any sense using the language of complaint, for, on the contrary, it is our grateful duty to acknowledge that never, we believe, has the advertising business of this journal been larger or more satisfactory than during the year just ended. But our ambition is to achieve still greater things, and in thus pointing out the advantages of advertising in our columns, we are but suggesting the means by which our supporters, with pecuniary profit to themselves and advantage to the Craft, may extend the circulation and increase the power of this paper. That the spirit in which we offer this appeal will be understood and reciprocated we have no doubt; and we believe that many who differ from us on some "minor points" still respect us for the honesty with which we maintain what we believe to be the true interests of the Order, and will sympathise with the desire to uphold a journal which, rising above party considerations in all matters that concern the welfare of the Craft, will be found advocating any measure calculated to promote the general good, from whatever quarter or whatever party it may proceed.

Of course, to the brethren of the mystic tie we come with especial claims—claims which we are sure will be cheerfully admitted—for support even more generous than we have hitherto received. We pray them to bear in mind what a powerful agency this paper places in their hands for propagating and defending the principles of Fraternity and Charity which they love, and to the advocacy of which let us assure them the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE will be devoted in the future with as great earnestness and zeal as in the past—and we hope with efficiency, at least, not diminished.

DISTRICT G. LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A REGULAR Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Friday, the 6th October last. The R.W. Bro. Cornelius Thorne District Grand Master presided, and among those present were Bros. T. W. Kingsmill Past District Grand Senior Warden as Dep. Dist. G. M., H. Evans D.G.S.W., Lewis Moore D.G.J.W., H. S. Morris D.G. Treasurer, W. H. Short D.G.Reg., W. H. Anderson President of D. Board of General Purposes, A. Johnsford D.G. Secretary, D. M. David P.G.D.S.D. as D.G.S.D., J. D. Bishop D.G.J.D., E. P. Lalcaca D.G.D. of C., G. R. Wingrove as D.G.S.B., G. B. Fentum D.G.O., John Morris D.G.P., J. Findlay, and C. J. Holliday D.G. Stewards, C. Merritt as D.G. Tyler, while among the visitors was R.W. Bro. C. P. Chater D. Grand Master Hong Kong and South China. The members and visitors having taken their places, R.W. Bro. C. Thorne D.G.M. accompanied by R.W. Bro. C. P. Chater entered and was saluted in ancient form, and Bro. Chater having, at the invitation of the District Grand Master, been saluted with the grand honours and acknowledged the compliment, District Grand Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the April Communication read and confirmed. A resolution fixing the regular meetings of the District Grand Lodge for the 7th January and 22nd September, or as nearly as possible to those dates, was confirmed.

From the report of District Board of General Purposes, which was submitted, and, on motion duly made and seconded, carried, it appeared that (1) a provisional arrangement till the end of the year that the Hall should be lighted, cleaned, and warmed on Lodge nights at a charge per night of two and a half dollars was held over for reference to the District Grand Lodge, and (2) that Brother T. Hore had resigned the office of District Grand Tyler, his place being temporarily occupied by Brother Charles Merritt. A motion to the effect that the sum of two and a half dollars for one night in accordance with the above arrangement be paid was agreed to. The D.G.M. then read an extract from a letter he had received from the Grand Secretary under date 30th March 1882 on the subject of Wardens conferring degrees, which was to the following effect: "With reference to the question of a Warden conferring degrees and the views of my predecessor as expressed in his letter of 18th January 1877; I can only say that the regulation I have quoted in my letter of the 22nd October last is the ruling given by the Grand Registrar of late years. Although, however, this must be considered as the law generally, there may be exceptional cases, as you urge, in distant spots, where, at the discretion of the local authority, the rule may be relaxed so as to permit of a Warden conferring the degree, but in such case he should be held responsible that no Installed Master was procurable within practicable distance." A case was mentioned in which the D.G.M. stated that it had been unofficially brought to his notice that endeavours had been made to obtain instruction in an irregular manner in some of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the D.G. Lodge and that, in reply to a communication of his, the Grand Secretary had informed him that there was no doubt such irregularity constituted a Masonic offence, and that it was in his (the D.G.M.'s) power to inflict the punishment of admonition, fine, or suspension, on conviction. Among other matters referred to was one concerning the Lodge Germania, Tientsin, holding under the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin. The D.G.M. said he had visited that Lodge by invitation on the occasion of the installation of its W. Master, Bro. J. Haas, who was not entrusted with the secrets of the Chair, and was consequently not qualified to be present at a Board of Installed Masters in an English Lodge. He had explained this to Bro. Haas, and the latter had fully understood and appreciated the explanation. Complimentary reference having been made to the presence of Right Worshipful Bro. Chater D.G.M. Hong-Kong and South China, and the kind and valuable assistance that brother had rendered when the D. G. Lodge of Northern China was constituted, and Bro. Chater having appropriately expressed his acknowledgments and the satisfaction he had experienced from being present that evening, District Grand Lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities.

The "Phoenix Universal Multiplying Tablets," of Messrs. Rath and Co., of Paul's Alley, Australian Avenue, E.C., will be found invaluable for the reproduction, whether for trade purposes or amusement, of Manuscripts, Sketches, Music, or Plates from Illustrated Papers or any Printed Pictures, &c., by architects, surveyors, solicitors, artistes, musicians, secretaries, and indeed those who require such multiplication. The process is very simple, and the materials inexpensive and trustworthy. There is no time wasted, as with other processes in use, in washing and preparing the Tablets, the production being effected so rapidly that in a few minutes hundreds of copies in different indelible colours and on different varieties of material can be produced without fail. The manufacturers already possess more than a hundred and twenty forms of reproductions by these Tablets, of which a first series of seventeen has been published, one being for copying printed originals, types, and illustrations, without any machine whatever, by mere manual proceeding, in colours and bronze. We commend this invention to the notice of our readers.

Monday the 8th instant was the nineteenth anniversary of the birthday of Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and was marked by the usual observances at St. James's and in Windsor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Like every one else I have read with the greatest satisfaction your statement of particulars showing the amounts received from all sources during the past year by our different Charitable Institutions and the Grants made by the Lodge of Benevolence during the same period. Especially worthy of praise is the total of the "Donations and Subscriptions" which, for the Schools and Benevolent together, amount to £40,893 17s 9d; and if to this be added, as I think may fairly be done, the "Huyshe Devon Presentation" to the Boys' School of five hundred guineas, we have a sum of £41,418 17s 9d raised by the benevolent exertions of the Craft during the year 1882, of which £14,139 18s 8d—including the aforesaid Huyshe Presentation of £525—was received by the Boy's School, £13,927 8s 4d by the Girls' School, and £13,351 10s 9d by the Benevolent Institution. As regards the other subscriptions we have, in respect of the R.M.B.I. for Dividends, Interest and Rent £1,893 16s 10d; from Grand Lodge £1,200 (the full amount for the year is £1,600); and from Grand Chapter £150; together £3,243 16s 10d. For the Girls' School we have Grand Lodge £150 and Grand Chapter £10 10s; Dividends and Interest £1,499 8s 1d; Purchase Case £187 10s; Music Fees £186 7s 6d; and Miscellaneous £8 11s 9d; total £2,042 7s 4d. For the Boys' School Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, as in the Girls' School, together £160 10s; Dividends £530; Music Fees £49 7s; total £739 17s. These figures show the following results as regards (1) Fluctuating Income from "Donations and Subscriptions and (2) Permanent Income from Grants by Grand Lodge and Chapter and Dividends—the other items, such as interest on moneys on deposit, music fees, presentations, &c., being for obvious reasons omitted from the calculation. For the sake of perspicuity I will state them thus:—

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Fluctuating Income from Donations and Subscriptions in 1882, say	£13,350	0	0
Permanent Income, viz. :—			
Dividends, say	£1,830		
Grants	1,750*		
	3,580	0	0
Total	£16,930	0	0

* N.B. Only three-fourths of the full grant from Grand Lodge received last year.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Fluctuating Income from Donations and Subscriptions in 1882, say	£13,927	0	0
Permanent Income, viz. :—			
Dividends, say	£1,455		
Grants, say	160		
	1,615	0	0
Total	£15,542	0	0

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Fluctuating Income from Donations and Subscriptions in 1882, say	£13,615	0	0
Permanent Income, viz. :—			
Dividends	£530		
Grants, say	160		
	690	0	0
Total	£14,305	0	0

It will be seen that while the Fluctuating Income of the three Institutions varies but inconsiderably, the Permanent Income of the Benevolent is vastly more than double that of the Girls' School, and five times as much as that of the Boys' School, while that of the Girls' School is as nearly as possible two and one-third times as much as that of its sister Institution at Wood Green.

Then the Investments stand as follow:—

Benevolent Institution	£64,000
Girls' School, say	£45,000
Boys' School	£15,000

There is then a vast inequality in the Permanent Incomes of the three Institutions, both in respect of those derived from Investments and the Grants by Grand Lodge and Chapter.

