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INSTALLATION OF SUCCESSORS.

HOWEVER excellent and instructive a good precept or maxim may be, it becomes a little ludicrous at times when it is harped upon *ad nauseam*, and flourished about with as much dexterity as a Hibernian would wield his shillalagh. Is there a man amongst us who, whilst attending an Installation meeting, has not heard the sentiment expressed that each successive Wor. Master should, and ought to be, installed by the former occupant of the chair, who should have so profited by the experience of his year in office as to have mastered the Ritual sufficiently to enable him to dispense with the services of an independent Installing Officer? This is a sentiment which, good as it is in itself, has been so often reiterated in our hearing, that we naturally anticipate what the Installing Officer will say when the toast of his health is proposed at the festive board. There can be no question whatever that it is desirable—most desirable—that every man who aspires to, and attains the dignified position of Master of a Lodge, should study to make himself perfect in all his work, amongst which is, that he shall be able to instal his successor when the time arrives, when he must, in the course of the changes that are inevitable in Masonic Lodges, retire, and take his place amongst the ranks of the Past Masters. Nobody will deny that this is a task to which every Master who is competent, and has the time to spare for it, should devote himself with all the zeal and assiduity at his command. It not only lends additional *éclat* to a ceremony which in itself is impressive and sublime, but it also gives pre-eminence, and a more lofty status to the brother who has devoted his efforts, and that successfully, to the acquirement of a complete mastery of his duties. It is the keystone to the archway of his year's labour, the last round in the ladder of his achievements while in the possession of the gavel. But there are occasions in which a Worshipful Master is unable to devote the time to that mental labour which is required to discharge so onerous a duty. He may be engaged in professional or commercial pursuits, in which case time is the very bread he has to win for himself and those dependent upon him; and in such a case he must feel unequal, much as he would desire to do so, to the somewhat formidable task of performing the Installation rite. Again, he might be possessed of the requisite tact and ability, with the assistance of his Past Masters and Officers, to discharge the ordinary duties of his Lodge, and to acquit himself passably in the three degrees; and yet he may be entitled to indulgence if he feels at last unequal to fulfil a function which—if the axiom that every retiring Master shall instal his successor were rigidly insisted on—would come to him only once in his Masonic career. To upbraid such a brother, therefore, and to cast an imputation on either his intelligence or zeal, is, to say the least, unkind. Many a man in such a case would reason to himself and say, that amongst his Past Masters he knows of one who, by constant reiteration of the part, having a love for elocution, a more than ordinarily quick memory—and perhaps a slight penchant for popularity—has mastered the whole subject thoroughly, and is able to deliver the charges with

telling effect and accuracy. He has installed incoming Masters over and over again, and likes the work, as well as the expressions of approbation which follow his execution of it. What more natural, let us ask, under such circumstances, than to request that prominent Past Master to step on to a platform, where he feels so much at home, and to officiate in the room of him who, properly speaking, should have done the duty himself? Yet we know of instances in which brethren have undertaken this responsibility with readiness, and with every appearance of good faith, turn round when their health has been given at the banquet table, and lament that the practice of "every Master installing his successor" is not universal, and that the aid of "an outsider" had been found necessary in that particular case. Not long ago a very striking example of this assumption of the virtue of modesty,—which we fear our brother had not,—came under our notice, and suggested to our mind the opportunity of saying a few words upon this oft-repeated precept. Our brother, whose breast glittered with jewels, and whose countenance beamed with infinite self-complacency, feigned regret at having been called upon to discharge a duty which, easy and pleasant as it was, should not have been left in the hands of an "outsider," but have been discharged by the newly-fledged Immediate Past Master. It so happened that the last-named brother has under his personal care and supervision a large and important branch of commerce, which so absorbed his time as to render him capable, with great difficulty only, to sustain the responsibilities he undertook at his elevation to the rank of Master. He had, however, rendered a better account of himself to his Lodge than the brethren had a right to expect, who knew the multifarious duties which crowded daily upon the object of their choice. The Lodge had flourished more than ordinarily, thanks to his tact, urbanity, and business-like capacity; the working had been praised up to the hilt for its excellence and perfection; the Charities had been liberally upheld; and every good work in and connected with the Lodge had been duly and diligently performed. Yet, forsooth, because our brother relegated his prerogative of working the Installation ceremony to one of his Past Masters, who by constant practice had the whole of the Ritual at his fingers end,—and doing it more as a graceful compliment to a senior officer than from any wish to shirk the responsibility—the latter must needs turn round and build up his own vain glory by imputing, by inference, that the Immediate Past Master was deficient in intelligence and power of grasp, and that being unable to perform the ceremony himself, had shifted the saddle on to the shoulders of another,—an unwilling horse. There is a smack of the Uriah Heap in such conduct which does not "go down" among brethren who have sufficient sagacity to read between the lines. The brother to whom we allude is able to perform the ceremony perfectly,—and he knows it. He admits he is fond of the job, and as a consequence courts, and obtains it whenever he has the opportunity. He loves to pose before his less-favoured comrades below the chair, and seems to say, "Behold your superior in intellectual capacity and confidence in his powers." All this is very well, but for such a brother to feign regret that he has been compelled, unwillingly, to step into the shoes

