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THE BOYS' SCHOOL AND ITS CRITIC.

IT is evident that "S. X.'s" letter on the Boys' School has excited much indignation, not only among those officially connected with the School, but likewise among the Craft generally. That "S.X." imagined what he tells the world he saw, is not improbable, but he has yet to learn the folly of attempting to convert the imaginary into the actual, as he would have us believe it to be. We publish elsewhere a letter written by "AN OLD BOY," and one who, from the fact of his having spent seven years and a half in the School, must be accepted as a competent witness for the defence. Moreover, it is the letter of an ex-pupil, who can have no other object than to write impartially, and what he tells us of his personal experience during so many years must be looked upon as being far weightier evidence in favour of the system of training pursued at Wood Green than "S. X.'s" remarks, after a quarter of an hour's observation, can possibly be in condemnation of it. What says "AN OLD BOY" on the subject? "I was educated there for a period of seven and a-half years, two or three years of which time I was taught by Dr. Morris, and I can safely say that never during that time did I receive anything but kindness from either Masters or Matron," and, he adds, with marked emphasis, "If a boy was not happy, then he had only himself to thank." He winds up still more emphatically in his apology for troubling us with his short letter, because, as he remarks, "I feel deeply the wrong that has been done Dr. Morris and all the masters under him, and I feel it a duty to protest against such false statements as 'S. X.' brings forward." Had this been written by a present pupil of the School, it would have had less weight. Ill-natured people would have said perhaps that it was written to order. But "AN OLD BOY" has nothing either to gain or lose by describing his experiences—his connection with the school has ceased altogether. Thus, as between the imagination of "S. X." and the direct evidence of our present correspondent, the School—as every one expected it would—comes off with flying colours.

But shall we set down as of any value statements made, without any sense of responsibility, by an apparently dyspeptic brother who, to judge from his one letter, would seem to belong to that class of persons who think criticism is only worth listening to when it assumes the form of fault-finding? "S. X." presumes too much on the child-like simplicity of the rest of the world, if he thinks his single carping criticism will succeed in establishing the faults he imagines he has discovered, especially when there is an overwhelming array of testimony that such faults have no existence whatever. Successive Festival Chairmen, who, on the occasion of their visits to the School, must be held to have seen as much of its interior economy as "S. X.," and a great deal more, have spoken in the highest terms of its arrangements, and the system of education in force. Their praise is the more acceptable because it has been bestowed with discrimination, the practical suggestions they have offered from time to time showing clearly enough that while, in their opinion, the School was well managed and efficiently, there was

here and there room for improvement. We know what examiners and examining bodies think of it as a home of education. The reports of the former have been on the whole as satisfactory as any executive or any staff of masters could desire, while the latter have adjudged honours to, or passed, the great majority of the candidates hailing from Wood Green who have submitted themselves to their examination. It is also on record that the dietary is both wholesome and sufficient, that discipline is maintained, and, if testimonials to the Matron for the efficiency of her services have any value, that the domestic arrangements leave little, if anything, to be desired. In short, we have, as opposed to the one unfavourable critic, who writes anonymously, the testimony of "AN OLD BOY," of successive Festival Chairmen, and of the examiners, as well as of hundreds of brethren who, when they have visited the School at prize distributions and on other occasions, have been most favourably impressed with all they have seen and heard. However, it is an ill wind which blows nobody any good, and in his uncompromising denunciation of the School, and all connected with it, it is not unlikely that "S. X." may unintentionally have done it the greatest possible service.

CRAZY AND PARTIZAN MASONIC WRITERS.

BY BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

THAT Masons have written a great deal of rubbish, cannot be disputed or denied; that some of these writers were mere crazy enthusiasts, I will readily admit. Others, however, have doubtless been prompted to pervert truth from mere partizan motives. Thus, it has pleased some brethren to try and persuade the Craft that Masonry is a *Christian* Institution, and others that it is a *very ancient* Institution; and to prove their pet theories, they have not hesitated to invent legends, to garble quotations, and to quote authorities which do not exist.

Mr. George Long, the translator of a work called "The thoughts of the Emperor M. Aurelius Antoninus," in the introduction to the said work, exposes the falsehoods of the early Christian martyrologists, and the sophistry and unfairness of modern ecclesiastical historians; thus, a letter on martyrology was preserved by Eusebius, said to have been written in A.D. 177, in which the following miracle is related:—

Sanctus was burnt with plates of hot iron till his body was one sore, and had lost all human form, but on being put to the rack he recovered his former appearance, and was thus cured instead of being punished. He was, however, afterwards torn by wild beasts, and then placed on an iron chair and roasted, and of course he died at last.

Now, ecclesiastical writers profess to believe in the martyrdom of Sanctus and Co., but, strange to say, they carefully omit the miracle, or deny its truth. As the evidence of the miracle, as well as of the martyrdom, rests upon the testimony furnished by the writer of the self-same letter, Mr. Long very justly remarks that if the writer of

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

the said letter could invent the miracle, he could also have invented the martyrology, and therefore censured the modern ecclesiastical writers for their inconsistency. I can give instances of partizan Masonic writers who have been guilty of similar tricks, one will, however, for the present suffice.

Bro. Simon Greenleaf issued a book in Portland, Maine, in 1820, viz.: "A brief inquiry into the origin and principles of Freemasonry." The writer ridicules the alleged Masonry of Grand Master Adam and Co., but he does not hesitate to assert as "*beyond reasonable doubt*," that Prince Edwin was Grand Master at York in 926, and that the York brethren were always styled "Ancient York Masons." Besides which he accepts the story about St. Alban, &c., and he refers to Anderson and Preston for his authorities; but as the Masonry of Adam and Co. rests also upon the authority of Anderson and Preston, why did Bro. Greenleaf reject their histories about Adam, and why did he believe, "*beyond reasonable doubt*," their histories about Prince Edwin, &c.?

The same writer has given long histories about the Eleusinian, Pythagorean, and Druid mysteries; the last-named mysteries, he says, were preserved by the English people even after Christianity was introduced into England; he defends the Druids from the charge of human sacrifices. He also says, "It is worthy of observation that the Supreme Being was worshipped by the Gauls and Britons, and under the name of *Hesus*, a word expressive of omnipotence, as *Hizzus* in the Hebrew," &c., and refers in a note to Psalm xiv. 8. As *Hizzus* sounded strange to me, I consulted the Bible. Yes, three different versions of the Bible; but the fourteenth Psalm does not mention *Hizzus*, and, what is more, there are no eight verses in the said Psalm; only seven could I find. I next looked into Cruden's Concordance, and into Smith's Bible Dictionary, but no *Hizzus* could I find anywhere in the Bible. Another of his references to the Bible I was equally as unsuccessful in finding. Now, if there is no truth in his statement about *Hizzus*, why should I believe in the rest of Bro. Greenleaf's statements?

Bro. Greenleaf, however, wrote more than sixty years ago, when the only authorities he could consult were Anderson, Preston, Hutchinson, and Laurie. These, together with the legends he received in the high Christian degrees, were enough to bamboozle his half, or little-informed mind. Indeed, he wrote in what may justly be called the *dark Masonic ages*, and he must have possessed considerable courage to deny even the Masonry of Adam. But what shall we say to the nonsense promulgated in 1881, by Bro. John D. Jennings, 33°, of Michigan, in an official pamphlet of the high degrees. He says, "The archives of the Rite can reckon among its votaries such men as Orpheus, Pythagoras, Thales, Virgil, Hippocrates, Socrates, Plato, and many other great names in Greece . . . The sages educated in the Solomon mysteries of Heliopolis, Thebes, and Memphis were the conservators of the Divine fire. The sacred fire of Masonry glowed a thousand years, and no attempt was made to extinguish or weaken it. . . St. John, of the Apocalypse, was an initiate of the Cabiri, and alluded to the mystic stone just noticed when he says: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat the hidden manna, and will give him a White Stone." This is a fair specimen of Bro. Jennings's knowledge of the history of Masonry, and can any one blame me for believing (supposing he is sincere) that he, and all who believe like him, are fit subjects for a lunatic asylum?

But here is even a more recent candidate for Bedlam. Appleton and Co., of New York, have just issued a new book, by Robert Hewitt Brown, 32°, viz., "Stellar Theology and Masonic Astronomy;" the book is illustrated with numerous heathen and high degree woodcuts, coloured astronomical plate, &c. Bro. Brown throws overboard the Solomonic and Hiram legends, but insists that Masonry originated from the pagan mysteries. It is no use to try to select the most ridiculous passage in his book, for the whole of it is alike ridiculous. But here is a specimen of his lecturing:—

Q. "By what name were Masons anciently known?"

A. "Long before the building of King Solomon's temple Masons were known as the *Sons of Light*; Masonry was practised by the ancients under the name of *Lux* (light), or its equivalent in various languages of antiquity."

Q. "What is said to be the origin of the word Masonry?"

A. "We are informed by several distinguished writers that it is a corruption of the Greek word *mesouraneo*, which signifies I am in the midst of heaven, alluding to the sun, which being in the midst of heaven is the great source of light. Others derive it directly from the ancient Egyptians, *Phre*, the sun; *Mas*, a child. *Phre-Masen*; children of the sun, or sons of light."

In the concluding part of the book the author complacently says, "We believe that the key is at length restored," and then goes on thus: "And why is not the explanation correct? Have you ever considered the 'calculus of probabilities,' as applied to a subject like this?" The *Boston Advertiser* of 4th December gives a brief notice of the said "Stellar Theology," &c., and good-naturedly winds up thus: "It is sad to have to despair of Adam. The full regular meetings in Eden must have been very entertaining."

But the ridiculous pranks of our high degree Masons are by no means exhausted. About fourteen years ago, our great American Masonic writer, and possessor of all the Masonic degrees in creation, "*and more too*," as Paddy would say, made a pilgrimage to what he called "*the five Masonic centres*," viz., Jerusalem, York, Kilwinning, Rhodes, and Malta. How he could designate these places as "Masonic centres," after Brother Findel demonstrated that our Masonry had no more connection with them than it had with Timbuctoo, &c., is more than I can tell. Brother Morris has since then again visited Jerusalem once or twice. Upon one occasion he opened (in one of the caves he visited there) a Masonic Lodge, with all imaginable solemnity, and to commemorate the great event, he scratched on the wall of the cave a *Square and Compass*. Probably, some future enthusiastic Masonic visitor to the said cave, may jump to the conclusion that the Square and Compass on the wall was placed by order of King Solomon. In a Lecture recently delivered by Bro. Morris in Boston, he claimed to have been initiated in the Holy Land into a *Dervish Lodge*. He assured his hearers that the Dervishes gave him three degrees, and some important parts in the said three degrees are precisely the same as in our Craft degrees. I shall not be at all surprised to learn of Bro. Morris receiving a Dervish Commission to establish the Dervish Order in America. But the latest scheme of Bro. Morris may be learned from the following editorial, copied from Loomis' "Musical and Masonic Journal," of Newhaven, Connecticut. Here it is:—

"PALM AND SHELL."