As regards expenditure, I shall not, I imagine, be very far out when I state it to be in round figures as follows, expenses of management being included in the case of each Institution:—

Benevolent Institution	£13,500
Girls' School	£10,000
Boys' School	£10,000
Total	£33,500

This is the sum that must be provided under any circumstances, if the Institutions are to be maintained in their present state of effi-

ciency. Of course, it will be said—What could be better under the circumstances? Here is an Income from voluntary contributions of over £40,000 to meet an expenditure of no more than £33,500. Consequently, there is a balance on the right side of the account of £5,500, to say nothing of the certain receipt from permanent sources of a further £5,885—say, £5,900. What I wish to ask, however, is—How will it fare with our Charities, if at some time, nearer or more remote, the Donations and Subscriptions from the Craft show a substantial diminution from, say, £13,000 to £10,000 for each Institution in the year? Such a contingency must be taken into account by a wise administrative body, and it ought in my opinion to be so taken into account forthwith. We have before now had bad harvests, there may be, as there has been before, a stagnation in trade, or the country may find itself engaged in a great war, with a triple income tax and heavily-increased customs' duties to provide for. Whence, in either of these cases, shall we look to obtain the wherewith to maintain and educate our 450 Boys and Girls, and find the annuities for 325 Old Folks? We cannot always expect to have sunshine, and when the rainy weather comes and is prolonged for some years, as it was during the long war at the close of the last and the beginning of the present century, and as it may be again, can we hope that the Craft collectively will be much better off than the rest of their countrymen, and that they will be able to find the requisite funds for the necessities of their Institutions, just as they do in these piping times of peace? Much as I should like to do so, I cannot picture to myself so fortunate a state of things. I remember the Crimean War, which, though it lasted but little more than two years, cost about one hundred millions sterling. The then income tax of—if I remember rightly—11½d and 16d in the pound, according to the amount of income—pressed heavily on the well-to-do professional and trading classes from which come the majority of Craftsmen, and left them but a narrow margin for the luxury of Charity. We were on the verge of war in 1878, and, though I have no desire to be thought a Cassandra, it is by no means improbable, that, when the Eastern or some other great question affecting British interests crops up again, we may not be so fortunate as we were a few years ago, and keep clear of the disturbance. In short, we must not look forward to be always in a position to extract £40,000 a year from the pockets of the Fraternity.

In these circumstances, I hold that it will be well if we look the future boldly in the face. During the last few years we have pursued the plan of extending the benefits of our Institutions, and having regard to the fact that the permanent income of our three Charities together is less than one-fifth of their liabilities, I think it behoves us to adopt, for some time to come at all events, a policy of consolidation. Let us resolve on making no additions to the strength of our Schools and Benevolent Institution, at least until the vast inequality between the permanent income and normal expenditure of each is greatly reduced.

I am well aware that this is the reverse of the popular view in regard to our Institutions. They have prospered of late so marvelously that it does not appear to enter into the minds of Freemasons that the contingency of a war, a succession of bad harvests, or a financial crisis must seriously affect the receipts of our Charities. I am equally well aware that a policy of increase has about it a glorious fascination. I am moreover well aware that the expression of so unpopular a view would be quite uncalled for, if every subscribing Mason gave only the small sum of five shillings a-year to each Institution. Then they would have the wherewith to make the necessary provision for present requirements and at the same time to largely increase their investments against the inevitable rainy day. But I cannot shut my eyes to the fact that between the increased expenditure of, and the increasing demands upon, our Charities, we are going out of our way to invite the very failure of our obligations which all members of our Fraternity are so anxious to avoid.

Apologising for the length of this letter,

I remain, fraternally yours,

"Q."

London: 8th January 1883.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to congratulate you, whilst reciprocating the "Compliments of the Season," upon the new departure which your excellent journal has taken, and the improvements which are visible at the outset of your new arrangements. Few but those intimately connected with journalistic work know the amount of anxiety, thought, and care—to say nothing of expense—that is involved in the production of a newspaper, and if this be true in an ordinary sense, I imagine it is far more so in dealing with a class journal, and particularly one devoted to the interests of our Craft. As a rule, I fear Masons are not quick to appreciate the means placed within their reach, of acquiring information and a store of useful knowledge. Masonic journals are often heedlessly thrown aside unopened and unread, much to the disadvantage of those who profess to strive after "more light" in pursuance of their study of the Art. All the greater credit is due, therefore, to persistent enterprise, such as your own, to keep before such as are desirous of acquiring knowledge a record of events which are of daily occurrence and interest to the Craft, which should be more univesally appreciated than they are.

I have watched with pleasure the steady, consistent course which the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has pursued during the eight years of its existence, and consider the Craft is indebted to you for the mass of valuable information and record of Masonic intelligence contained in the volumes which I am proud to point at, ranged on the shelves of my library. They are to me a source of infinite pleasure in the hours of relaxation, and invaluable for reference on many points which call for thoughtful consideration in the execution of my Masonic

duties. I would that every Lodge in the kingdom, nay, every individual brother, had secured to itself and himself the privilege of possessing so comprehensive and valuable a compendium of Masonic intelligence, criticism and counsel, and that they would put the same to practical use, in which case they could derive nothing but advantage to themselves and those around them.

I am fully aware of the difficulties you must have had to surmount; and to which you so modestly allude in your loaders last week. Such efforts, made patriotically in the cause of our Institution, deserve all the encouragement which it is in the power of the Craft to bestow, and I for one sincerely trust that in the future the brethren will be willing, even more than in the past, to show their appreciation of the labour and expense put forward in order to advance the true interests of Freemasonry.

I regarded with no little surprise and regret the apparent suspension of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for a couple of weeks recently; but its reappearance in a more vigorous and complete form has set my fears at rest, for I should regard it as a positive loss had any apathy on the part of your should-be supporters and subscribers induced you to discontinue the issue of so valuable and essential a help to me and my fellow students of the Mystic Art. With all good wishes for the coming year,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

SENIOR WARDEN.

9th January 1883.

OUR MASONIC ORGANS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It can hardly have escaped you that certain vague rumours have been whispered about amongst the brethren that we were about to lose your valuable literary aid, in consequence of an apathy on the part of the brethren in according sufficient support to keep the CHRONICLE afloat. The assurance to the contrary conveyed in your last issue is most welcome to me, as I am certain it will be to many other brethren; for I should be utterly at a loss at the end of the week could I not number amongst my literary budget the familiar organs of the Craft, which I always peruse with much interest and pleasure. Considering the vast amount of valuable information you provide weekly, and the admirable means you open to Masons for the interchange of friendly thought and opinions, your journal should be read, certainly in every Lodge, if not by every member of the Order.

As a rule, Masons are not great readers: they are content with things as they find them in Lodge, or at their meetings for instruction. But I must say that, apart from the interest I have derived from a perusal of Masonic doings in this and other countries, recorded in your columns, I have been much edified and instructed by your able dissertations on the principles of Freemasonry, your criticism on nice points connected with the Craft, and the freely expressed opinions thereon by your numerous and talented correspondents.

I am, therefore, glad that the suspension of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE was only temporary, to enable you to pull matters straight and to complete another volume, and that you purpose with renewed vigour to continue your laudable efforts on behalf of the Craft, on a wider and improved scale.

With all best wishes for your enterprise, believe me to remain,

Yours very fraternally,

CONSTANT READER.

Torquay, 9th January 1883.

P.S.—Kindly renew my annual subscription, and send copy weekly, as directed, to my brother at Hornsea.

We are surprised at the letter, signed S. X., which appeared in our contemporary and which, while it animadverts most strongly on the courtesy of the officials of our Boys' School at Wood Green, would lead people to infer that the youngsters are anything but well treated. All who like ourselves have seen anything of the Institution must be well aware that such allegations and suggestions have no foundation whatever in fact. The officials are, at all times and in all circumstances, as courteous as it is possible for any persons similarly placed to be, while the Boys, if we may judge from their appearance, are the picture of contentment and happiness. As to the "awe-struck manner of one or two of the poor little fellows who had occasion to address" the said "S. X." and his companion on the occasion of their visit, we should, if such a thing were possible, be inclined to attribute it to the terror-inspiring aspect of the visitors, whose appearance must have exhibited a considerable amount of ferocity in order to have produced so unaccustomed an effect on the part of the little boys. We would point out that Brother Doctor Morris is as kind as he is capable, and that his subordinates, be they matrons or masters, have shown themselves on all occasions to be his worthy coadjutors. The executive, that is, the House Committee, but more especially Brother Binckes, the Secretary of the School, are