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

of either an incompetent or indolent retiring Master, is too good a joke to be swallowed seriously by those who know better. There are Past Masters who would sooner forfeit their jewels than concede what they deem to be their prerogative of installing every Master who succeeds to the chair of their Lodge. They are founders, and fathers of the Lodge, and as such it would be to deprive them of their right, and to sully their pleasure and popularity, were the brethren to insist upon the principle of every retiring Worshipful Master installing his successor. In such an event the occupation of these zealous, but somewhat selfish Past Masters would, like Othello's, be gone, and they would subside into that limbo of obscurity which would be so purgatorial to them as to be unendurable. This class of active men who love to shine before their fellows, and who delight in the work they have so well succeeded in accomplishing, say so straight out, and have done with it. They "esteem it a high honour to be permitted," &c. but do not, like sycophants, "wash their hands in invisible soap, in imperceptible water," and lament the incapacity of the brother, who has just completed his year of office, to instal his successor, while all the time he laughs within his sleeve, plumes himself upon his own superiority, and fattens upon the applause elicited by his own egotism and self importance. We do not say there are many cases of this kind, but there are some we have witnessed, with anything but pleasure or approbation, for we have seen good men wince under a sense of the infliction of reproaches, perhaps not intended, but which came like barbed arrows when charges made by inference apply with peculiar fitness to the case immediately under consideration. Thus, while fully endorsing the view so often expressed, that every retiring Worshipful Master should, if practicable and convenient to himself, instal his successor, it is by no means tantamount to saying that he who does not is an imbecile or a shirker of his rightful duties. There are circumstances, as we have pointed out, in which men are utterly unable to spare the time for such work, without injuring themselves in their businesses, which would be most reprehensible, and opposed to the tenets of the Craft. On the other hand, there are always plenty of brethren who, having passed the chair, and caught the spirit of the theme, are only too proud and pleased to be lifted into the distinguished and honourable position of Installing Officers whenever the opportunity presents itself. In these matters, as in all others in this life, mutual concession and consideration are most necessary and desirable, and it ill becomes one man to push his own popularity, or puff his own conceit, by triumphing over the apparent weakness of his neighbour. Having said thus much, it is our pleasant experience that the installation of successors is becoming a more frequent practice of late than it was in the olden times, and that the antiquated race of perpetual Installing Masters are rapidly dying out. Every young Master should strive, if convenient to himself, to make himself perfect in the most important of his duties; but if from any of the reasons above indicated he does not feel equal to, or inclined for, the task, there is no great harm done after all, and the delinquency has no shame whatever attached to it. In making these observations we do so free from any bias or personal feeling in the matter whatever, but only trust that the harmony and fraternal amenities of our Lodges will never be ruffled by even the slightest approach to unfriendly hints or inuendoes. If such is the case, happy we shall meet, and happy part, and happy meet again.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL AND ITS CRITIC.