We learn from an exchange that a new Order, by the above name, has been organised in the city of New York, founded by Bro. Robert Morris. One of the objects is to gain possession of Mount Moriah, and construct thereon a Masonic Temple worthy the site and society of Ancient Masonry. We would mildly suggest, when possession is gained, to remove the Mount to America, and place it beside the Egyptian obelisk, before the erection of the Temple is begun, so that the American Mason can have a slight chance of witnessing it at its completion, and, perchance, take a part in its dedication. It is not stated whether plans are yet decided on, but we have no doubt it will be an exact imitation of King Solomon's Temple, with its roof of olive wood covered with gold. Nothing less would suffice to satisfy the demands of many of the "temple builders" of the present generation. Let all hands join the "Palm and Shell," and assist in carrying out the following extremely modest practical aims which this new Order has taken upon itself to perform:

1. To open the way broadly for Masonic intercourse between the East and the West.
2. To soften the fanaticism of Oriental sects—Christian, Jewish, Moslem,—by the soothing influence of Freemasonry.
3. To encourage Pilgrim Knights to make profound researches in the Orient, under the auspices of the Oriental Order, thus establishing our claims as a Scientific Association.
4. To encourage our Oriental brethren to visit America, that we may learn from them the legends and traditions transmitted to them by their fathers.
5. To organise Lodges in the cities of the Holy Land, and combine them, in due time, into a Grand Lodge at Jerusalem.
6. To establish a hospital in Jerusalem for the care of Masonic pilgrims sojourning there.
7. To gain possession of Mount Moriah, the birthplace and cradle of Ancient Masonry, and construct thereon a Masonic Temple worthy the site and society.
8. To prosecute special inquiries into the crypts that exist in Mount Moriah for objects believed to be concealed there.

Now, if Bro. Morris is not a downright humbug, he must certainly be afflicted with a deranged mind; and the fact that he could muster a sufficient number of demented Masons in New York to form an Order for such a Quixotic scheme, indicates an insanity among American Masons; and if our Grand Lodges cannot stop or check this Masonic malady, the best thing

they can do is to provide at once one or more lunatic asylums for these unfortunate brethren.

But, before finishing the subject of *Masonic irrationalities*, I must give an equally ridiculous specimen of anti-Masonic reasoning. A work called "Isis Unveiled," by a lady with a long Russian name was published several years ago, in which I found extracts from the late Bro. Leon Hyneman's book on the Grand Lodge of York, also from Bro. Yarker's writings, &c. &c. The lady was also acquainted with more or less Masonic *exposés*, and consequently regarded herself as a well-posted Masonic authority. She evidently believes in the high degree theories, viz., that the origin of Masonry was due to sun worship, and she therefore came to the conclusion that King Solomon was a *myth*, but it merely signifies the sun. Thus: *Sol* is the sun, *Om* is the sun, and *On* also means sun. So, therefore, that *imaginary individual* was named by Masons as their Grand Master. Now, I admit, that her ladyship's ingenuity equals that of our Doctors Oliver, Mackey, Morris, and a host of other Masonic luminaries; but, unfortunately, the King's Hebrew name was not *Solomon*, but *Shlomo*, which in Hebrew may signify *peace*; but I cannot understand how *Shlomo* can in any way be tortured or twisted into an allusion to the sun.

BOSTON, U.S., 14th December 1882.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed externally, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overgorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I was pained and grieved to see, in your issue of the 13th of January, that a gentleman (?) signing himself "S. X." has been making accusations against the officials of the Boys' School at Wood Green. I was educated there for a period of seven and a-half years, two or three years of which time I was taught by Dr. Morris, and I can safely say that never during that time did I receive anything but kindness from either Masters or Matron. If a boy was not happy there, he had only himself to thank. I would not have troubled you, Sir, with this short letter, but I feel deeply the wrong that has been done Dr. Morris and all the Masters under him, and I feel it a duty to protest against such false statements as "S. X." brings forward.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Yours obediently,

14th January 1883.

"AN OLD BOY."

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I quite agree with you that the views expressed by "Q." in his letter of the 8th inst., are reasonable, and void of all exaggeration, and I am glad he has succeeded in eliciting from you a certain measure of approval. As he shows clearly enough, the Craft at this present moment stands committed to an annual expenditure very largely in excess of £30,000, and a very large portion of this liability has been incurred within the last few years. Additional accommodation has been provided at our Schools, and the number of pupils has been largely increased. So in the case of the Benevolent Institution; there are not only more annuitants on each fund, but the annuities they receive are greater. That notwithstanding these formidable increases, all three Institutions should have been able to add to their investments speaks volumes for the care, energy, and ability with which they have been managed. But it seems to me, as I fancy it does to you and your correspondent, that for some time to come we should rest content with what has been done, and is promised to be done in the case of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, and that no further increase should be undertaken in any of the three Charities until their respective permanent incomes have been largely augmented. This is especially necessary in respect of the Wood Green Institution, which has not even enough, in the shape of interest and grants, to cover its working expenses. There

are, no doubt, many who will take what "Q." describes indirectly as the popular view, and will suggest that further pupils shall be taken on at the earliest possible opportunity in the Boys' School, because the number of applicants is so vastly greater than the number of vacancies. These brethren, however, appear to me to lose sight of one fact I have noticed, namely, that as the strength of the School increases, so also does the number of those who seek its benefits. The same remark will apply to the Benevolent Institution, notwithstanding that, as Bro. Terry pointed out only the other day, it is paying away £11,600 in annuities as against £2,600 twenty years ago.

There is another point which deserves mention. Very many of our Provinces have Charity Associations of their own, and yet the pressure on the funds of the principal Institutions shows no sign of diminution. I am aware the benefits dispensed by these local associations are on a limited scale, yet some relief to the central associations should have resulted, and I have not come across the brother who has been able to trace any. Be this as it may, the questions to be considered are worth noting. Are we to go on adding to our responsibilities, leaving their fulfilment to the chance of raising the necessary funds by voluntary subscriptions; or, shall we rest awhile, till we have larger funds at our disposal without being compelled to trust to such chances? The latter seems to be the safer, and, therefore, the policy, for some years to come.

Fraternally yours,

SLOW AND SURE.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me also to congratulate you on the new start you have made, and to express a hope that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE may long continue to be a representative of the Craft. Had you brought your labours to a close at the end of last year, as some inclined to think you proposed doing, it would have been a sad blow to Masonic periodical literature in this country. Competition between rival journals is good all round, in Masonry as in all things else. Greater energy, and it may likewise well happen, greater ability, are brought to bear on the production of the regular budget of new. Greater care is taken with the leading articles, and the views they express, for the simple reason that anything eccentric or injudicious is sure to meet with sharp and instant, albeit, I allow, good-natured criticism. In short, where there are rival journals, each feels it necessary to put its best foot forward and keep it there, but where one only is in the field it can do pretty much as it likes.

There is one particular in which the CHRONICLE would have been sadly missed had it not continued its labours. From the very outset of its career it has made an especial point of furnishing the fullest possible particulars in connection with our Charitable Institutions. It started the idea of carefully analysing the subscriptions, not with a view to establishing invidious comparisons between this and that Lodge or Province, but in order to promote amongst them a healthy spirit of emulation, and so in the end benefit the Charities. At the outset the purpose with which these analytical articles were written was not perhaps fully understood, but, as time went on, the anxiety evinced by individual brethren or stewards to have any clerical or other error corrected must, in my opinion, be regarded as conclusive evidence of the interest taken in the analyses, and the services they were the means of rendering to the Institutions. This fact should of itself enlist the sympathy and support of the whole Craft in England.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

L. C. S.

It is impossible to walk any distance in the streets of London, but especially in the main thoroughfares, without coming to the conclusion that, owing to the nature and variety of the pavements in use, there is a terrible strain on the powers of all working horses, and, as a consequence, that in the course of every succeeding twelvemonths, there must be an immense waste of horse life. Any invention that will appreciably diminish this waste must be looked upon as a benefit, and it is our belief that the patent horse-shoe, manufactured by Messrs. Bidder and Rowley, of 14 Blandford-street, Portman-square, is admirably calculated to satisfy the public need in this respect. Even if it were more costly than the shoe in ordinary use, it would still be well worthy of general adoption, as the terrible wear and tear to which horses are subject must be vastly more expensive in the long run. The great feature of Messrs. Bidder and Rowley's shoe is, that it is practically always roughed, and, consequently, that it enables the animal, all weathers, to get a firm grip of the pavement, whether granite, wood, or asphalt. Moreover, it involves no extra expense in the manufacture, no extra appliances in the shape of pads, screws, spikes, &c. Lastly, it has been tried very extensively, and, in all cases, has been found to answer its purpose of reducing the strain on the horse to a minimum. Military men, veterinary surgeons, farriers, and owners of horses, bear uniform testimony to this fact, and fully justify their strong recommendations in favour of its general adoption.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

THE brethren of this old and exceedingly popular Lodge assembled in strong force on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, to witness the installation of Bro. Joshua Shipley as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. A variety of reasons combined to invest this gathering with more than usual interest, amongst them being the congratulatory success that had attended Bro. J. W. Crossley's year of office, which richly entitled him to the compliments bestowed upon him, both in the Lodge room and at the banquet table, and an equally substantial recognition of the continued and valuable services which had been rendered to the Lodge for many years by its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Joseph Driscoll P.M., and for the unwearied support he has lent to the Masonic Charities. It is well known that for a long succession of years the United Mariners have been staunch and consistent promoters of the interests of our Institutions, in which they have set an example worthy of imitation, a fact to which Bro. James Terry made graceful allusion later in the evening. Lodge was opened soon after five o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph William Crossley, who was supported by Bros. Hiram Cosedge I.P.M., J. Shipley S.W., T. E. Davey J.W., J. Harling P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll P.M. Sec., J. Linscott S.D., L. Steingraber J.D., V. Fassheber M.C., A. Couldrey I.G., S. Lampen Steward, W. Audey P.M., C. Davey P.M. 7, T. Smith P.M., A. Lefeaux P.M., J. Clark P.M., G. J. C. Smith P.M., J. Lanckeman, J. H. Morgan, T. Oblein, D. J. Thomas, J. Rotheroe, A. Field, W. Boyce, J. Hildrath, H. Meyer, F. W. Sanders, C. Howard, J. Lewis, T. Campbell, G. L. Reinhardt Tyler, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. H. Dodson P.M. 55, W. Gill W.M. 612, W. H. Rudderforth P.M. 1668, L. J. Turner 1598, S. Richardson 183, D. C. Long 768, T. Talett 1326, F. M. Harling 1139, L. Solomon 1732, E. A. Crosoe 1704, W. Martin 879, George Rowe 754, J. Terry P.M. 228 (Secretary of the R.M.B.L.), F. J. Parrott, R. Lawson W.M. 1426, W. Manger P.M. 1314, A. Murling 748, B. Ollendorf Montefiore, C. H. Gray 1704, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report, which showed the finances of the Lodge to be in a healthy condition, was unanimously adopted, after which Bro. Shipley was presented in due form as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The usual interrogatories having been assented to, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, when Bro. Shipley was installed into the dignified position to which he had been chosen by the entire voice of his brethren. The impressive ceremony was worked by Brother Crossley, whose rendering of the Ritual was characterised by careful study and elocutionary effect, clearly demonstrating the lesson so often inculcated in this Lodge of the desirableness of each retiring Master installing his successor. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. Shipley was saluted in the three degrees, the heartiness of the greeting being such as to afford him evidence, if indeed any were needed, as to the warm regard in which he is held by all the brethren of his Lodge. The newly-installed Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, the collars being thus distributed:—Bros. J. W. Crossley I.P.M., Thomas E. Davey S.W., J. Linscott J.W., J. Harling P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll P.M. Secretary, L. Steingraber Senior Deacon, A. Couldrey J.D., C. Fassheber I.G., C. Davey P.M. W.S., W. Boyce Assist. W.S., G. L. Reinhardt Tyler. Some formal business having been disposed of, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous repast was spread, the arrangements for which, under the supervision of Bro. J. Marcham, gave general satisfaction. After the banquet the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the toasts being received with loyalty and enthusiasm. The health of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, were given with equal zest, special reference being made to the valuable services they each rendered to the Craft, together with the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present. Bro. Crossley then assumed the gavel, and in felicitous terms proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, making special reference to the able manner in which he had discharged his duties in the minor offices through which he had passed, and in which he had proved his thorough love of Masonry. He had made way for Bro. Shipley, because, in the ordinary and inevitable changes in a Masonic Lodge, he was compelled to do so; and nothing had afforded him a greater amount of pleasure than to have had the privilege of installing so worthy a brother into the chair of K.S. In every way he was eminently worthy of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the brethren, and he wished Brother Shipley a very happy and prosperous year of office. The Worshipful Master was most cordially greeted on rising to acknowledge the toast. He assured the brethren of his deep interest in the Craft, and said in the future, as in the past, he should exert his utmost to promote the welfare of the Craft in general, and to uphold the prestige which had been gained by the United Mariners' Lodge in past years. He had attained to the proud dignity to which he had aspired, and he trusted that when he resigned into the hands of his successor the honourable trust which had to-day been handed to him, he might do so with the feeling that he had discharged his responsibilities with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren. He then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master and installing Officer, in doing which he congratulated Bro. Crossley upon the success he had achieved during his year of office, and upon the satisfactory position in which he left the Lodge upon his retirement from the chair. He acknowledged the kind and courteous assistance he had at all times received from his Immediate Past Master, who had so well and wisely ruled the Lodge during the past year, and whose worthy example he should study in