as untiring in their efforts to promote the comfort and happiness of the pupils, as they are kind and considerate in their demeanour. The testimony of successive Festival Chairmen to the efficiency of the system of education pursued at the School and its happy effects on the Boys is so well known that we need do no more than refer to it as being ten thousand times more valuable in its favour than S. X.'s attempts at denunciation are in the opposite direction. Our Boys' School is not, perhaps, a perfect institution—having regard to the fact of its being worked by fallible men, that is out of the question; but that it will successfully bear comparison with other schools of the same or similar character has been proved again and again to the infinite credit of the Secretary, the Committees, and the Staff. Indeed, we almost feel ashamed at having felt called upon to defend its high character, nor should we have taken heed of the letter in question, but for the baneful effects it must exercise on the reputation of the School in the minds of those who are unacquainted with its tone and management.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Stewart (in the chair), Dewar, Adlard, Mather, Matier, Roebuck, Moon, Bowyer, Duff-Filer, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Brackstone Baker, Massey, Gladwell, Festa, Mann, Webb, Young, Gillard, Maple, Ousey, Paas, Saunders, Godson, Motion, Martin, Venn, Palmer, Binckes (Secretary). Two presentation cases were accepted, and two candidates were withdrawn; nine new applicants were placed on the list, and four outfits were granted. The list of candidates for the April election was settled at sixty-seven, and twelve vacancies were declared. It was remarked by Bro. Binckes that in October there would probably be twenty-two vacancies. Bro. Edgar Bowyer called attention to a letter printed in the *Freemason*, signed S. X., in which complaint was made of what the writer considered incivility he had received when he visited the School at Wood Green; and Bro. Bowyer inquired what would be done to ascertain the truth or falsehood of the statements in the letter, as it was the first time during his long acquaintance with the Institution that any such complaint had been made. Bro. Binckes said the letter was not properly before this Committee. The proper course would be to lay it before the House Committee on the 19th inst., and inquire into it. The letter would then be read in the minutes of the Committee at the next meeting of the General Committee, on the 3rd of February, and it would then be properly before the General Committee. Dr. Morris said the letter was thoroughly censorious, ill-tempered, and petty, and it was false on the face of it. The writer, who said he was ten minutes at the School, wrote about the awe-stricken appearance of the boys; the boys were admitted to be in School at the time of the visit. Did the writer expect them to be mirthful at such a time? He at first felt inclined to answer the letter, but it was so petty, and as the writer was no gentleman, he resolved not to answer it. If the Committee thought fit to do so they might. During the eight years he had been at the School, he had never received such indignity, except on one occasion, when he had to threaten to have a man turned out, he was so rude. Bro. Raynham Stuart said the more dignified way for the Committee would be to treat the letter with contempt. Bro. Binckes said the letter had appeared in print, and there were certain charges in it. The House Committee might inquire into the matter. It was hardly worth while to remain under these charges if they could get rid of them. Bro. Matier said the letter was an anonymous one. The author should write to the Committee and give his name, and the charges could be inquired into. Dr. Morris remarked that the editor of the *Freemason* was a weak-minded man; he refused the letter last week, and inserted it this. The Committee then adjourned.

The brethren of the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction, No. 1339, accompanied by their Preceptor, Brother Frances P.G.S.D. Surrey, will visit the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. The Lodge meets at the East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, Wandsworth, and will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT WOOD GREEN.

THE bleak weather on Thursday evening did not prevent a large assemblage of friends from participating in the New Year's entertainment given to the pupils at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, arrangements for which had, as usual, been made by the House Committee. These Festivals are looked forward to with very keen interest by the chubby little lads who, from a variety of circumstances remain at school, while the majority of their comrades are away enjoying their Christmas vacation; and, judging from the happy faces assembled in the great hall on Thursday evening, the considerate kindness of the executive in providing them with a couple of hours' real enjoyment was appreciated to the full. It is very evident that those to whom have been entrusted the conduct of this splendid Institution, do not believe in the motto, "All work and no play," and the consequence is that there are very few "dull boys" among the circle over which Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris so genially and ably presides as Head Master. We have had the pleasurable duty, on many occasions, both at the summer athletic fêtes and other red-letter days at Wood Green, to notice how thoroughly wholesome relaxation is blended with the ordinary studies in the School, and we must congratulate the House Committee and the subscribers generally, upon the happy results which have flowed from the wise and discreet admixture of labour and recreation included in the curriculum at this Institution. In the face of many difficulties and disappointments, which were alluded to in the course of the evening by the indefatigable and excellent Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, a varied and attractive programme was placed before the boys and their friends at this year's merry making, and all passed off as pleasantly as could be desired. The youngsters having been treated to a little extra consideration in the dining-hall by their ever-attentive and thoughtful Matron, Miss Hall, assembled at half-past six o'clock for the entertainment, and we could but notice the cheerful, happy countenances of the lads as they filed into the room, and took their seats, full of anticipation of the treat in store for them. Here they were joined by a large company of friends and supporters of the institution, who occupied the front tiers and seats, and amongst whom we noticed—Bro. J. L. Mather, Bro. C. F. Matier, Mrs. and Miss Matier, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris, Bro. Frederick Binckes (Secretary), the Misses Binckes, Bro. C. F. Hogard, Bro. G. F. Row, Mrs. Culmer, Mrs. Canning, Bro. W. Wray Morgan, Mrs. and Miss H. E. Morgan, Mrs. J. Constable, Bro. E. C. Massey, Mrs. Penny, Bro. Richardson, Mrs. and the Misses Durrant, Mrs. Bowyer and Family, and many other visitors resident in the village of Wood-green and its surroundings. As the audience was assembling the band of the Institution—or such members of it as Mr. Ware could muster, many of his corps being away on holiday bent—played selections of music in a style most creditable to a "scratch" team, and they were loudly applauded for their efforts. Bro. Binckes, who was, as usual, almost Protean in his efforts to make the affair go off smoothly and successfully—for he was here, there, and everywhere, superintending the arrangements, even to the minutest details, and improvising every available means of filling up gaps where they would otherwise have remained apparent—addressed a few words to the company, intimating that the executive had this year taken a new departure, which he hoped would be accepted. They had secured the valuable services of Brother Lieutenant Cole, the eminent and unequalled ventriloquist, who was about to submit to them some of his marvellous powers of mimicry and mirth, and he felt sure the children especially would be delighted with his clever exploits with "the Merry Folk and Talking Automata." He then introduced Brother Cole, who went through his very humorous and clever repertoire of ventriloquial sketches, to the infinite amusement of the little folk, as well as of the "children of larger growth." For upwards of an hour the "Lieutenant" kept up a running fire of fun, at which the audience laughed consumedly—more especially at the mercenary "Tommy Tucker;" the jolly old Lancashire lad, "Tommy Treddlehoyle," who persisted in declaring the whole "show" was "a regular do;" Miss Maggie Macdougall, the braw Scotch lassie of the old school; Zac Longshanks, the blighted being; and the comic little black bogie in buttons, whose grotesque guffaws were as catching as a cough before a sermon. At the close of his very clever delineations, Brother Cole received a most cordial vote of thanks, proposed by Brother Binckes, on behalf of the Committee and the audience, and the Lieutenant suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to him. In the interval between the first and second parts of the entertainment, the Misses Binckes played Cootie's "Promenade" quadrilles as a duet upon the pianoforte, in a manner that elicited unqualified tokens of appreciation. A concert of vocal and instrumental music followed, in introducing which Bro. Binckes explained the difficulty which the committee had experienced in securing professional talent at this season of the year, which had compelled them to fall back, at very short notice, upon volunteer effort. He was much pleased, however, that many friends had rallied round them, and he trusted the audience might be enabled to complete a couple of hours' unmitigated enjoyment. The programme opened with a trio on the pianoforte, "The Chough and Crow," brilliantly played by Miss Binckes, Miss Agnes Binckes, and Miss Matier, who were rapturously applauded; and this was followed by a song from Miss Coyte Turner, who sang "Punchinello" in charming style, displaying to advantage a rich soprano voice of great compass, and well under control. Bro. Richardson came next, with a familiar nautical song, "Sailing," which was much enjoyed, and Miss Binckes played an exquisite solo on the pianoforte, which met with a cordial reception. Bro. Matier, then, in facetious terms, announced that, in spite of all their disarrangements, the Committee had succeeded in securing the services of one of the most eminent tragedians of the day, who would recite a selection from Shakespeare; and the laughter was loud and genuine as Bro. Binckes stepped upon the dais, and acknowledged the delicate encomium passed upon his histrionic qualifications. He then

recited with good effect the apology from "Othello," for which he was greeted with genuine applause. Miss Coyte Turner then sang "Turn again, Whittington," in a manner that earned for her renewed expressions of approbation; and Bro. Matier recited the grotesquely humorous "Yara of the Nancy Bell," from the "Bab Ballads," which evoked irresistible laughter. Bro. Richardson followed with the lusty old ditty, "Down among the Dead Men," and Bro. W. W. Morgan recited in spirited form the "Charge of the Light Brigade," which was well received. The trio, "Gli Uguenotti," was then played by the Misses Binckes and Miss Matier, bringing to a fitting close a programme which was intensely relished by all present. At the close, Bro. Binckes expressed the hope that the audience had not been altogether disappointed with the evening's amusement which had been provided for them. He had enjoyed the evening from his point of view, and he only wished those who chose to write florid descriptions of the "cold and cheerless" aspect of this building had been present, when he thought they would arrive at a very different conclusion. Every one connected with the Institution did his best to give a hearty and hospitable reception to those who visited the School, and such comments as those which had recently appeared in a certain journal were utterly undeserved and uncalled for. The committee were much pleased to see so numerous an assembly of the friends of the Institution; they only wished there were many more. In commencing the New Year, he offered them all, on behalf of the executive of the School, the best wishes for a "Happy New Year." It had opened in a truly sensational manner, but let them hope that in the course of it they might derive all the happiness they themselves could wish. He concluded by quoting the old couplet—

"To each and all a fair good night,
Most happy dreams and slumbers bright."