WE are glad the Boys' School critic is no longer an unknown personage, and congratulate Bro. Capt. Nicols that he has had the manliness to avow his authorship of the letter which has created so much stir during the past few weeks. It is to him, of course, a source of satisfaction that the distinguished brother, the District Grand Master of the Punjab, who accompanied him, endorses fully his statements. But we cannot congratulate Bro. Nicols on the very curious reasons he assigns for having written the letter signed "S. X.," any more than on the tone and taste which characterised it. He tells us that "several passages (equally true) of the original letter were omitted, lest injury might be done to the prestige of the School in public opinion;" and he goes on to explain that the "sole object" of his letter "was an honest endeavour to prevent a repeti-

tion of the unseemly treatment which visitors to the Institution may be subjected to, and to ameliorate the social régime with regard to the lads themselves." He considers Dr. Morris, when he says that Bros. Col. Stewart and himself were only ten minutes at the School, "admits the whole gravamen of our complaint, which is this, that owing to the brusqueness of our reception, and the cynical curttness of his remarks, we were obliged to abridge our visit, and had to wait three-quarters of an hour at the railway station." He points out that he wrote originally under the initials "S. X." because he did not wish to make "a public matter too much of a private grievance," and because he and his brother visitor "felt satisfied that the Committee of Management, and Bro. Binckes as Secretary, would trouble themselves far more about facts affecting the interests of the Institution than the names of individual visitors." He concludes with this remarkably sagacious observation: "If the publication of this correspondence will eventually benefit the School, our object will have been attained." The letter which contains the foregoing passages deserves, and shall have, at our hands a very careful analysis.

Bro. Nicols does not tell us whether it was he himself who struck out from the "original" letter the other "passages (equally true)" which did not appear, or whether it was done, in the exercise of his discretion, by the editor of our contemporary. The matter, however, is of no material consequence. What it is important to note is that some damaging statements were allowed to stand, in the hope, we presume, that they might promote the well-being of the Institution, while other damaging statements, which the writer speaks of as "equally true," were struck out, "lest injury might be done to the prestige of the School in public opinion." We can understand that a man may not, to use a common expression, desire "to pile up the agony," but Solomon himself would have been puzzled to explain how any one, professing to be anxious for the prestige of a School, could publish, or rather ask to have published, certain statements seriously reflecting on its management. We care not what was omitted from "the original letter;" but it cannot have been calculated to cause greater injury "to the prestige of the School in public opinion" than what was allowed to appear in the letter of "S. X." We cannot conceive what could have been more injurious than the reference to "the awe-struck manner of one or two of the poor little fellows who had occasion to address our conductor," the remarks, "I pity the poor boys here;" "How different is all this from the happy contentment I observed at the Girls' School, at Clapham, the other day," the "pity for the poor boys themselves, whose natures might possibly be influenced through life under such moral training," or the comparison of our Boys' Institution with "the Industrial School at Feltham" where "the waifs of society are taught and trained under the strictest discipline;" and where, in place of "awe-struck" faces, there was nothing but "confidence and evident affection." It is not necessary to enumerate all the bruises a man who has been well thrashed may have received in order to prove that he has been thrashed, and nothing beyond what we have quoted from "S. X.'s" letter, as it appeared in print, is required in order to show that a school, of which such remarks, if true or applicable, can be made, must be in a very sorry condition as to its system of management. But Captain Nicols in the character of "S. X." and Captain Nicols in his own proper person are apparently two different individuals. The former suggests that he and his fellow visitor may have been "somewhat annoyed" at their reception—the exact words were, "perhaps we were somewhat annoyed at our reception"—that a "want of system" appeared to them to prevail, and that there was need for a "more careful 'surveillance' by the heads of departments at the School" in the "details of the domestic arrangements." These suggestions are followed by a description of the "awe-struck manner" of some of the "poor little boys," which is heightened by several expressions of pity for them, lest in after life their natures should be influenced by "such moral training" and by an unfavourable comparison of the Wood Green establishment, in the first place, with our Girls' School, and, in the next, with the Feltham Industrial School. Hence his complaint "against the unsatisfactory state of things" as they appeared "to him and his companion" at Wood Green. This is Captain Nicols's style of writing when he figures before the public as the mysterious unknown "S. X."