every way to emulate. He then begged Bro. Crossley's acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him unanimously by the whole of the members of the Lodge, and expressed the hope that he might live long to wear it, and to adorn the Craft, of which he was a brilliant ornament. The jewel was a massive one, of gold, and bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
 Brother JOSEPH WILLIAM CROSSLEY P.M.,
 by the Brethren of the
 UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30,
 In appreciation of his ability and courtesy while Worshipful Master.
 January 16th, 1883.

The Immediate Past Master, in rising to acknowledge the compliment passed upon him was vociferously cheered. He briefly thanked the brethren for the proud distinction they had conferred upon him, and assured them he should wear this magnificent token of their esteem and regard as long as he was able to take an active part in Masonic life, which he trusted would be for many years to come. He thanked the Past Masters for their generous assistance during his term of office, and especially in the installation ceremony of to-day, and concluded by reiterating his continued interest in the prosperity of the United Mariners' Lodge. The W.M. then gave the health of the Visitors, on whose behalf Bro. Rudderforth P.M. 1668 responded; and the Past Masters severally acknowledged the mention of their names in such fraternal terms as those in which the toast had been couched. A pleasing and gratifying incident occurred at this juncture, when the Worshipful Master rose to propose the health of their able and excellent Secretary Brother J. Driscoll. He reminded the brethren of the long and faithful services which that brother had rendered to the Lodge, his unwearied advocacy and substantial support of the Masonic Charities, and his untiring efforts to uphold and increase the prestige of the United Mariners' Lodge. He had been the mainstay of the Lodge, and the brethren could not sufficiently thank him for the efforts he had put forth to promote its welfare. As a slight mark of their appreciation of those exertions, and sincere recognition of his personal worth, he begged Bro. Driscoll's acceptance of a testimonial which had been spontaneously and gladly subscribed to by brethren of the Lodge, and expressed the fervent hope that their excellent Secretary might be spared many years to work with them, and live in the high esteem and affection of all by whom he was surrounded. The testimonial consisted of a magnificent and valuable timepiece of black and brush marble, of the reconnaissance style, with real bronze ornaments, finished in green and picked out with gold, with gold ornamentation in the marble. The clock is fitted with a dead-beat movement, striking the hours and half hours on a gong, and goes for fourteen days. Accompanying the gift was an address, beautifully illuminated and engrossed on vellum, and which was admired for its exquisite and artistic design and finish. The address, which was enclosed in a massive gilt frame, and glazed, ran as follows:—

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30,
 Of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.
 Brother Thomas E. Davey S.W.; Brother J. Linscott J.W.
 To BRO. JOSEPH DRISCOLL P.M. P.P.G.P.

We, the undersigned members of this Lodge, desire to express our gratification at the able and zealous manner in which the duties of Secretary have been performed by you for some years past, and further for the ready and fraternal help that you have at all times given to those who have sought Masonic instruction at your hands.

We also recal with satisfaction the many instances in which your sage counsels have safely guided the bark of the Lodge in the past, and we feel assured you will skilfully do the same in the future. We trust the Great Architect of the Universe will give you health and happiness for many years, to remain amongst us, and to give us the benefit of your experience.

16th January 1883.

(Here follow a number of signatures).

Bro. Driscoll, who was received with a perfect ovation, replied as follows: It would be affectation on my part were I to say merely that the testimonial you have just presented to me is too much to enable me to thank you for. I feel what you have done for me very keenly. I feel it in this way—not so much for its value, which is superb, and which appears to me to be splendid, but for the gracefulness with which you have forgiven many faults and drawbacks on my part. You know that I have endeavoured, and with the best of feeling, to do my duty; but I am getting on in years, and I feel my ability not so great as it might have been some time ago. But I try to do my best. I cannot thank you sufficiently for this estimation—and more than proper estimation—of the little I have done during the few years I have acted as your Secretary. It is true I am the father of this Lodge, but that does not much exceed twenty years, and I do hope that I may live to be the father of it for some time longer yet, even when my abilities to discharge the duties of Secretary shall have gone by. However, I thank you kindly and gratefully. I feel this much, and I feel it sincerely, that although this has been done altogether unknown to me, it has been done with a feeling towards me that the many errors I have committed—not of intention, but whatever they have been—are kindly and cordially forgiven by you, and I shall brace myself to the effort, with all the strength that remains, to do my duty if possible better than I have hitherto done. Bro. Driscoll resumed his seat amidst fresh outbursts of cheering. The Masonic Charities was the next toast given from the chair, and Bro. James Terry in reply said it was not the first time in the history of this Lodge that he had had the pleasure of responding to the toast. In fact, in this Lodge the toast of the Masonic Institutions could never be forgotten, because if they reverted to their early history, they would find that amongst the two Lodges which first supported the Boys' School the United

Mariners' was the one which took the leading part. The Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, was the other, but the chief instrumentality came from the United Mariners'. Therefore, he was thankful to say, that as long as these Institutions existed, and as long as this Lodge lasted, so also would the history of the Institutions be closely allied to, and connected with, the history of their Lodge. He had to thank them very much indeed for the handsome donation of fifteen guineas which they had voted to the R.M.B.I. that evening, and the brethren also around the table, who had contributed liberally to the funds of that Charity. During the whole history of Freemasonry, so far as regarded our Institutions, there had never been such a list of candidates for the benefits of the Benevolent Institution as would be exhibited at the election in May next. When he told them that the list closed last Wednesday, and they had then no less than 136 candidates seeking admission, whereas there were only thirteen vacancies, he ventured to say it was a state of things unparalleled in the history of the Craft. The help afforded by this Lodge, therefore, came with double force to that Institution, and he was certain that when he could produce such facts as these before them he should always have their support, never mind whether it might be "the Old People's turn" or not. He made an eloquent appeal in behalf of the funds of that Institution, which so sorely needed help, to enable it to meet the urgent cases before it, and exhorted the brethren to do all they could to assist those who were too old and feeble to support themselves. The health of the Officers of the Lodge came next, and Bro. T. E. Davey S.W. briefly replied, the official list being closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Gill P.M., Harling P.M., Gray, Morgan and others, and Bro. Driscoll gave a pathetic recitation, which was much admired. Altogether a very happy and enjoyable evening was passed.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 12th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and, as usual on such occasions, was numerously attended both by members of the Lodge and visitors. Bro. James McLean, the W.M. of the past year, presided at the opening of the Lodge, and during the proceedings the following Officers were present:—Bros. W. Herbage S.W., W. M. Foxcroft J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Morris Sec., P. Pierpoint S.D., A. Skinner Steward, Harry Price M.C., W. Harris I.P.M., W. J. Ferguson P.M., H. Bowman Spink P.M., Edward White P.M., W. F. Smith P.M., Isaac Buscall P.M., J. E. Walford P.M., Frederick Kent P.M. Among the Visitors to the Lodge were Bros. Reichelmann P.M. 515, Alfred H. Bisley 901, W. H. Harrison I.G. 1895, B. Lyons P.M. 1227, Robert Thornton 217, Samuel Brooks P.M. 1608, Thomas Read 1420, C. Donaldson 1763, J. T. Pilditch P.M. 1420, W. Banberry 217, Robert George 1524, G. W. Clement Smith 1319, B. Simmer P.M. 1405, 1096 P.D.G. Warden British Burmah, W. Iron S.W. 1579, H. Stiles W.M. 1507, J. Van Essen 171, C. Parsons Steward 1637, C. H. Everett 1507, F. Crockford P.M. 515 P.D.G.R. Malta, W. P. Webb W.M. 1381, C. M. Gray I.G. 1706, C. Phillips I.P.M. 820, A. Ercoll I.P.M. 1593, T. Fenn P.M. 259 P.G.D., G. P. Brotheridge 1649, W. Rudsell P.M. 77, James Terry P.M. 228 Sec. R.M.B.I., H. E. Tucker W.M. 1612, G. H. Finch 1586, H. Massey P.M. 619 1923, F. East 1678, J. Smith 1602, R. Underwood 780, J. Batting P.M. 1501 P.G.Reg. Berks and Bucks, B. Phillips W.M. 1305, J. Clarey 511, W. M. Stiles I.P.M. 1507, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, J. Plenderleath 1898, E. Bowles 1056, J. F. Hallet 907, T. W. Williams 1601, F. Briggs 25, T. C. Edmonds I.G. 1507, H. Reynolds 1772, H. Cox 144, C. H. Abrams 511, J. Coppen 1719, &c. The agenda paper shewed a full complement of business, the three degrees being set down for working, in addition to the installation ceremony. After the formal opening of the Lodge, Bros. F. Cole and A. H. Wilson were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bros. T. D. Scott, L. Busmer, and J. E. Spurrell were passed, after which the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Brother William Herbage being placed in the chair of K.S. by Brother Edward White P.M., in a most impressive manner. After the customary formalities, the following were appointed and invested as the Officers for the year, viz.:—W. M. Foxcroft S.W., R. Pierpoint J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, H. Price S.D., A. Simmer Junior Deacon, Montague I.G., Chapman M.C., and Harvey Steward. The ceremonial of the installation was then completed. The newly-installed W.M. at once had an opportunity of showing his ability for office, Mr. Walter Bonwick, an approved candidate for Freemasonry, offering himself as candidate for the first degree, Bro. Herbage conferred on him the benefit of Masonic light, performing this first task in a most gratifying manner, and showing by his style that he was competent to fulfil the duties of W.M. Among other matters of business brought before the Lodge previous to its being closed was a proposal to vote the sum of twenty-five guineas towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which proposition was carried. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, and there engaged in one of the most successful gatherings we remember taking part in. The Master had provided a first-class musical programme, and everything was done to ensure the enjoyment of all present. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were given. The first on the list, the W.M. said, was one that was always acceptable to Freemasons, and indeed to all Englishmen. All knew the gracious way in which the Queen had discharged her duties in every sphere, whether as mother or as Queen. Of her it had truly and justly been written—

"Her Court was pure, her life serene,
God gave her peace, her land reposed;
A thousand claims to reverence closed
In her as Mother, Wife, and Queen."