Bro. Binckes's appropriate remarks, and especially his reference to a recent anonymous imputation against the management of the School, were received with unbounded applause. The Head Master then proposed a vote of thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who had combined to make up so excellent and enjoyable an entertainment, and to the Committee and Bro. Binckes, who had taken the trouble to go into every matter of detail, and to provide so capital a treat as one and all had thoroughly enjoyed. The vote was carried amidst acclamation, and Brother Binckes replied in a few happily chosen sentences, after which the National Anthem was sung by the whole company, and the lads soon afterwards were marched off to supper and bed. A number of the invited guests who had come from a distance were subsequently entertained at supper, returning home by the late trains, after having spent a thoroughly happy and enjoyable evening.

The members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, will hold their Annual Ball on Tuesday next, 16th inst., at the Cannon-street, Hotel. Brethren from other Lodges desirous of attending can procure tickets, by applying to Bro. J. Roberts W.M. 65, 32 Lawrence-lane, Cheapside, who will be happy to furnish full particulars. We may add that the price for a lady's ticket is 10s 6d, a gentleman's 15s; while double tickets, admitting lady and gentleman, can be had for 21s. This includes refreshments and supper.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, Canonbury Tavern, Islington, N., on Thursday, 11th January, Comp. Gregory filled the chair of Z., Comp. Deane H., R. Bird J., Osborn S.N., Percy P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. The various duties were sustained by each officer in a praiseworthy manner.

At the monthly meeting of the Constantine Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 145, held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on Thursday evening, 11th inst., Bro. James P. Lewin J.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. W. Bro. Fred. A. Cole was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Munson Tyler. Twenty brethren were present.

On Wednesday evening, the 24th January, Bro. James Terry P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.J.W. Herts, &c., will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation, at the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922, held at Brother Charles Sims's, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., Lodge will be opened at 6 o'clock precisely. Brethren are invited to attend, in full Masonic clothing. After Lodge is closed there will be a supper, the tickets for which will be 5/ each. Brethren wishing to stay to the latter must signify their intention to Brother Sims, not later than the 20th instant.

The First Festival of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, will be held on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at the Prince Regent (Brother Monk's), Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Brother H. Lovegrove P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, W.M. 1949, will preside.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE January meeting of this Lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, the 9th instant. Present—Bros. Usher Back W.M., A. Withers P.M. as S.W., F. J. Hentsch J.W., C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Sec., T. H. Peirce S.D., E. Thring I.G., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler; Past Masters Brothers Alfred Green, Dr. John Waters, William Radcliffe, &c. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last regular meeting, also of emergency meeting of the 19th December 1882, were read and confirmed. The ballot was then brought into requisition for Mr. Frederick Trotman Bennett, proposed by Bro. Pembroke, seconded by Bro. H. Green; for Mr. Henry Lindfield, proposed by Bro. Thring, seconded by Bro. Radcliffe Past Master; for Mr. Frederick James Goodall, proposed by Bro. Thring, seconded by Bro. Radcliffe Past Master. In each case the result was unanimous, and these three gentlemen were introduced and initiated into the Order, the ceremonies being conducted, separately, by Bro. Alfred Green P.M., who fully sustained the excellency of working which characterised his Mastership of this Lodge. After the Bye-Laws had been read, the election of Master was proceeded with, and Bro. Hentsch, the Junior Warden, was chosen by the members as their W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. E. Young, the S.W. of the Lodge, would have been elected Master, but the critical state of his health rendered it impossible for him to undertake the duties. Brother C. Greenwood was re-elected Treasurer, and Brother Speight Tyler. The Secretary was requested to carry to Mrs. Young the deep regret with which they had received intimation of their esteemed brother's illness. A capital banquet was served by Brother Jennings, and the after proceedings were of a very agreeable character.

CAREW LODGE No. 1136.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall Torpoint. There was a good attendance. The W. Bro. W. J. Barrat was the unanimously elected Master, and he was ably installed by the retiring Master W. Bro. W. Stephens assisted by W. Bros. T. Heath P.M., and E. Poor P.M. and P.P.G.P. The following were appointed as the Officers for the next year:—Bros. Wm. Stephens I.P.M., A. White S.W., C. Haggerty J.W., E. Poor Treasurer, R. Truscott Secretary, A. Debnam Assistant-Secretary, J. Pearse S.D., A. K. Collins J.D., J. Black I.G., J. Jewell M.C., S. Hoskin Organist, P. Lewis, J. Bailey, J. Walters, and T. Tresize Stewards, J. Webb Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Devonport, where the banquet was admirably served by Bro. and Mrs. Parker, to whom a vote of thanks was given for their catering.

It is understood that the newly-appointed R.W. Prov. G.M. of Essex, Lord Brooke, M.P., has intimated his intention to re-appoint W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester, to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and W. Bro. Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Secretary 51, to the office of Prov. Grand Secretary.

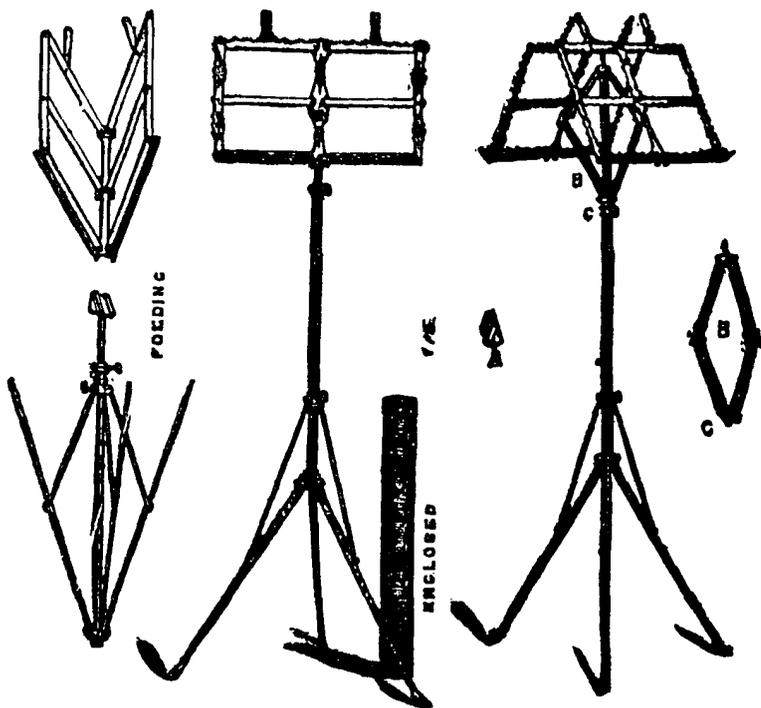
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on MONDAY, the 15th day of January 1883, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution. To receive the recommendation from the General Committee for the adoption of a List of Sixty-seven Candidates, from which Twelve Boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 16th April 1883. The chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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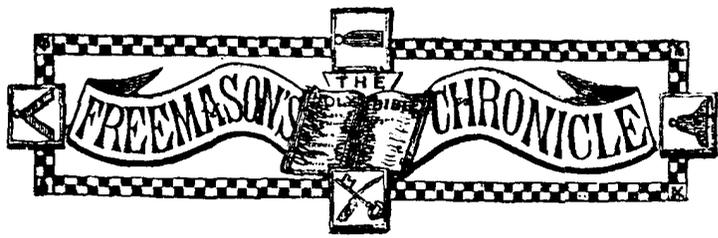
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and eminently progressive Lodge was held on Monday evening last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a gratifying attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. J. E. Fells, the genial Worshipful Master. Bro. Fells' year of office has been characterised by the utmost urbanity and harmony, and the working has been of such uniform excellence throughout the year as to elicit unbounded expressions of appreciation from all who have visited the Lodge, as well as from the members collectively. It is not too much to say that the Master who has just resigned his seals of office evinced true wisdom to discern and ability to execute the responsible duties of his position, and the profuse expressions of admiration manifested towards him on Monday evening were most assuredly deserved. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, when the Wor. Master was supported by Bros. James Smith S.W. and W.M. elect, Walter Wood J.W., Walter Cubitt S.D., W. Saint J.D., G. F. S. Warne P.M. Treas., J. Shackell P.M. Sec., F. Silvester I.G., Henry Webb P.M. W.S., Bedford Lemere P.M., B. D. Kershaw P.M., J. R. Biddell P.M., H. T. Reed P.M., R. Footitt P.M., S. Webb P.M., J. Desave, J. Gelderslene, W. Kedge, E. Kiddell, J. Grundy, E. J. Davey, G. P. Nightingale, W. M. Covell, S. Smither, J. J. Craske, H. Morris, H. Doubleday, J. Collins, G. Masters, J. H. Bayley, C. H. Davis, W. Rickell, J. H. Clare, A. Jay, R. M. Presand, E. W. Filkian, Jas. Roberts, E. Walden, Isaac Passingham, W. J. Hall, F. H. Clemow, E. Symons, J. D. Collins, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. L. Tinkley 1772, W. Diplock 65, C. W. Cox 1566, W. Fieldwick P.M. 1634, H. Massey P.M. 619, H. Barwell 901, J. Cox Sec. 1766, C. Wise 1158, Chas. Steel J.D. 1365, J. Staton P.M. 1287, K. Clemow 1744, C. Handley 475, J. Chinnery 145, C. G. Eastman 179 (Manchester), F. Mansfield 21, F. Meriton 1766, &c. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, and advanced to the third degree, Bro. John Grundy was raised by the Worshipful Master, who performed the impressive ceremony in masterly manner, delivering the charges with good effect. Lodge was then lowered, and the ballot opened for Mr. James Hefard Clare, who had been proposed by the W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. Covell. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Clare was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. James Smith was then presented as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and having assented in the customary way to undertake the responsibilities of the high position, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Smith was formally inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Samuel Webb P.M., who performed the ceremony with faultless precision and with admirable effect. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly installed Wor. Master was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, his reception being of a very cordial description. He then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. J. E. Fells I.P.M., Walter Wood S.W., Walter Cubitt J.W., W. Saint S.D., F. Silvester J.D., G. F. S. Warne P.M. Treas., J. Shackell P.M. Sec., G. P. Nightingale I.G., and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. After the transaction of some formal business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. F. H. Clemow, whose arrangements were fully in accordance with the well-known excellence of this first-class City hotel, and which elicited the most unqualified expressions of satisfaction from all present. At the conclusion of the repast, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the W.M., in giving the Queen and the Craft, speaking of the name of Queen Victoria as one that is revered in every household, and always received most heartily in the Lodge of Confidence. He also alluded to the admirable service rendered to the Craft by the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the able way in which he discharged his duties in Grand Lodge—a sentiment that was heartily reciprocated by the company present. A similar compliment having been paid to our Masonic Rulers, Bro. J. E. Fells assumed the gavel, and proposed in felicitous terms the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master. He had had the honour of Bro. Smith's acquaintance for three or four years, and had worked shoulder to shoulder with him throughout the year. The more he had of his company the better he liked him. They had worked together in Lodges of Instruction previous to their holding any position in the Lodge, and as Officers of this Lodge they had worked together with the utmost unanimity and good understanding. It had afforded him a great amount of pleasure to have the honour of being acquainted with such a brother, whose heart and soul was in Freemasonry, and who was a thorough master of the Art. He heartily congratulated them upon the choice they had made in electing Bro. Smith to the chair, for, during the past year, he had rendered him (the speaker) most valuable counsel and assistance. He had had a very prosperous year of office, as they all knew, and he hoped Brother Smith might enjoy a still better one. It afforded him much satisfaction to know that he was to be followed by a better man than himself, and one who was thoroughly competent to perform the ceremonies in all the degrees. The toast having been cordially received, the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast had been