As regarded the Craft, which it was customary to couple with the

toast of the Queen, the brethren one and all knew sufficient of its merits to warrant them joining heartily in the toast. After the singing of the National Anthem, the health of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was proposed. As brethren of the Craft they could but feel a deep debt of obligation to the Grand Master for the manner in which he performed every work connected with the Order, and the great lustre he had shed upon it. The next toast—that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present—the Master felt it a great honour to propose. The manner in which the Officers of Grand Lodge did their duty was an example every Lodge might feel proud to emulate. They had that night the honour of numbering Bro. Fenn, a Past Grand Officer, among them. The W.M. felt he need say little in connection with that brother's name to ensure a welcome to the toast; the kind way in which he always tendered his services towards the diffusion of Masonic knowledge was well known. He had always done it in such a manner that those whom he instructed became in themselves centres of Masonic light. Bro. Fenn tendered his thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast of the Grand Officers had been given and received. He felt especially gratified to feel that the poor services some of them were able to render to the Craft were appreciated. It was a matter of nineteen years since he had received the honours of Grand Lodge office, and since that time he had done what lay in his power for the welfare of the Craft, a course which should be pursued by each of the Grand Officers, although it must be admitted that some of them felt their work was done as soon as their year of office had expired. He might refer to Brother Brett, a member of the Domestic Lodge, as an example of the opposite kind, who had devoted his time to Freemasonry ever since his connection with it, and was as active now in advancing its welfare as ever. To such a class he (Bro. Fenn) hoped to belong. As one of the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, he felt extremely gratified to be present at the installation of one of its pupils. Bro. Herbage had long been known at its meetings, and was efficient in its style of working. He had heard that evening the ceremonies most efficiently performed, especially that of installation, but in many respects they had differed from what he was accustomed to. Still, though he had been born and bred under the wing of the Emulation Lodge, he was not so blind as to be unable to appreciate the beauties of other workings, especially when they were rendered as Bro. White had that evening done them. Bro. McLean I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., assuring the brethren they had elected a brother who would do them credit, and perform the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of all. The W.M. heartily returned thanks. He called to mind the moment when, seated on the right of his present position, he first returned thanks in the Domestic Lodge, and remembered how that then he looked upon Freemasonry as a glorious institution; an opinion which after experiences had confirmed. He should endeavour to perform the work to the satisfaction of all, and hoped at the conclusion of his term of office he might have obtained, in the words of Shakspeare—

"Honour, love, obedience, and troops of friends."

The next toast on the list was a most important one—that of the Installing Master and the rest of the Past Masters. Bro. Fenn, in the course of his remarks, had most kindly and warmly called attention to the way in which Brother White, the Installing Master, had performed his work, and he (the W.M.) felt sure that no words of his would carry more weight than did those of Brother Fenn. The other Masters had done well in the past year, as indeed they had always done, and he hoped they would one and all be spared for many years to be present at the meetings of the Lodge. Brother White replied. With so many Past Masters around him he felt it a mere accident that he had been called upon to discharge the duties of Installing Master that evening, and felt that every other member of the board could have worked the ceremony equally as satisfactorily as he had done. Bro. Ferguson also replied; after which the W.M. rose—it was his pleasing duty to attach to the breast of the I.P.M. the jewel which the members of the Lodge had been good enough to vote him, in recognition of his services during the past year. All knew what he had done, and all thanked him for the attention he had given to the duties of his office. The brethren hoped he might long live to wear the jewel as the unanimous expression of the good feeling which was always felt towards him. Bro. McLean returned thanks, assuring the brethren he greatly appreciated the kindness they had shown him. He had endeavoured, during the past year, to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and he hoped he had given some amount of satisfaction. As regarded the future, the Craft generally, but more particularly to promote the welfare of the Domestic Lodge. The next toast was one always well received in the Domestic Lodge. If there was one thing that Freemasons delighted to honour it was the toast of the Visitors, and more particularly was this the case in the Domestic Lodge, the meetings of which were usually attended by a goodly array of guests. The W.M. considered that Visitors to a Lodge shed a light and lustre on the meeting which nothing else could supply. With the toast was coupled the names of Brothers Phillips Worshipful Master 1305, and Tucker Worshipful Master 1612. The former brother expressed the pleasure he, in company with the other visitors, felt in being present, and witnessing the working of the Lodge. He was also very pleased to see Bro. White acting as Installing Master. Twice he (Bro. Phillips) had been installed by Bro. White into the chair of a Lodge, and now as W.M. of the St. Mary-lebone Lodge, he hoped ere long to perform a like task for him, he being the present S.W. He looked upon Bro. White as a credit to any Lodge. Bro. Tucker followed, congratulating the members on the prosperity of the Lodge, and wishing them every success in the future. Bro. Webb, of the Kennington Lodge, also responded to the toast, and then the W.M. gave that of the Charities. This he considered a toast, which, whenever proposed, reached the heart of every

Mason. As members of the Craft they could but feel proud of the Institutions connected with the Order, for them, year by year, close on £50,000 was subscribed. He was associated with a Company where he knew there were more than one or two clerks who owed their position in life to the teaching at the Boys' School, and in many other ways he had been enabled to judge of the merits of the three Masonic Charities. The toast having been heartily received, was acknowledged by Bro. James Terry, who, in a forcible speech, urged on the brethren the advantages of the Institutions, and their need for continued support. They were the means of providing for a family of close on 800 persons, and he hoped they would never fail for want of contributions from the Craft. This Lodge had acquired a good reputation, and the way in which the brethren had supported the Steward for the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution showed they were still continuing the good work. Brother Terry urged on every member of the Lodge to do his utmost to secure donations, for, as the Earl of Carnarvon had remarked, it was not so much the large amounts, as it was the large number of donors that swelled the total. The coming year would be an eventful one for the Domestic Lodge, which had two candidates for the support of the Benevolent Institution, one a widow, who now made a third application, the other an old member of the Lodge. He asked the brethren to do their very best to place these two old people on the funds of the Institution; surely they would not like it to be said that the Domestic Lodge, with a membership of close on 150, could not provide for two of its old friends, while younger Lodges carried their cases on first application. In conclusion he would remind the brethren that they could never be girls, they could never be boys again, but they all looked forward to be old men, and such being the case he urged them to support the Benevolent Institution, which, in case of misfortune, would be open to receive them in the time of need. The Worshipful Master had great pleasure in proposing the health of their worthy Treasurer and Secretary, hoping that they would long be spared to render their services to the Lodge. They were both deserving of every honour that could possibly be bestowed on them. Each having replied, the toast of the Officers was given, and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. The musical arrangements were all that could be desired, consequently a most enjoyable evening was spent, and one that will be long remembered.

ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE installation meeting of this old Lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Swan Hotel, Bolton, on Monday, 15th January 1883. The Lodge was opened at 4.15 p.m. by the W.M. Brother Dr. E. M. Garstang, assisted by his Officers, the following brethren being present on the occasion:—Bros. John Booth S.W., F. W. Pacey J.W., G. P. Brockbank Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon Secretary, James Newton P.P.G.S.D., Samuel Crowther Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, Reuben Mitchell Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; P.M.'s W. H. Horrocks, James Walker, R. K. Freeman, Walter Pennington, Rooke Pennington, Johnson Mills; Rev. J. H. Gibbon S.D., J. W. Poyntz J.D., W. H. Lomax, Dr. C. F. Porter, James Naylor, William Golding, Robert Nightingale; also the following Visitors:—Bros. E. G. Harwood S.D. 1723, Mayor of Bolton, William Nicholson Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, J. W. Taylor Past Prov. Grand Organist, R. Duxbury W.M. 146, J. Boothroyd W.M. 221, W. Crankshaw W.M. 348, Dr. W. Court W.M. 1723, Thomas Morris P.M. 221, James Richardson P.M. 221, J. M. Rutter P.M. 221, John Alcock P.M. 348, J. H. Greenhalgh P.M. 1723, N. Nicholson P.M. 1723, John Priestley Chaplain 1723, J. M. Bentley, Mus. Bac., and John A. Orr P.M. 950. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge proceeded to the second degree, when the chair was assumed by Brother James Newton Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, the Installing Master, by whom the Worshipful Master elect, Brother G. P. Brockbank, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and proclaimed and saluted accordingly. The Auditors' report on the Lodge finances was read and adopted, and the retiring Treasurer, Brother William Slater Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon was unanimously reelected to that office. The ballot was taken for the election of Brother J. M. Bentley, Mus. Bac., as joining member, the result being that he was unanimously elected. Brother Walter Pennington then proceeded to invest the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Booth S.W., F. W. Pacey J.W., Rev. J. H. Gibbon Chaplain, William Slater Treasurer, James Newton Secretary, J. W. Poyntz S.D., John Hardcastle J.D., Walter Pennington M.C., J. M. Bentley Organist, W. H. Lomax I.G., James Naylor and R. Nightingale Stewards, J. W. Roiley Tyler, Thomas Higson Assistant Tyler. The addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by Brother Johnson Mills P.M. Brother John Morris P.M. was reelected Representative of the Lodge on the East Lancashire Charity Committee. The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, Brother Dr. Garstang. Brother James Newton referred to the recent decease of Brother Thomas Entwisle P.M. 221 Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, and the great loss which the Craft in this district had thereby sustained, and proposed a resolution, expressing the deep sense of regret of the members of this Lodge at this untimely occurrence. The motion was seconded by Bro. Walter Pennington, and unanimously adopted. Two brethren were proposed as joining members of the Lodge. Heartly good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed at 5.45 p.m., the brethren adjourning to the banquet table.

It is a singular coincidence that Brother G. P. Brockbank was initiated into Freemasonry on 15th January 1846, and that in precisely thirty-seven years after, viz. on 15th January 1883, he should be installed as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 37.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE, No. 180.

THE installation meeting of this excellent Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th January, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, at 4 o'clock. The W.M. Bro. G. A. B. Fletcher presided, supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—Bros. Stoner P.M. S.W., W. H. Baker W.M. elect, J. W. Maxted S.D., Chester J.D., Denne I.G., C. Wade I.P.M., E. Farwig P.M., J. Robinson P.M., J. Miles Treasurer, W. Parsons P.M. Secretary; also Bros. Bishop, Bar, Russell, Sarti, White, Shout, Spence, Van Duren, Symons, Dibley, Adams, Staden, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Bros. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, Woodrow P.M. 1297, Cattle P.M. 1257, R. Baker P.M. Joppa, Everett P.M. Domatio, Shand P.M. City of Westminster, Faily W.M. 1470, Taylor, Rolfe, Sir E. Lee, Lord H. Bruce, W. Hudson, J. Andrews, and several others. The Lodge being opened in due forme and the minutes of the previous meeting and the report of the Auditors having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. G. and N. Hemsted, initiates, also for Bro. Smead as a joining member; this being unanimous, the W.M. then proceeded to pass Bro. Paillard, who, having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, was duly entrusted and passed. The initiation of the Messrs. Hemsted was then completed by the W.M., whose perfect working deserves especial praise. Bro. W. H. Baker the W. Master elect was presented and duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, according to ancient custom, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. C. J. Wade P.M. in a manner which left nothing to be desired. The following brethren having been appointed to their several offices by the W.M., were invested with the collars and jewels of office, and suitably addressed by him on the nature of the duties to be performed by them. Bros. Maxted S.W., Chester J.W., Denne S.D., Staden J.D., Bishop I.G., Sarti W.S., Miles Treasurer, Parsons P.M. Secretary, and Farwig P.M. Master of Ceremonies. The Lodge being closed the brethren adjourned and enjoyed an excellent banquet. The W.M., who makes a capital President, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The National Anthem was sung by Miss Amy Romayne. In proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the W.M. said:—If evidence were needed of the loyalty of Freemasons to the throne we have it supplied in the fact that our beloved chief the M.W.G.M. is himself the heir apparent. His Royal Highness has connected himself with our Order, thereby affording an undoubted guarantee that Freemasonry has, even to the outside world, a something in it which men must respect; the country may be proud in the belief that H.R.H. would not connect himself with any institution which had not for its object the welfare and benefit of his fellow-countrymen. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was here sung by Mr. Miles. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past. A body so well organised as that of Freemasons, possessing as it does such a powerful influence over the habitable globe, must be subject (in degree) to other men and other minds. Masons love order and discipline, because those attributes are the very concrete of their system. We are honoured with the presence of two Grand Officers to-night, and in calling upon Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke to respond to the toast, all knew he would be able to speak well of the inner working of Grand Lodge. Brother W. Bolton then sang "Largo al factotum," which was capitally rendered. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, said it gave him infinite pleasure in being present at the working of the Lodge. Having previously heard of its excellence, he was delighted to bear witness to the fact, he also thanked Brother Wade for the very perfect way he had installed the W.M. With reference to the Grand Officers, he was always delighted to bear testimony to their worth. In all matters connected with the interests of the Craft, they were the life and soul, and he trusted the day was far distant when they would become unworthy of the respect, honour and esteem in which they were at present held by the St. James's Union Lodge and the Craft generally. The I.P.M., Bro. Fletcher, next proposed the health of the W.M., and in doing so, observed it was an especial pleasure to him, as not only had Bro. Baker worked up through the different offices in the Lodge to qualify himself, but he was an old, tried, and valued friend; and Bro. Baker having been unanimously elected by the brethren in open Lodge assembled, he felt he was only giving the toast in honour of their W.M. as the mouthpiece of the brethren. In addition thereto he not only congratulated Bro. Baker upon the position he had that day attained, but also the brethren upon the wisdom of their choice; he felt certain that the honour, influence and lustre of the St. James's Union would be transmitted to the Worshipful Master's successor pure and unsullied, and he would content himself by observing that, as in the past, so in the future, the W.M. would continue to merit the good opinion and esteem of every Brother of the St. James's Union Lodge. Mr. Miles then sang "Cœur de Léon." The Wor. Master in reply, said: Brethren, I acknowledge with gratitude, the very kind and flattering expressions which have just fallen from my old and valued friend, and our esteemed I.P.M. Brother Fletcher, I feel it is due more to his generous nature than any merit of my own. A man in any position, especially if that position be one of responsibility, naturally feels anxious, if not to some extent troubled. Anxious, in the first place, that he may not disappoint the kind expectations of his friends, and troubled when becoming Master of his Lodge that its interest might not suffer somewhat through his inefficiency. On the other hand, nothing gives strength and confidence so surely as the knowledge that, judging by the kind expressions of the I.P.M., I shall start with the sympathy, encouragement and help, not only of those who have preceded me, but of those who will, I trust, succeed me in the proud position I now occupy. I thank you, Bro. Fletcher, for the flattering manner in which you have proposed my health; and you, brethren, for the very hearty way in which you received it. The W.M.

then proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Fletcher. He said: Brethren, if the labour and anxiety of the chair be great upon an installation night, the pleasures and privileges undoubtedly counterpoise them. The greatest of his pleasures that night was certainly the proposition of this toast—the health of our I.P.M. Bro. Fletcher. This was not the place to give precedence to the very natural feelings of regard for a personal friend, and he resisted the temptation. His first duty, as representing the brotherhood of the Lodge, was to express the unqualified appreciation of the earnest and kindly manner in which Bro. Fletcher had performed the duties of the ancient and honourable position of Master. All knew how ably he had performed his duties, and how gracefully he had presided at the social gatherings. On behalf of the brethren he presented a jewel, token and symbol of the high estimation in which Bro. Fletcher is held by every member. Gifts are the beads in memory's rosary, and in the hope that this gift may long hang on the chain of your memory, and ever link you with the traditions of the Craft, and the still more sacred remembrance of the brethren of the St. James's Union Lodge, Brethren, I ask you to be upstanding, and drink this toast with all the warmth and cordiality which is always accorded to popular members of the St. James's Union Lodge. Miss Amy Romayne here sang "The Lost Chord," with great feeling. The I.P.M., in responding, said: Worshipful Master and brethren, for the first time in my life I feel utterly unable to reply as my heart dictates; to you, Worshipful Sir, I tender my heartfelt thanks for the very high eulogium you have been pleased to pass upon my labours of the preceding twelvemonths, and to you, brethren, (I would I could do it individually) for the generous way in which you received it. It is a source of great gratification to me to mark the progress we have made during the past year, not only in numbers and finances, but in that happy concord without which no Lodge can be permanently successful. Brethren, as we are now once more fairly launched, I feel perfectly certain that we shall continue our even passage for many years to come; and I trust I may live with you to verify the very pleasant prophecy of our Worshipful Master. Worshipful Master and brethren, I again thank you. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Initiates: the duty he had to perform was one which all Masters take great pleasure in doing; that was, welcoming the Initiates. He was pleased to say they had two that night (and one joining member), and it gave him additional pleasure to say they were personal friends. In calling upon the brethren to welcome the Initiate with the social glass, he knew them to be good fellows; may they prove equally good Masons, and he felt sure they would always look back with pleasure upon their introduction into Freemasonry. After a song, Bros. George and Nathaniel Hemsted suitably and in well-chosen terms replied, as did also Bro. Smead, the joining member. In giving the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said the brethren of the St. James's Union were always pleased to see them at the working of their Lodge, and to meet them at the social board. They had that evening with them a very distinguished and numerous company of Visitors; he would call upon Bros. Buss, Everett, and Lee to respond. Miss Amy Romayne then sang the "Gates of the West." Bro. Buss said it gave him much pleasure once more to visit the St. James's Union Lodge, and to endorse the remarks of Col. Clarke as to the work of the members; he specially wished to express his satisfaction, and thanks to Bro. Wade for the very excellent way in which he conducted the installation, and on behalf of the Visitors generally for the sumptuous hospitality with which they had been received. Bro. Everett had great pleasure in bearing testimony to the pleasurable evening they had all experienced; nothing could exceed the perfect way in which the ceremonies had been performed. He had the greater interest in witnessing the progress and general excellence of the St. James's Union Lodge, as it was exactly twenty-four years ago since he was raised there, by the kindness of the then W.M. He thanked Bro. Fletcher for giving him the opportunity of again coming amongst them. Bro. Sir E. Lee thanked the W.M. and brethren for the Masonic treat accorded the Visitors; he assured them it would afford them happy reminiscences. The W.M., in giving the next toast—the Past Masters—linked with it the Treasurer and Secretary. The Lodge was much indebted to the P.M.'s for the great care, time and attention they devoted to its interests. He was sorry Bro. Wade had been obliged to leave, as he desired to express to him his sincere thanks for many kindnesses, especially for his having installed him. The Treasurer, Bro. Miles, all knew, and all esteemed. The members would be glad to know their Treasurer had stated he had now more money in hand than on any previous occasion. They felt he was the man to guard it jealously. He now asked them to be upstanding, and drink to the health and prosperity of the Past Masters. After a humorous song from one of the Visitors, Bro. Farwig responded; assuring the brethren of the continued interest of the body he represented. Bro. Miles also replied, for himself and Secretary. Several of the Officers responded for the compliment [paid them by the W.M., and then the Tyler brought this pleasant meeting to a close.

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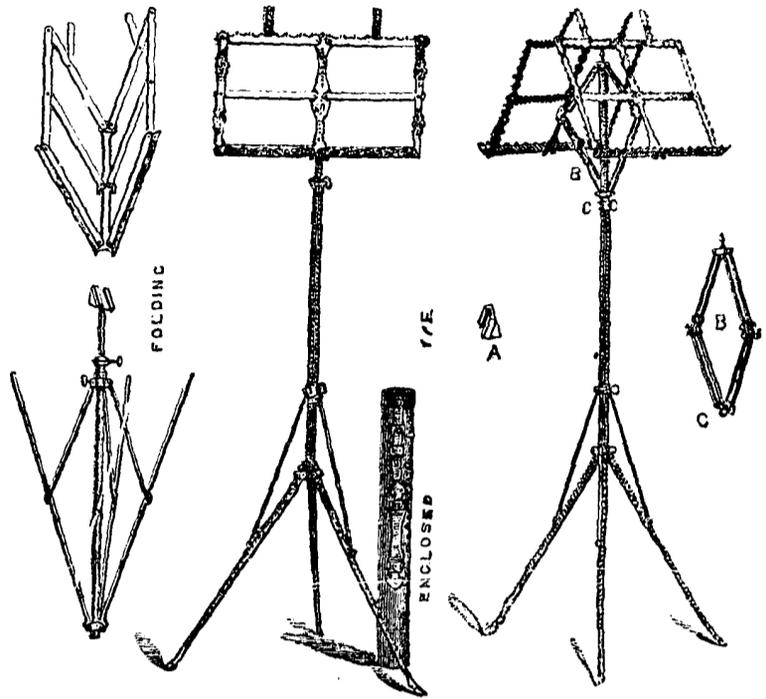
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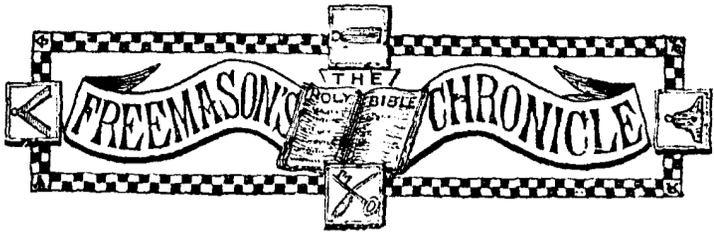
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MASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