accepted. It was almost a wonder to himself, his having been so unanimously elected by the brethren of the Confidence Lodge to be installed in that high and exalted position. Had they told him, eleven years ago, when he was admitted into this Lodge as an E.A., that he should so soon attain to that dignity, he should have had his doubts. But having been elected and installed into the chair, he had but one object in view—the good of Freemasonry in general, and this Lodge of Confidence in particular. From the hour he entered the Lodge to this moment he had received nothing but kindness at the hands of the brethren, and the proceedings of the evening would be remembered by him wherever he might be, and whatever part of the world he might visit. It had made a deep impression upon him, and he should ever carry with him the happy recollection that he had lived in the esteem and confidence of the brethren of this Lodge. He had now a very pleasing duty to discharge, namely, to ask Bro. Fells' acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the whole of the brethren, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. Turning to Bro. Fells, the W.M. said: You have had a most prosperous year of office. Your heart and soul, and your voice has been in your work, and I do say—and when I say it I express the feeling of every member of this Lodge—your heart has been at work in the cause of Freemasonry. You have had an eminently successful year, and in the name of the Lodge and every brother of it, I present you with this jewel. May you live many years in health and strength to wear it, and to continue to be an ornament to the Lodge of Confidence. The jewel was a massive one, of gold, beautifully chased, and inscribed in suitable manner, commemorative of the event. The Immediate Past Master, who on rising to acknowledge the compliment paid to him was loudly applauded, thanked the brethren heartily for the kindness they had manifested towards him, now as on all previous occasions. He should have been well repaid by their approbation of his humble endeavours to serve them as Master of this Lodge, and he thought his efforts had been crowned with success. The jewel they had so kindly and unanimously given him to-night would ever be prized, as much for its own worth as for the kindly motives which prompted it; he hoped he might be spared many years to wear it, and to be of service to the Lodge of Confidence. The health of the Installing Master was then given from the chair, and cordially received, and Bro. S. Webb responded in a lengthy speech, expressing the pleasure it had afforded him to instal his old friend Bro. Smith, whom he had known for many years. He, however, advocated that each retiring W.M. should instal his successor, as such a practice invested the ceremony with greater *eclat* than when the aid of an outsider was called into requisition. The health of the Past Masters was the next toast, and in response suitable speeches were made by Bros. Warne, Footitt (who remarked that it was thirty-one years since he was admitted into the Lodge of Confidence) and Reed. The W.M., in giving the Initiates, said they were always glad to meet in this Lodge good, honest and upright men, and he trusted the brother whom he had the honour to initiate that evening would in a few years make a most excellent and useful Mason. Bro. Clare replied, expressing the pleasure it afforded him to have been admitted a member of this ancient and honourable Fraternity. In proposing the Masonic Charities the W.M. asked the co-operation of the brethren in his task of Steward for the Old People's Annual Festival next month, and Bro. Kershaw P.M. very appropriately replied, supplemented by a few practical words on judicious charity by Bro. S. Webb P.M. The health of the Visitors came next, the toast being heartily received and replied to by Bros. Joseph Cox, C. W. Cox, Wise, Fieldwick, Handley, and Steel. Other toasts followed, including the Treasurer and Secretary, to whom deserved compliments were paid for the manner in which they had discharged their duties for many years; the Officers were responded to by the Wardens, and the Tyler's toast followed. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some vocal and instrumental music, Bro. Silvester lending valuable assistance as accompanist on the pianoforte.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THERE was an unusually large attendance at the meeting of this Lodge, which took place at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on 27th inst, when the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., attended with his Officers, to witness the ceremony of installing Brothers Edward Goldsmith, of Hambledon, as the W.M. of the Lodge for the year ensuing. The P.G. Master was supported by the following P.G. Officers:—Bros. the Revs. G. H. De Fraine and Pickering P.G. Chaplains, J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Sec., J. R. Hayman P.G. Reg., H. W. Townsend P.G.S.D., C. W. A. Jellicoe P.G.J.D., S. Dove P.G.D.C., J. Laverty P.G.A.D.C., J. W. Willmot P.G.S.B., R. W. Beale and W. Dart P.G. Stewards. Amongst other members of the Craft who attended were—Bros. the Rev. A. A. Headly, Goble, Goldsmith, Edmonds, Holbrook, Bond, Hickman, Lancaster, Page, T. R. Williams, T. H. Williams, Powell, Rastrick, Rev. T. White Hall, Brickwood, Gale, Pink jun., Heath, Rev. A. C. Hervey, Gieve, Frasar, Dr. Crouch, Love, Gilmour, Cooke, Poad, Harry, Burt, Hill, Sutton, Nance, Rev. F. J. Ashmall, Smith, Pillow, Whitehall, White, &c. The ceremony of installation was efficiently conducted by Bro. J. R. Hayman P.G. Reg. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follows:—Bros. Hayman I.P.M., W. G. Heath S.W., Rev. A. C. Hervey J.W., Rev. F. J. Ashmall Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith P.M. Treasurer, E. Goble P.M. Secretary, J. W. Gieve S.D., D. J. Gilmour J.D., W. A. Hill I.G., Liddell P.M. Organist, Henry Cooke M.C., Dr. E. T. Crouch and G. Harry Stewards, R. Eames Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hayman for the able manner in which he had carried out the work of installation, and in recognition of his services in the chair during the year it was unanimously decided to present him with a P.M.'s jewel. After the Lodge business the W.M. presided at the banquet, which was attended by the P.G. Master, and a large number of the brethren. An apology was made for the absence of the Deputy P.G. Master Brother Hickman, who was detained on urgent business.

LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, at Chelmsford, on Thursday, the 21st ult., and the proceedings passed off with much éclat. At 3:30 the brethren and visitors assembled in the Board Room of the Corn Exchange (kindly lent for the occasion), under the presidency of W. Bro. E. Shedd W.M., and the usual routine business having been transacted, a brother was passed to the second degree. The only other business was the installation of Bro. W. J. Upton S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year, a ceremony that was performed by W. Bro. C. P. Drawbridge W.M. 77 and P.M. 20. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Wor. Bros. E. Shedd P.M. 1513 I.P.M., Arthur Mead S.W., F. P. Suttbery J.W., the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, F. Whitmore P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Jas. Nicholls, M.D., P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Secretary, A. C. Durrant S.D., A. G. Maskell J.D., Andrew Durrant P.M. P.G. Treas. M.C., W. Metcalfe I.G., J. Taylor and C. Williams Stewards, Thos. Sarel Tyler. The Treasurer presented the financial statement, from which it appeared that all debts were paid, and there was a small balance in hand. The I.P.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master for his kind attendance and services that day, which being seconded by Bro. J. S. Brown P.M. P.P.G.S.D., was carried by acclamation. Bro. Drawbridge acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. having been congratulated on his accession to the chair by the Visitors present, Lodge was closed. At six o'clock about 30 or 40 brethren assembled at the White Hart Hotel and partook of an elegant banquet, provided by the new host Bro. Haxell. The manner in which the dinner was put on elicited universal commendation, while the wines were of a very choice character. Bro. Haxell personally was most active in looking after the comfort of his guests, and all appeared thoroughly to enjoy themselves. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the Past Officers of the P.G. Lodge, the W.M. deplored the fact of the death of the P.G.M. since their last anniversary, and spoke in high terms of the ability with which the late Lord Tenterden presided over the affairs of the Province during the three years his Lordship held office. The names of Bros. Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., and Thos. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., were coupled with the toast, and both brethren endorsed what had fallen from the W.M. as to the earnestness with which the late Lord Tenterden devoted himself to the duties of the P.G.L. whenever the occasion offered. Bro. Ralling also announced, amid great cheering, that H.R.H. the Grand Master had appointed Lord Brooke, M.P., of Easton Lodge, Dunmow, to be P.G.M., and expressed a hope that his Lordship might long live to preside over them. The toast of The Visitors was responded to by Bros. Humphrey Wood P.M. 20 P.P.G.W. Kent, and W. Sowman W.M. 51. The health of the W.M. was heartily drunk on the proposition of Bro. Shedd I.P.M., and the W.M. in returning thanks, mentioned that he had been five years in office in the Lodge, and should do his very best to discharge the higher duties they had called on him to perform. Other toasts followed, and songs were given by Bros. Gowers, Lewin, A. C. Durrant, Clowes, and Suttbery, Bros. Gowers and J. J. C. Turner playing the accompaniments. The Visitors present included Bros. Humphrey Wood P.M. 20 P.P.S.G.W. Kent, Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P. G. Sec., W. Sowman W.M. 51, J. J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., F. Bird W.M. 1024, D. J. Wright I.P.M. 1024 P.G.P., J. J. Cavill W.M. 1312, R. Clowes W.M. 650, A. F. Stevens 20, E. Gowers 1024, H. Phillips 1818, C. Taylor 1765, J. Taylor jun. J.W. 1817, and the following members of 276, besides those already mentioned:—Bros. J. P. Lewin P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., J. S. Brown P.M. P.P.G.S.D., A. F. Ginn P.M. P.P.G.S.B., J. W. Hair P.P.G.R., J. Tomlinson, J. R. Jarvis, John Taylor, J. Q. Creswell, E. Durrant, A. Haxell, &c. It may be mentioned that "Ye olde White Harte," at which this festival is held, has lately been renovated throughout, and Bro. Haxell will be found a genial host.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. J. Lancaster W.M. Among those present were Past Masters Corrie Jackson, V. Jagielski, F. Rath, W. Paas Secretary, and Nowakowski Treasurer. The Officers of the Lodge were well represented, but otherwise the meeting was sparsely attended. After confirmation of the minutes the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Busby was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge being resumed, Mr. Robert Cooper, for whom the ballot had previously been taken, was introduced and initiated by the W.M., who performed this and the preceding ceremony in a most creditable manner. Bro. Paas having announced the receipt of communications from the two Schools in reference to the approaching Festivals, the W.M. offered himself as a Steward for the Boys', upon which it was proposed that the sum of ten guineas should be voted from the Lodge funds; five guineas to be placed on the W.M.'s list for the Boys' School, and five guineas on that for the Benevolent Institution, for which Charity Bro. Lancaster had previously expressed his intention of acting. The vote was unanimously agreed to; after which notice of propositions to increase the Lodge dues were submitted, and Lodge was closed.

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Obituary.

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BRO. JOHN ENTWISLE.

It is with very deep regret that we announce to our readers the death, on Wednesday, the 10th instant, of Bro. John Entwisle, one of the most capable and popular Masons of East Lancashire, as he was also, without the slightest approach to exaggeration, one of the kindest and most generous of men. Our deceased brother during his Masonic career, extending over seven and twenty years, had taken a leading part in all the branches of the Craft. He was initiated in January 1856, in the St. John's Lodge, Bolton, and the very next year was chosen its Junior Warden. In 1850 he was advanced to the superior position of Senior Warden, and in 1859 was elected W. Master, his services in the latter capacity receiving cordial recognition from the Lodge in the shape of a handsome Past Master's jewel, while, later on, he was honoured by the G. Master of his Province with the appointment of Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter attached to his mother Lodge in 1857, and rose, step by step, to be its M.E.Z. He was also a joining member of the Chapter of Concord, No. 37, and Past Prov. Grand Scribe N. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in 1856, under the old regulations, and was nominated Senior Warden the year following, in the St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Scotch Constitution, being chosen Master in 1858. When Lancashire became a Mark Province under the said Scotch Constitution, Bro. Entwisle's abilities were so highly appreciated that he was presented with the patent of Prov. Grand Mark Master, and continued to fulfil the duties of that high office until the Union of the rival Prov. Grand Lodges, when he retired in favour of our late Brother W. Romaine Callender, M.P., who thus became the first Grand Master of the United Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, Bro. Entwisle himself being accorded the status of a Past Provincial Grand Master in the Mark Grand Lodge by the then G.M.M. Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal. He was perfected in the Palatine Chapter of Rose Croix, 18, then periodically held at Bolton, and subsequently became a founder and second M.W.S. of the St. Peter's Chapter. He was also a member of the 30 degree. In addition he is a member of the Order of St. Lawrence, and a Past N. of the Mount Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners; a founder and P.S. of the St. George's Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine; Past Grand Junior Warden Lancashire and Cheshire, of the Royal Order of Scotland; a founder and Past Master of the St. John's Council of the Royal and Select Masters, Chief Adept of the Lancashire College and Hou. IX. degree of the Rosicrucian Society, and a Past Preceptor of the St. James of Jerusalem Preceptory, No. 33, of the Order of the Temple. When to this array of titles to the respect of his brother Masons we add that he had contributed largely to all three of our Charitable Institutions, and had several times acted as Festival Steward for each of them, it will be seen that by the death of Bro. Entwisle the Craft has lost one of the ablest exponents of its mysteries, one of the most indefatigable and enlightened of its workers, and, in fact, one of the staunchest and strongest of its pillars. We sincerely sympathise with East Lancashire, and likewise his family, at the very great loss they have just sustained.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer in the chair. The Secretary (Bro. Terry) reported the death of two annuitants and one approved candidate, one of the annuitants at the advanced age of 95. A vote of thanks was passed to the donors of the gifts to the New Year's entertainment to the Old People at Croydon, of the previous Wednesday. After the adoption of the Report of the Finance Committee, the chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the amounts mentioned therein. Sixteen petitions were examined, two of which were rejected, three deferred, and the remainder accepted. Bro. Terry informed the Committee that there were at present 131 candidates for election in May, but that this number might be slightly added to at next meeting. There were only 13 vacancies.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 13th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 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 Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1621—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
 1899—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

MONDAY, 15th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 188—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farrington Hotel, Farrington-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)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 331—Phoenix Public Room Truro
 350—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 935—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1909—Carmarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1973—Saye and Sele, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Ledford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel.
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horse, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Isington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st., at 8 (Inst.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Fleanor, 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
 R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham

414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 463—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1764—Fleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugley
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 17th JANUARY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 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)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1601—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 590—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—Faith, Drozer's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 679—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 688—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 759—Elmsmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 816—Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zealand-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1036—Victoria, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1240—Holte, Holt Hotel, Astop
 1391—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1387—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 R.A. 1060—Marrion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Ainswick
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 18th JANUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Viruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 163—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 195—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 701—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street

- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 831—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
 R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Aston-under-Lyne
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Basingstaden
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 343—Concord, Militia Office's Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salisbury-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1576—Dec, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgan Tavern, Plumstead

FRIDAY, 19th JANUARY.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 83—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1118—Unity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1153—Beaumont, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1701—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1311—Zealand, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Iamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 K.T.—De Furival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 20th JANUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 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.)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey, Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1624—Eccleston, King's Hotel, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 112—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

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ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