THE Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 27th December last, under the presidency of M.W. Brother Samuel B. Dick Grand Master. The annual returns from the Lodges were received, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted their report. The Library Committee announced that Part IV. of the Proceedings of G. Lodge was ready in manuscript, and would be published shortly. The report of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund showed that, during the past year, the sum of 2,770 dollars had been expended in the relief of 171 poor but respectable brethren, of whom 149 hailed from the home, and twenty-two from foreign jurisdictions, while the Almoners of Grand Lodge Charity Fund had distributed 2,933 dollars among 257 applicants, of whom 233 hailed from Pennsylvania. Brother Dick, in his valedictory address, referred to the events of the past year, and especially to the Sesqui-Centennial celebration of Grand Lodge, and the sale of the old Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street for the sum of 225,000 dollars. The addresses delivered at the former he characterised as especially valuable, and said they should be preserved in a permanent form, and published by Grand Lodge for the edification of the brethren. As to the sale of the Hall, he congratulated the Craft on an event which released so large a sum belonging to them, a sum that had been locked up for nine years, but had now been added to the Grand Lodge Sinking Fund, which was thus increased to 255,000 dollars. He also stated that the bonded debt of G. Lodge which, in 1873, amounted to 1,455,000 dollars had since been reduced to 1,028,000 dollars, and he hoped and believed that the same steady ratio of decrease would be maintained. At the close of the address the principal Grand Officers were elected and installed, namely, Bros. Conrad B. Day M.W.G.M., E. Coppée Mitchell D.G.M., Joseph Eichbaum G.S.W., Clifford P. MacCalla G.J.W., Thomas R. Patton Grand Treasurer, and Michael Nisbet (P.G.M.) Grand Secretary. Grand Master Day then appointed and invested the other Grand Officers, namely, Rt. Rev. Brother Cortland Whitehead, D.D., Rev. Bros. William Suddards, D.D., Richard H. Allen, D.D., J. J. McIllyar, D.D., William B. Wood, D.D., J. S. McConnell, William H. Platt, James W. Robbins, D.D., Frank E. Miller, Henry S. Getz, Samuel Hirsch, A. V. C. Schenck, D.D. Grand Chaplains; George S. Graham G.S.D., Robert E. Pattison G.J.D., John Slingluff and John W. Lee Grand Stewards, George W. Wood Grand Marshal, Louis M. Chasteau Grand Sword Bearer, Robert P. Dechart Grand Pursuivant, William A. Sinn Grand Tyler. Bro. Nisbet then proposed a series of resolutions by way of recognising the valuable services rendered by Bro. Dick during the term of his Grand Mastership, and these having been unanimously accepted, and ordered to be engrossed for presentation to the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Richard Vaux P.G.M., on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented Bro. Dick with a valuable Past Grand Master's jewel, which the latter accepted, and for which, as well as the resolutions, he returned thanks in a very appropriate speech. Grand Lodge was closed and the brethren separated, but in noticing these proceedings we cannot allow the opportunity to pass without congratulating Brother MacCalla, of the *Keystone*, from which we have derived these particulars, on his appointment as Grand Junior Warden.

The annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in the evening of the same day, in the Temple, and was presided over by M.E. Comp. Hibberd P. John Grand High Priest, who also reviewed the events of the past year, referring, with regret, to the great loss sustained by capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania through the deaths of Past Grand High Priests, Comps. Potter, Parke and Griscom. He also suggested that G. Chapter should take into favourable consideration the subject of

the Masonic Home advocated by the Girard and Columbia Mark Lodges, and concluded by thanking the Companions who had been his Officers and the members of Grand Chapter for the kindness and assistance they had rendered him. The following were then elected and installed as the Principal Grand Officers, namely, Comps. Augustus R. Hall M.E. Grand H. Priest, George W. Kendrick junior Grand King, Matthias H. Henderson Grand Scribe, Thos. R. Patton Grand Treasurer, and Charles E. Meyer Grand Secretary, after which the Grand H. Priest appointed the following Officers, namely, Comps. Henry R. Coulomb Grand Captain of the Host, John Keller jun. Grand Principal Sojourner, James S. Barber Grand R.A. Captain, J. V. Robbins, D.D., T. J. Davis, D.D., W. B. Wood, D.D., A. N. C. Schenck, D.D., T. F. Jackson, J. F. Crouch, W. H. Platt, W. P. Howell, H. S. Getz, and Alex. M. Wiggins, Grand Chaplains; Charles W. Bolen Grand Master of the 3rd Vail, Arthur H. Woodward Grand Master of the 2nd Vail, and Fred. K. Womrath Grand Master of the 1st Vail; Edward Masson Grand Marshal, Michael W. Reinohl S.G. Master of Ceremonies, Elias W. Halo jun. G.M. of Ceremonies, Edward Frier Grand Pursuivant, and W. A. Sinn Grand Janitor. A memorial notice of the late Comp. Parke Past Grand High Priest having been read by Comp. Samuel C. Perkins Past G.H.P., Grand Chapter was closed until its quarterly meeting in March, when the Mark Master's degree will be exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The *Keystone* closed the year 1882 with a double number, of unusual excellence. Among the additional matter we note with pleasure a well-executed engraving of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and portraits of the principal Officers of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, with short historical sketches of the majority of them. There are likewise several tales and items of general interest.

The *Voice of Masonry* begins its volume for the current year bravely. We have so often spoken in terms of well-deserved praise of the contents and general style and tone of this Magazine that it will suffice if we say that the number for the present month maintains, if, indeed, it does not enhance, its reputation as a first class organ of American Masonic news and opinion. By the way, it notes a mistake we made some time since in attributing to the *Masonic Review* an article we quoted from its pages. We regret the error, which was unintentional, and apologise for having made it.

Our brethren are reminded that the annual ball given under the auspices of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, is fixed to take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on the evening of Wednesday, the 31st instant. In past seasons this event has been attended with a very large measure of success, and, judging for the demand for tickets, this year a similar result may be anticipated. The Stewards are doing their utmost to make the ball attractive, and those who have not yet secured tickets should lose no time in applying to them, or to the Hon. Sec., Bro. R. P. Stevens, 5 Little Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.

The Committee of Petitions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon will be held this year at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. The Officers will be appointed, petitioners will be relieved, and candidates for the Great Charities will be selected to receive the support of the Province.

The Hon. Frank Lyon, second son of the Earl of Strathmore, was, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., installed as Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair; William Roebuck, Leopold Ruf, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey, C. F. Matier, Don. M. Dewar, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The Court declared a list of 65 candidates for the election of the 16th April, and vacancies for twelve boys in the School. There was no further business before the Court.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE annual installation meeting of this highly disciplined and thoroughly popular Lodge was held on Monday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was an unusually numerous attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Brother George Cundy. A hearty and fraternal greeting was interchanged as the brethren assembled, soon after four o'clock, and it was evident that the proceedings of the evening were anticipated with a considerable amount of interest. This arose, no doubt, from the exceedingly able manner in which Brother Cundy had transacted the business of the exalted position he had held during the year, and the equal popularity and promise of Brother John Hughes, who had so well discharged his functions as Senior Warden. Soon after four o'clock Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, the Worshipful Master being supported by Brothers Charles Beaumont Immediate Past Master, John Hughes S.W., D. Hughes J.W., Henry Darcy P.M. Treasurer, George Darcy P.M. Secretary, T. McClelland S.D., E. V. P. Harris J.D., R. Clinch M.C., H. Harbord I.G., Ernest C. T. Hand Organist; also Bros. A. Ginger P.M., W. Lewis P.M., R. Gillard, D. Hughes, J. E. Finister, A. Bisley, R. Stevens, H. Smith, J. Watkins, J. Vale, A. Prince, R. Diamond, G. Lawson, G. Grist, W. R. Hanlock, C. Bates, Geo. Chivers, H. Gooch, E. W. Cundy, A. J. Sheffield, J. Hoddinott, George Britton, C. Huish, F. Eade, H. Barwell, W. B. Smith, J. Hoskins, J. Richardson, W. Alder, H. W. Taylor, W. C. Plater, A. Parker, W. Dance, P. C. Rogers, J. Hardwick, R. F. Whur, G. F. Lawson, W. Wallace, W. Hopkinson, G. Rubardt, T. Baines, T. James, T. Hocking, J. Hardwick, G. Walker, R. Fletcher, J. Woodstock Tyler, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. R. Jeffreys P.M. 435, J. Zidpast P.M. 1306, J. Cooper P.M. 503, J. W. Cooper P.M. 538, J. Eldridge P.M. 167, J. Bladen 1839, G. G. Symons P.M. 45, E. King 554, V. Borg 515 (Malta), R. Woodward S.W. 1728, R. W. Henry 144, C. W. Cox 188, H. Wright 1965, A. Hickman W.M. 228, H. Price S.D. 177, B. J. Woolfe 720, W. Thomas 1853, E. A. Peachy 1764, E. Wood 829, F. J. Henley 749, S. Hurdle 1744, J. W. Hiscox 1512, Fredk. Hurdle 548, W. H. Chalfont 1425, E. Gell 1017, S. J. Ball 1517, H. Mills 1853, S. Etherington 1305, J. Barker 933, H. Champness 18, W. F. Green 861, Geo. Bassett 969, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Lodge was advanced and Bro. Watkins was passed to the second degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Bro. John Hughes was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, he was duly installed into the chair by the retiring Worshipful Master, whose eloquent delivery of the Ritual elicited universal expressions of approbation, and afforded much pleasure as well as edification to all present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed with the customary honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. George A. Cundy I.P.M., David Hughes S.W., McClelland J.W., H. Darcy P.M. Treas., C. Beaumont P.M. Sec., E. V. P. Harris S.D., H. Harbord J.D., J. Clinch M.C., Daniel Hughes I.G., Ernest C. T. Hand Organist, Gillard and R. Whur Stewards, R. Pittam Stevens W.S., and Woodstock Tyler. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Richard Fletcher, who had been proposed by Bro. Vale, seconded by Bro. D. Hughes, and the voting being unanimously in favour, that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The proposal, by Bro. Lewis P.M. seconded by Bro. Verner, that ten guineas be given out of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, to a Brother, was agreed to, and after the transaction of some other business, the brethren adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, and personally superintended by Bro. Henry Mills, whose arrangements gave every satisfaction. Dessert having been placed on the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. alluding in felicitous terms to the honour enjoyed by the Craft in having the first gentleman in the land to be its G.M., and speaking of the deep interest which his Royal Highness ever manifested in the welfare of the Order, which he had so nearly at heart. The toast was cordially received, and was followed by the trio, "Hail to thee, Prince of Wales," admirably sung by Bros. Hand, Sanford and Minton, who were deservedly applauded. Our Masonic Rulers formed the subject of the next toast, special mention being made of the valuable services each rendered to the Craft, and after the usual honours, Bro. Frank Laughlin played a brilliant pianoforte solo, from "Lurline." The I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and said the brethren were compelled to listen once more to his voice, of which they must have heard enough during the past twelve months. He asked them to drink to the health of their W.M., whom he had the pleasure of installing that evening. When he said Bro. Hughes was a great honour to the City of London Lodge, it was sufficient to say he would be an honour to any Lodge in the world. He, therefore, asked them to drink with all cordiality the health of their esteemed Worshipful Master, hoping he might have a grand year of prosperity. The toast was received most heartily, and was followed by the trio, "The Peasant's Morning Song," by Bros. Hand, Sanford and Minton. The Worshipful Master, who on rising to reply was most cordially received, thanked the brethren heartily for the manner in which they had received the toast, and Bro. Gundy specially for the flattering terms in which he had referred to his humble services. When he entered the Lodge, four years ago, he little dreamed of so soon occupying the position to which he had that day attained, by the kindness of the brethren. It was a matter of great pride to him, and if he had given them satisfaction in what little he had done that evening, he should labour ten times more to give them satisfaction in the future. He then proposed, in suitable terms, the health of the Initiate, which was followed by the glee "Banish, O Maiden" by Bros. Hand, Minton, Sanford and Laughlin. Bro. Fletcher, in acknowledging the toast, said he felt very much honoured by having been admitted a member of the Ancient and