THE regular Convocation of this popular Chapter was held on the 27th ultimo, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. Vincent Z., Pulman P.Z. as H., Fisher J., Isaacs Treasurer, Beckham S.E., Wyer P.Z., Tayler P.S., Bond 1st Assistant, Coulthard 2nd Assistant. Visitors—Comps. Pulman P.Z. 157, Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last Convocation were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Comp. Johnstone. This was unanimously in his favour, and he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., who rendered the ceremony perfectly and impressively. The same may be applied to the H. and J.; in fact, every Officer was perfect, and it was a pleasure to listen to the excellent working. The election for Principals then took place. Comps. Johnson was elected Z., Fisher H., Wyer P.Z. J., Beckham S.E., Tayler S.N., Bond P.S., Isaacs Treasurer, Church Janitor, all were unanimously elected. Comps. Grist and Ray were elected Auditors. The Bye-laws of the Chapter were then read. It was proposed that a jewel value £5 5s be presented to the M.E.Z. on retiring from office, for the able, zealous and energetic manner in which he had discharged the duties during his year of office, and in testimony of the respect he is held in by every Companion in the Chapter. Chapter was then closed till the fourth Wednesday in March, and the company adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was supplied by Comp. Hamp that gave great satisfaction. The M.E.Z. ably presided, and gave the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Wyer P.Z. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Vincent. They had seen how ably the Z. had worked the ceremony. He, as an old P.Z., had never heard it better done; he might say both in Lodge and Chapter he had rarely heard better work. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Wyer for his kind expressions. If he had been successful in mastering the ritual, and had done the work to their satisfaction, it was sufficient for him. He had their interests at heart, and he hoped the Chapter would flourish. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the newly-exalted Companion. They were glad to welcome among them an old friend. It was indeed a great pleasure to exalt Companion Johnstone. Comp. Johnstone, in a very excellent speech, responded, and then the H. and J. were complimented. The M.E.Z. regretted the absence of the newly-elected H., Comp. Johnson, whom they would have been pleased to welcome as the newly-elected Z. He was in every way qualified to fill the chair; he now, in the name of the Chapter, personally thanked Comp. Pulman P.Z., and one of the founders of the Chapter, for coming this evening to assist in the working. Comp. Pulman had exalted him into R.A. Masonry, and had been his Mentor and friend through all his Royal Arch career; he had only to ask him for assistance on any occasion, and he was ready to give it. As for the J., the perfect manner in which he did his duties merit their respect; no better Officer could have been selected, and he hoped to see him in due course in the chair. Comp. Pulman P.Z. in reply said as a founder of the Chapter his heart was with them. In the absence of the H., he was only too pleased to render any assistance. Comp. Vincent was the first M.E.Z.; he had done his work thoroughly, and it was a pleasure to study him in every respect. Companion Fisher J. fully endorsed all the former Companions had said; he also informed them he was a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and hoped what they had done in the Lodge would be continued by the Chapter. The toast of the Officers was given. Comp. Wyer had been P.Z. of another Chapter, but he was their S.E.; they had elected him J. to-night; he was a founder. Although the Treasurer was absent, they had the S.E. present; he had done his duty thoroughly. Comp. Beckham S.E. responded, and so did Comps. Wyer and Tayler. Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. responded for the Visitors. Comp. Bond 1st Assistant was toasted; he had been in ill health for some time, and they were pleased to see him among them again. The Janitor's toast was given, and an agreeable evening terminated. Several Companions contributed to the harmony.

GOSPORT CHAPTER, No. 903.

THE installation meeting of the Principals of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, when Comps. R. W. Mitchell was installed as Z., R. W. Downing H., and F. Powell J., the remaining Officers being invested as follow:—Comps. W. Brunwin E., Rev. Dr. Ring N., J. Senior P.S., Irons and Miller A.S., and Calvin Janitor. The ceremony was most ably performed by Comp. Valentine Brown, the retiring Z., who was subsequently presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel for his services as First Principal during the past year. The Companions afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Mr. Kingswell, at the India Arms Hotel, the newly-installed Z. presiding, and a pleasant evening was spent. The following Visitors represented neighbouring Chapters:—Comps. R. J. Rastrick Z., W. Palsgrave H., and R. W. Beale J., Portsmouth No. 487; G. F. Lancaster Z., W. Johns H., and G. P. Arnold J., United Service No. 1428; J. W. Wilmot Z., and R. Barnes H., Royal Sussex No. 342; J. R. Hayman J. Friendship No. 257, and others.

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 156.

THE annual meeting of the above Chapter was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on the 23rd ult. The installation of the elected Principals was very well performed by Ex-Companion Michell, and the following are the newly-appointed and invested Principals and Officers:—Ex-Companions D. Banks Z., W. H. Pike H., R. Hamley J., W. Whittlely I.P.Z., W. K. Michell S.E., E. B. Thomson S.N., G. Whittlely P.S., W. Skardon 1st A.S., T. R. Challice 2nd A.S., W. K. Michell Treas., W. H. Phillips Janitor. The Companions retired to dinner in their own rooms, where the newly-installed Principals presided.

TWELFTH NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE annual Twelfth Night entertainment to the pupils remaining in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls during the Christmas holidays, was given on Friday evening, the 5th inst. There was a very large attendance of brethren and ladies on the occasion, notwithstanding the miserable weather. The entertainment, which was thoroughly enjoyed, consisted of tea and coffee at half past five, and Lieutenant Cole's well known ventriloquial entertainment at six. At seven there was dancing in the large hall, and the Twelfth cake and other refreshments to the children, and the company at eight. The Twelfth cake was, as usual, presented by Brother Louis and Mrs. Hirsch. At a quarter to nine Dr. Lynn gave his conjuring entertainment, which was followed during the rest of the evening by dancing. The whole of the proceedings were highly satisfactory.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of this institution was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes-place, Plymouth, on 29th ult. Bro. Richard Lose P.M. P.P.G.P. Vice-President, occupied the chair. There was a large amount of business on the agenda paper, but in the absence of Bro. Curteis the motion in his name was adjourned to the annual meeting. It was also proposed to adjourn the consideration of a large number of alterations in the Bye-laws, but it was decided by a large majority to consider and determine the matter then. Bro. V. Bird gave his reason for proposing the alterations in a lengthy speech. The brethren present, however, did not think they would be any improvement, and one proposed erasure having been negatived, all the other proposed alterations were withdrawn. Bros. Rev. W. Whittley, A. R. Luscombe, and J. A. Christie, were elected Scrutineers, and they having chosen Bro. Whittley as their Chairman, a ballot was taken for the election of one child on the Fund. There were four candidates, three of whom applied for the second time. The result of the poll was that case No. 3, the son of a late Brother of Lodge 1205, a Sergeant in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, was elected, with a total number, including 205 brought forward, of 712 votes. Case No. 1 carries forward 59 votes, No. 2 carries on 83 votes, and No. 4 94 votes. The Charity, now firmly established, requires only to be more widely known amongst the Lodges to become one of the most valuable in the Order. Whilst the Financial Committee certainly never refuse the ten guineas to qualify for a Vice-President, or the five guineas for a Life Governor, they wish especially to rely on the annual subscriptions of five shillings, and if the Charity Stewards will give their valuable assistance, many more candidates could and would be elected. Thanks were cordially given to Bro. Lose for his able Presidency, to the Scrutineers for the performance of their arduous duties, and to the Treasurer and Secretary.

THE HOME FOR FATHERLESS GIRLS.

CONCERT AT BELMONT HALL.

ON Thursday last week, in the Belmont Hall, Grafton-square, Clapham, a concert was given in aid of the Home for Fatherless Girls. "A Message Across the Sea," by Madame Worrell, was warmly applauded, but her rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream," which is a gem of melody, was encored, when she substituted "Three Old Maids," in so charming a manner as to create a genuine *furor*. Miss Lizzie Dunkley made a favourable impression by her graceful and pretty manners, whilst her rendering of "Auntie" displayed cultivated style, distinctness of enunciation and sweet expression. She was awarded hearty testimony of appreciation. The pianoforte solos of Madame Traynor, "Home, Sweet Home," and "La Pasquinade," constituted one of the most successful features of the programme. Bro. Egbert Roberts sang "Big Ben" with fine gusto, his rich and powerful tones fairly astonishing the audience. Bro. Chaplin Henry gave "The Brave Old Temeraire" in his usual spirited style, and was equally felicitous with the "Wolf." Bro. G. S. Graham in his buffo song, "Awfully Jolly, or the Christmas Party," provoked much laughter, and his "Perverted Proverbs" produced most ludicrous merriment and unbounded applause. Miss Browning, Miss Louisa Distin, Miss Isabel Browning, Miss Amy Graham, Mr. Sinclair Dunn, Bro. Theodore Distin, Mr. Plant Martin, Mr. John Piebroni, and Mr. L'Estrange also contributed their valuable services towards one of the most successful entertainments ever held at Clapham.

COUNT MOLTKE ON GAMBETTA.—It is related at the time of the Franco-German War that some German Officers were one evening ridiculing Gambetta and his armies, when Count Moltke, who was standing near, remarked, "Yes, gentlemen, that is all very well; nevertheless it took us no more than a month to beat the great disciplined army of France, but it took no less than five months to beat recruits and mobiles. Indeed, M. Gambetta's *levée en masse* so astonished us soldiers, that we shall have to study this question during long years of peace." The interest is now necessarily revived in the details of that tremendous struggle between France and Germany, the issue of which still forms the key to the present state of Europe. In view of this the Publishers have determined to issue immediately, in monthly parts at 7d, a new Illustrated Edition of *Cassell's History of the Franco-German War*, with about 500 illustrations.