Honourable Institution of Freemasons, and expressed the hope that he might prove an apt student of the art, and become a good Mason. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of his Immediate Past Master, remarking that very little was needed from him to enhance Bro. Cundy in the opinion of the brethren. They must all acknowledge that he had conducted the ceremony of installation that evening in a most admirable manner. The effect was such that it thoroughly thrilled him. Throughout his year of office everything that Bro. Cundy had done, or attempted to do, had been done with the best intentions, and for the welfare of the Lodge. They had much to thank him for, because, before he took office, he was always busy in the Lodge, and did much to promote its interests. He had now pleasure in affixing to his breast a handsome jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren of the Lodge. He was sure the company would all agree with him when he said never did jewel adorn the breast of a more worthy Mason than that of their Bro. Cundy. He hoped he might be spared many years to wear it, and to enjoy the respect and esteem in which he was held by all the brethren of the Lodge. The Immediate Past Master was warmly received on rising to respond. He said: Believe me, brethren, through my year of office I have, as you know, stood up many times to respond for the toast of my health, and to propose many toasts, and I generally have done so with a certain degree of confidence. But upon this occasion the words that our excellent Worshipful Master has used, saying that I have given such immense satisfaction to the Lodge during my year of office, and before, really make me feel a great amount of diffidence in returning thanks. I feel that during my year of office, and since I have been a member of this Lodge, I have been treated by every member of it, individually, with that degree of kindness, courtesy and respect which invariably exists amongst Freemasons, and it is this which makes me feel the diffidence which I have mentioned. Your kindness in voting me this jewel will never be forgotten. It will be worn by me upon every available occasion, with the greatest amount of pride and pleasure, because I know it has been unanimously voted, out of the good feeling of the brethren of the City of London Lodge. I shall always wear it as a token of the good feeling which I know does exist between every member of this Lodge and myself—a good feeling which, I trust, may continue to exist as long as I live. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, on whose behalf Bros. Jeffreys, Thomas and Chalfont suitably replied; after which the health of the Past Masters was given, and duly acknowledged by the P.M.'s present. Bros. Sanford and Minton sang excellent songs between these toasts, and after the Officers, Bros. Hand, Sanford, Minton and Laughlin gave the quartette, "Oh! who will o'er the Downs?" in capital style. The Tyler's toast closed the official programme, and was appropriately followed by the song, "The Passing Bell," by Bro. Hand, soon after which the brethren separated, having spent a thoroughly happy and harmonious *réunion*.

UNION LODGE, No. 52.

THE Mayor of Norwich, Brother Charles R. Gilman, was on Tuesday, 9th inst., installed W.M. of this, the premier Lodge of the province of Norfolk, at the Norfolk Hotel, in presence of a large number of subscribing and visiting brethren—mostly the latter. The Right Worshipful W.M. afterwards proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Courtenay Boyle I.P.M., P. E. Hansell S.W., C. A. B. Bignold J.W., H. G. Barwell Treasurer, Charles Cabbitt Secretary, Harry Bullard S.D., Rev. W. Vincent J.D. and Chaplain, W. M. Pigott I.G., W. Murrell Tyler. Certain formal business having been transacted, a banquet, supplied in host Tidman's best style, followed, and the proceedings at the social board were of the most harmonious character. We may state, however, that the loss of Brother Gardiner C. Stevens, who had long acted as Secretary of Union Lodge, was alluded to with much feeling.

LODGE FORTITUDE, No. 131, TRURO.

THE brethren celebrated the festival of St. John, on Tuesday, 9th inst., when Brother R. Angel S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Brother T. Chirgwin P.M. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. B. Morriss I.P.M., H. Simmons S.W., T. C. Mack J.W., W. Middleton Treasurer, J. Tonkin Secretary, G. M. Downing S.D., W. J. Green J.D., J. Hearn Chaplain, J. Higgins I.G., T. Kendall M.C., W. T. Hawking and J. Greenaway Stewards, Lukie Organist, J. Langdon Tyler. Brother W. B. Morriss was appointed steward for the Cornwall Masonic Benevolent and Annuity Fund. The brethren afterwards sat down to a first-class banquet, supplied by Mrs. Bray, at the Red Lion Hotel. Amongst those present was Brother Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P.

PROSPERITY LODGE BALL.

ONE of the most successful and agreeable *ré-unions* ever witnessed in connection with the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, took place on Tuesday evening last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, where the annual ball was given in aid of the Masonic Charities. Each succeeding Worshipful Master seems to be animated with a determination, if possible, to excel those who have gone before. The brethren who acted as Stewards on this occasion were Bros. Roberts, Schadler, Rich, Hawkins, Marshall, Gregory, Jones, Walker, Dyson, Goodwin, E. S. Cornwall, L. A. Leins, C. Daniel, C. E. Ferry, W. Chicken, G. F. Barge, Stafford, Bond, Ruse, Edridge, Bourne, and Wallis, to whom the utmost meed of praise is due for the excellent and efficient manner in which the whole of the arrangements were carried out. The hall

was brilliantly illuminated by means of the electric light, whilst massive lustres adorned the mantle shelves, decked out on either side with ferns and ornamental foliage plants. On either side of the hall were large mirrors, tastefully adorned with curtains of white lace, whilst in the corners of the room were fountains from which cool splashing of water came with a refreshing sound. Lounges and seats were judiciously placed for the rest and retirement of the guests between the exciting phases of the dance, and the committee seem to have studied to the very minutest detail the comfort and convenience of their numerous party of friends. An excellent selection of music was submitted by Bro. Sibold's City of London band. At twelve o'clock supper was announced in the Pillar Hall, the entire company assembling under the genial presidency of Bro. J. Roberts.

LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a very numerous assemblage of the members and visitors. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. F. Brown, who was supported by the whole of his Officers. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the auditors' report, which was of a very satisfactory character, was unanimously approved. The ballot was then opened for Bro. George A. Bashford, of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, who had been proposed by Bro. W. Gayton, and seconded by Bro. John Newton P.M., and the voting was unanimously in his favour. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Clifford was passed to Fellow Craft. Lodge was then advanced to the third, and resumed in the second degree, Bro. J. S. Fraser was presented as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being worked by the outgoing W.M. Having received the customary salutations, he invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. Brown I.P.M., A. Haig Brown S.W., T. F. Harvey J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Secretary, W. Fraser S.D., F. Dellow J.D., H. J. Cant I.G., G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Organist, C. Blain M.C., John Miller Wine Steward, and J. Very Tyler. At the conclusion of some routine business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the throne room of the hotel, where a *rôcherché* banquet was provided, and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. These were interspersed with an abundance of good singing and music, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 15th inst. Bros. J. Lonsdale W.M., G. Rowles S.W., H. W. Nicholson J.W., and a goodly attendance of the members. The Lodge being duly opened, M. W. H. Goodbun was initiated. Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Marsh was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. G. Rowles Senior Warden. The Treasurer and Tyler were both unanimously re-elected, and after the appointment of two of the brethren as Auditors, Bro. C. Russ P.M. proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented at the next meeting to the retiring W.M., as a proof of the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office. At the close of the Lodge the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, provided by the host Bro. Phillips, and after due justice had been done to this, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk. Bro. C. Russ P.M. P.G.P. Middlesex, on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. W. Coombes P.M. P.G.S.B. with a handsome testimonial, consisting of a sterling silver tea service, and an illuminated address, as follows:—

To Brother W. COOMBES P.M. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer Middlesex,
Secretary to the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the brethren of the Royal Union Lodge, present you with this testimonial as a token of our esteem, regard, and appreciation of your many years valuable and devoted services as Secretary of our Lodge.

We also present you with this sterling silver tea service, the frequent use of which we trust may be conducive to give you health and strength, long to continue to be our worthy Secretary, and remain a beloved brother among us.

CHARLES RUSS P.M. P.G.P.

15th January 1883. Uxbridge.

The following is the inscription on the Tea Service:—

“Presented to Brother W. COOMBES P.M., by the members of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, as a token of esteem. January 1883.”

Bro. Coombes having responded, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Russ for the excellent way in which he carried out the wishes of the brethren, and for the trouble he had taken in getting up the testimonial. This closed a very successful meeting.

The fourth annual ball, in connection with the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, will take place on Friday, the 9th February, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. An influential list of Stewards has been announced, and as the proceeds will be devoted to the Charity Fund of the Lodge, we trust there will be a large attendance. A dispensation has been obtained to wear Masonic clothing.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Brothers Richardson, Montenuis, Massey, Massa, Tattershall, Harvey, Matthews, Webb, Roebuck, Peter de Lande Long, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the chairman announced that there would be twenty-nine candidates at the next election in April, and twenty-two vacancies. On the motion of Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., Vice-Patron, seconded by Bro. A. H. Tattershall, the following motion was unanimously passed:—“That the best thanks of the subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Leach, R.E., for his fraternal conduct in voluntarily superintending the sanitary works lately so successfully carried out at the School buildings, at Battersea; and that, as a small recognition of the services rendered by him, he be, and is, hereby elected a Vice-Patron of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges attached thereto.” In moving the resolution, Bro. F. Richardson said, that in consequence of Col. Leach's services, the building was now the most healthy in the country, and as they could not recompense the voluntary services of such a distinguished scientist in money, the House Committee thought they might offer him some slight recognition of those services by electing him a Vice-Patron of the Institution. Bro. Tattershall said he had great pleasure in seconding the motion, because it was he who introduced Col. Leach to Col. Creaton. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to the reprint, in pamphlet form, which has just been issued, of the Series of Articles that appeared in our last Volume on the Proposed New Edition of the Book of Constitutions. We were anxious on our own account, as well as at the instance of a large number of our readers, to undertake the difficult task of revising the *Revise*, and from letters received from various influential quarters it appears that our criticisms have been received with considerable favour. These criticisms have been most carefully overlooked since their first publication, and we are inclined to believe, from the kindly opinions which have been passed upon them, that they are not altogether unworthy of consideration, while here and there may be found suggestions which are not entirely valueless. At all events, we have reproduced them, and have derived no little satisfaction from the manner in which they have been received. If it should prove of service in promoting the important work which has been undertaken, and which must be discussed at length by Grand Lodge, we shall feel that our labour has not been in vain.

At a meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington, on Thursday, the 18th inst., Comp. Gregory occupied the chair of Z.; Comps. Cull H., Hunter J., Gillard P.S., and Edmonds S.N. Brethren desirous of instruction in the duties of Royal Arch Masonry could not do better than join this Chapter of Improvement. Comp. Edmonds is a painstaking and competent Preceptor.

The *Keystone* for the 6th of January publishes a small supplement in the shape of a well-arranged Calendar, showing the names, numbers, and meeting-nights of the different Masonic bodies in Philadelphia for the year 1883. Its budget of news, though of local interest, is very readable. In fact, our *Pennsylvanian contemporary* has closed the past year and inaugurated the present in a manner worthy of its acknowledged rank of a Masonic journal.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 20th JANUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 2715—Pannure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Counts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1326—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1624—Releston, King's Head, 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. 142—St. Thom's'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

MONDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2E—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, 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 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredcar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1633—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 61—Probita, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobdon Bridge
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1411—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chauce', Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st., rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hoarsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dalvich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley

- 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 109—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 24th JANUARY.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1580—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Ho born ViaGuct Hotel
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1392—Egerton, Stan'ey Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1511—Alexandra, Ho-nsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 25th JANUARY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Gr y. London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 31—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Consitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 531—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8: (Inst.)
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 245—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 256—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclogh, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Ulitheroo
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 781—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 807—Cabbell', Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester

1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, New castle
 R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge
 R.A. 421—De Burghi, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 8—Pines of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 K.T. 31—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 569—Pitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 953—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Ulap-on, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Fortland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmthorpe
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1034—Ecclehill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclehill
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1385—Glasmuir, Red Lion, Burnet
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Fimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Miggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1283—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on New Year's Day, when there was a large attendance of the brethren and Visitors. Under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. L. M. Myers, Lodge was opened soon after half-past four o'clock, the Worshipful Master being supported by Bros. Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., Albert P.M. P.G.P. Hon. Sec., Lyon Treasurer, Bean S.D., Wall J.D., Dewsnap M.C., Wynman Steward, Van Noorden Org., Baker I.P.M., P.M.'s Dodson, Levy, Alexander, Lazarus, Hyman, Berkowitz, and many other brethren. Amongst the Visitors were:—Bros. Isaacs 1614, Sims 1558, Thompson 1695, Phillips 205, Davis 1017, Jacobs P.M. 1327, Forge W.M. 1950, Woodman 1950, Pond 1260, Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts, Kauffmann 1732, Clark P.M. 1222, Adlard P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex, Faulkner P.M. 1423, Abrahams P.M. 1017, Posener W.M. 15, Da Silva W.M. 205, Massey P.M. 1928, Bush P.M. 185, Vallentine 1017, Lewis P.M. 1261, Fletcher W.M. 180, Myers 185, Biguold 1624, Braham 946, Hollis P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Cohen P.M. 185. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Davies was raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers, the ceremony being ably performed, and the charges delivered with good effect. Bro. Benjamin, who had discharged his duties as S.W. during the year in exemplary manner, and had been unanimously chosen as the W.M. elect, was then presented, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Richard Baker P.M., whose admirable rendering of the ritual was much admired, and afforded the utmost pleasure and satisfaction to all present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, after which he appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow: Bros. L. M. Myers I.P.M., Martin S.W., Bean J.W., Lyon Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Secretary, A. Botibol S.D., Wall J.D., Dewsnap I.G., Dodson P.M. M.C., S. B. Alexander A.M.C., J. Wynman Steward, G. Green A. Steward, Van Noorden Org., J. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren and visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Benjamin, who, when dessert had been placed before the guests, proposed the customary Loyal and

Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. In giving the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, he said it was a toast that was always received with loyalty and enthusiasm, his Royal Highness being deservedly popular with all classes, and more especially amongst his brethren of the Craft. He (the W.M.) had therefore great pleasure in submitting this toast for the acceptance of the company. Bro. E. P. Albert suitably responded on behalf of the Grand Officers Past and Present; after which the Worshipful Master proposed Success to the Joppa Benevolent Fund, with which he associated the name of its excellent Past President, Bro. L. Alexander. Bro. Alexander said he had so frequently been called upon to respond to this toast that he had but little further to add as to the great usefulness of the fund, which was established in 1819, under the fostering care of its promoter, Dr. Canstatt. Since then they had dispensed large sums of money, with infinite advantage in many cases to its recipients. He detailed several instances of the benefits conferred by this fund, which now amounted to nearly £900. Bro. Myers then, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, who had worked hard and zealously in the cause of Freemasonry and this Lodge in particular, and who well deserved the honours which had that day been conferred upon him. He felt sure that when Bro. Benjamin had completed his year of office the brethren would be in a position to congratulate him upon the happy result of his labours. The toast was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Benjamin, in response, thanked the brethren for the cordiality of the greeting which they had accorded him. It had been his earnest desire to emulate the deeds of those who had preceded him in that high and exalted position, and he assured them he should strive ever to promote the true interests of the Joppa Lodge. His heart was warmly in the work of Freemasonry, and no words he could employ were adequate to express his appreciation of the dignity and honour which they had to-day bestowed upon him. The brethren had vouchsafed a kindly and patient hearing while he had been speaking of himself; he would now ask them to extend a similar mark of consideration to his Immediate Past Master, whose health it was now his pleasant duty to submit to them. In eulogistic terms, he then alluded to the admirable work of the brother who had just vacated the chair, and the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his very successful year of office; and, in conclusion, he asked Bro. Myers' acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the whole of the brethren as a token of regard and appreciation of genuine and useful service to the Joppa Lodge. The jewel was a very massive and handsome one, of gold, and bore the following inscription:—
 "Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa to Wor. Brother Lewis M. Meyers P.M., as a mark of esteem for his valuable services, and the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties as W.M. during the year 1882. January 1883." Bro. Myers, who on rising to acknowledge the gift was loudly cheered, said he should look upon the jewel not merely for its intrinsic worth, but more especially for the kindly and generous motives by which the gift had been prompted. The Joppa was not his mother Lodge, but since he had been connected with it he had made many valued friends, from whom he had received nothing but kindness; he assured them he should strive every nerve to advance the best interests and welfare of the Lodge. A compliment was paid to Bro. Silver, of 117 Gower-street, for the excellent banquet he had set before the brethren, and for the arrangements, which had elicited unqualified satisfaction. Bro. Da Silva, of the Israel Lodge, responded in a happy vein for the Visitors, as also did Bro. S. V. Abrahams the present W.M. of the Montefiore Lodge. He alluded to his initiation into the Joppa Lodge, of which he at one time filled the chair, and made suitable reference to the admirable way in which the Benevolent Fund was managed by its past and present Officers. He trusted, by removal to the Freemasons' Tavern, the Lodge might be benefited in every way, and continue to sustain the prestige it had for many years enjoyed. Brother T. W. C. Bush also suitably responded. For the Past Masters Bro. Baker replied, in a few happily chosen sentences, and the health of the Officers, for whom the Wardens responded, was followed by the Tyler's toast. During the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was given by Madame Pellitier, Miss Emily Dashwood, Bros. Arthur Thomas, Frank Quatremayne, Signor Villa, Chas. Braham, whose performances tended much to enliven the proceedings of the evening. Bro. Walter Van Noorden, son of Bro. E. P. Van Noorden, Organist of the Lodge, efficiently accompanied on the pianoforte.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 496,
ST. AUSTELL.

THE members of the above Lodge held their annual meeting, to commemorate the festival of St. John, on 9th inst. After the second degree had been conferred on a brother, Brother John Brewer the W.M. elect was most ably and impressively installed by W. Bro. John W. Higman P.M. The W. Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Charles Tozer I.P.M., Houseley S.W., William J. Tredinnick J.W., Rev. F. B. Paul Chaplain, W. Guy Treasurer (20th year), W. J. Watts Secretary, J. G. Blight S.D., H. Harris J.D., J. McTurk I.G., J. Bunt M.C., S. Truscott Organist, S. Tank and J. Connett Stewards, and William Real Tyler. W. Brother Guy was re-elected Steward of the C.M.A. and B. Fund. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. J. Doney S.W., and G. Louth 856, Lostwithiel, and Richard Parson J.W. 977, Fowey. The banquet which was well attended, was served at W. Brother Luke's, White Hart Hotel.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—
 At the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Friday, 12th inst., Brother Stokes officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. Richard Poore S.W., C. H. Wiltshire J.W., A. J. Styles S.D., H. H. Wiltshire J.D., J. N.

Bate I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor; J. Wilmott and others were also present. The Lodge having been opened in Fellow Craft, the first section was worked by the brethren, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., and the charge in the degree given by Bro. Bate. The Lodge was then lowered, and after the election of Brother Poore as W.M. for the ensuing week, was closed in due form and the meeting adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The members held their usual meeting on Saturday last, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road. There were present Bros. A. W. Founner W.M., Jones S.W., Ashton J.W., Percy Preceptor, Lorkin acting Secretary, Gribbell S.D., Richardson J.D., Marks I.G., also Bros. Weeden, Defriez, Wolf, Archer, Cohen, Nicholls, Houghton, Mackey, Hatch, Brasted, Galer, Rushton, &c. The usual preliminaries were observed, and then Brother Weeden answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Brother C. Weeden candidate. Brother C. Lorkin gave the lecture on the tracing board. Brother Rushton answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Brother Rushton being the candidate; the ceremony included the recital of the traditional history. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture, thus completing an instructive evening's labour. Lodge resumed to first degree. Brother Rushton, of the Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677, was elected a member, and Brother G. F. Jones was appointed W.M. for next week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 12th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Beckett W.M., Monson S.W., Sperring J.W., C. E. Botley Secretary, F. Botley S.D., Goss P.M. J.D., Cammell I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor, Past Master Bro. Blasby; Bros. Maton and Turner. Business—Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The questions leading to the third degree were answered, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Brother Turner candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree, and the third and fourth sections of first lecture were worked. Brother Monson was elected W.M. for 19th January. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday, 16th instant. Present—Bros. Seward W.M., Acworth S.W., Longhurst P.M. 133, 1272 J.W., Smith S.D., Jones J.D., Wells I.G., Andrews P.M. acting Preceptor, and Brown. After preliminaries, the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Brother Wells candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Brother Longhurst worked the fourth section of the first Lecture. Brother Acworth was elected Worshipful Master for the next meeting, and then Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd instant.

On the 19th ult., at a well attended meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, Bro. James Terry, Past Provincial Grand S.W. Norths and Hunts, rehearsed the ceremony of installation. In acknowledging a vote of thanks most cordially passed to him, Brother Terry referred to the very able assistance he had received from Brother Delevanti, who presided at the organ on the occasion.

Bro. R. P. Forge, W.M. of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Canonbury, on Monday, 22nd January, upon which occasion the Lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock precisely, and will be closed at 9; after this it is the intention of the members to spend an hour in conviviality, several musical brethren having promised to support Bro. Forge on the occasion.

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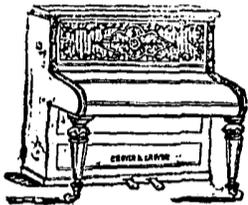
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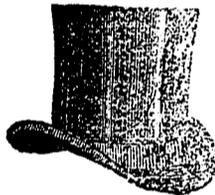
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