Mr. John Spencer has moved his business of a wrought-iron tube manufacturer to Wednesbury, he having purchased the Globe Tube-works, which were for many years conducted by the late firm of Whitehouse & Co. (Limited). These works were established in 1847. His London address (3 Queen-street-place, Cannon-street, E.C.) will remain the same.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, 1st January, at Brother McDiarmid's, the Cambria, Cambria-road, Loughborough-junction. Present—Bros. Littlewood P.M. 780 W.M., Banks S.W., Westley J.W., McDiarmid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Keyse S.D., Warren J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Long Inner Guard. P.M.'s Bros. Price, Spencer, Westmore. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Prince answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of passing was most ably rehearsed. Bro. Westley next worked the third section of the lecture. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Littlewood, the brethren having been greatly edified by his most efficient working. There being no further Masonic business, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday evening, the 8th instant.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday the 6th inst. Brothers Galer W.M., Ashton S.W., F. W. Jones J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, Venning S.D., Archer J.D., J. Rhodes I.G.; also Bros. C. K. Killick sen., Hickman, Long, Houghton, Dixie, Weeden, Gribbell, A. M. Marks, Richardson, Hirst, Nicholls, J. A. Powell, &c. The usual formalities were observed in opening, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then ably rehearsed, Brother C. Lorkin officiating as candidate. Lodge was called off, and called on, after which the W.M. gave the charge to the initiate. Brother Percy worked the fourth and fifth sections of the lecture; assisted by the brethren. Brother Ashton was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was carried that the Bye Laws of this Lodge of Instruction be re-printed, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The ceremony of installation was rehearsed in this Lodge at its meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 29th ult., when there was a good attendance of members and friends. Bro. James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor officiated as Installing Master, and carried out the ceremony in full, installing Bro. J. N. Bate as W.M., Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. acting as M.C. The following brethren were invested as Officers, viz.:—Bros. F. Thurston P.M. and Treasurer S.W., Kligenstein J.W., M. E. Stokes S.D., C. H. Wiltshire J.D., H. H. Wiltshire I.G. At the conclusion of the business of installation a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was carried, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Thurston was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 9th January. Present:—Bros. T. Clark, W. M. Robinson S.W., Wardell J.W., Christian S.D., Smyth J.D., Collins I.G., F. Carr Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Carr offered himself a candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Carr was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. T. Clark then vacated the chair, and the Preceptor occupied the same and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Clark being the candidate for the Master's chair. Lodge was regularly closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Clark invested the Officers. Bro. Wallington then delivered the addresses in a most eloquent manner. Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541.—The above Lodge of Instruction, which also embraces the dual character of a social and harmonic club, now holds its meetings at the Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, of which Bro. Sims, of the Duke of Connaught, No. 1558, is the host, and he certainly has made excellent accommodation for these gatherings. On Saturday last about forty brethren were present; the business is commenced on these nights with great punctuality. On this evening it was the working of the ceremony and lectures of the first degree. The offices were filled as follows:—Bros. Stunt W.M., Spencer S.W., Macted J.W., Stokes S.D., Appleton J.D., Spicer I.G. Preceptor and President, J. R. Stacey, Dawson Treasurer. The ceremony of initiation was very correctly rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Luckhurst being the candidate; and afterwards the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth sections of the lecture, the whole of the brethren being well up to the work. Bro. Tidsley, of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, was elected as a member. Bro. Macted was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Several announcements having been made, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then resolved themselves into a social party, Bro. Webb, of the Kingston Lodge, being called to the chair. A number of excellent songs and recitations were given, and an hour or two was spent in complete harmony and the genuine spirit of Masonry.

Zetland Lodge No. 1071.—A silver flagon, privately subscribed for by the members, was lately presented to their respected Treasurer. On it was engraved "Presented to the W. Bro Foxwell P.M. as a token of esteem and affection, by the brethren of Zetland Lodge, No. 1071, Saltash, of which Lodge he was one of the founders, and for fourteen years the Treasurer. December, 1882." It was intended to be, and was, a surprise to the worthy recipient, who is held in deserved esteem by the brethren of his own and other Lodges.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 5th inst., was well attended. Lodge was opened punctually by Brother F. Thurston as W.M., supported by Bros. M. E. Stokes S.W., Richard Poore J.W., C. H. Wiltshire S.D., A. J. Style J.D., E. C. Percy Stevens I.G.; Brothers James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, J. N. Bate, A. Jones, and others. Labour was entirely in the first degree, the first four sections, including ceremony of initiation, being worked in most perfect manner. Lodge was called off for "Entry Drill," and called on for further despatch of business. Brother M. E. Stokes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Botley (Secretary) W.M., Beckett S.W., Monson J.W., Sperring S.D., Botley J.D., Maton I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the first and second sections of the lecture were worked. Bro. Beckett was elected W.M. for the 13th January.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on 8th January 1883, at the Norfolk-square Hotel, Paddington. Present:—Bros. Mickelbury W.M., Chalfont S.W., Davis J.W., G. Read Treasurer, H. Dehane Secretary, Snell S.D., Wickens J.D., C. S. Mott I.G., Hardy W.S. Past Masters—Bros. James Stevens, Craig, Sugg, Tribbel, H. Cotter, W. Poulter. Members—R. D. Smith, D. Stroud, J. Webb, Sinclair, Foskett, Thomas, W. C. Williams, J. H. Taylor, J. H. Smith, Matthews, Appleton, Watkins, Hatton, Mitchel, Perry, Cursons, Dutton, Burton, Holland, Goswell. Visitors—J. Dehane 1052, T. Williams 221, T. E. Rogers 818, Robinson 1681, Job Windle 7536, Hayes 1767, J. Collinson 862, C. J. Fox 1743. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens, with a few appropriate remarks. After a very earnest acknowledgment of the reception accorded to him, Bro. Stevens entered upon his lecture, and for over two hours kept his listeners thoroughly interested and frequently amused by the explanations afforded in relation to Ceremonial and Ritual as practised in Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges. The brethren unanimously expressed their entire satisfaction with the remarks of the Lecturer, who gave direct answers to many important questions arising from the diversity of working in certain localities. At the termination of the lecture Bro. G. Read P.M. and Preceptor moved, and Bro. G. Davis P.M. seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, and a request that he would accept honorary membership. This proposition was carried *nem con.* The Lecturer having briefly responded, the following brethren were elected members:—Bros. Robinson, Snell, Cotter, F. T. C. Keeble, C. J. Fox, Hayes, Thomas, Williams, Job Windle. A vote of thanks was then proposed and carried unanimously to Bro. H. Dehane W.M. 1543 P.G.S.D. Essex, the Hon. Sec., for his gift of the Ashlars. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 15th January, at 8 p.m. We cordially recommend other Lodges of Instruction to hear Bro. Stevens's lecture, particularly as we learn he is willing to accept any invite for that purpose without further expectation than that of a friendly welcome.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—On Tuesday last this Lodge of Instruction held its usual meeting at Hornsey-wood Tavern, when Bro. Bird P.G. Sword Bearer Middlesex occupied the chair, supported by Bro. Davies Preceptor and several other brethren. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed by Bro. Bird, to whom a vote of thanks was recorded for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. On the second Tuesday in February Bro. Davies, the Preceptor, will rehearse the ceremony of installation, commencing at 8 o'clock p.m. Brethren are invited to attend.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 9th instant, at Bro. Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, where Bro. Pooler W.M. was supported by the following:—Bros. Warren S.W., C. H. Phillips Treasurer J.W., Richardson S.D., R. Poore J.D., E. Bye jun. I.G., E. A. Francis Preceptor, H. Hooper Acting Secretary, H. M. Williams Secretary Organist; also Bros. Amsden, Monk, Wright, Napier, Robinson, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Amsden proved his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was opened in the third, and regularly closed to the first degree. On the motion of the Preceptor, Bro. Warren was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the W.M. for the very efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in his Masonic career, the resolution to be entered on the minutes. Hearty good wishes being expressed, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. The first Festival of the Lodge is to be held on the 23rd instant, when Bro. Henry Lovegrove P.M. P.P.S. of Works Middlesex and W.M. 1949 will preside.

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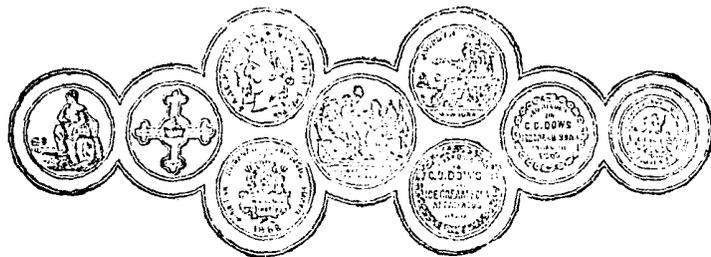
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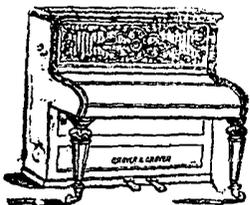
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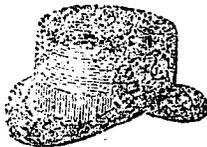
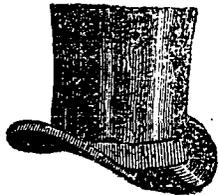
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