But Captain Nicols when he writes with something like a becoming sense of his responsibility is quite another person. He tells us the sole object of his letter was "an honest endeavour to prevent a repetition of the unseemly treatment which visitors to the Institution may be subjected to, and to ameliorate the social régime with regard to the lads themselves," while in the very next paragraph, the desire to "ameliorate the social régime" disappears altogether, and we learn that the "whole gravamen" of his complaint is this, "that owing to the brusqueness of our reception," by Dr. Morris, "and the cynical curtness of his remarks, we were obliged to abridge our visit and had to wait three-quarters of an hour at the railway station." Here the "unseemly treatment" resolves itself into a certain "brusqueness" of manner, and a "cynical curtness" in the remarks of the head master, while, as to the abridged visit, and the very serious consequences it entailed, in the shape of a three-quarters of an hour's detention at the railway station, we cordially sympathise with Captain Nicols on the latter score, but we fail to see how, under any circumstances, a visit of even twenty minutes or half an hour can be sufficiently long to enable him or any one else, to form an opinion, favourable or unfavourable, of the system pursued at a large school and its "social régime," that is to say, of course, an opinion that is worth listening to. We should like to hear what Captain Nicols would say if Dr. Morris, after spending half an hour in a barrack, should take upon himself to publicly condemn the interior economy of the regiment quartered there, and the social régime under which the men belonging to it were placed, as well as the bearing of the officer in command, because, in his opinion, the latter having been interrupted in the performance of his military duties was,—we will even go so far as to suggest,—a little brusque in his manner and curt in his remarks. A man who is suddenly called away from his work to attend on visitors may receive them with courtesy, yet not endue it with any excess of cordiality, and he is necessarily curt in his remarks because he still has his work to complete. But a lack of cordiality in receiving visitors and curtness in answering their inquiries do not constitute "unseemly treatment." And, after all, the brusqueness of manner and the cynical curtness of speech come before us not as matters of fact, but as matters of opinion, and may be regarded as having about the same value as the wholesale condemnation of a school system and its "social régime" after a ten minutes' experience of their character.

Of course, it is not surprising that Captain Nicols should reiterate the statement he made as "S. X.," and proclaim every word of it to be true; but we must remind our readers that his statements are only matters of opinion. It appeared to him and his friend that "a want of system" prevailed, and that more "surveillance" was required over the domestic arrangements, and even this opinion he is kind enough to qualify by suggesting that they might have been annoyed at their reception. He did not raise his voice against "the unsatisfactory state of things" at Wood Green, but against what appeared to be such, while "the awe-struck manner" of the little boys can only have been a fancy. Thus the reiteration of the original statement carries with it no greater weight than the original statement itself, and how utterly valueless is the latter may be judged from Captain Nicols's first letter—the "S. X." one—in which he says, "Thus, practically we saw nothing of the School." He may well disclaim for himself the province of judge, when he publicly condemns what practically he knows nothing about. We can also well understand why Captain Nicols preferred writing originally under the initials he adopted. He assigns as his first reason for this preference that he did not wish to make what he and his friend "considered a public matter too much of a private grievance." Next he tells us "the whole gravamen" of their complaint was "the brusqueness" of their reception by the head master and "the cynical curtness of his remarks." But be this a matter of fact, or only a matter of opinion, what else is it than a "private grievance?" No one will venture to say that Dr. Morris's manner, whatever it may have been, when receiving two visitors on a particular day, is a matter of the slightest interest to the world at large. We have already remarked that a lack of cordiality in receiving people is not the same thing as meting out to them "unseemly treatment," and we will go further, and say, that even the greatest possible discourtesy on Dr. Morris's part would not justify the wholesale condemnation of the School of which he is

the head master, and its system and "social régime." However, Dr. Morris, who has been some eight years at Wood Green, and against whose manner of receiving visitors we have never yet heard one word of complaint, will no doubt answer this attack at the proper time and in the proper place.

That "the Committee of Management and Bro. Binckes as Secretary would trouble themselves far more about facts affecting the Institution than the names of individual visitors" is more than probable, and, if we mistake not, it will be for this very reason that they will resent more deeply than even the Masonic public generally the letter of Captain Nicols. Any vice in the system of administration at Wood Green directly concerns them, because it affects their character as the executive body. But Captain Nicols, as we have shewn, has established no facts at all, much less facts which call for any interference on the part of the Committee and Bro. Binckes with the magisterial functions of Dr. Morris, and the manner in which he discharges them. If, however, they think it consonant with their dignity to express any opinion on Captain Nicols's letter, it will probably be to suggest to him the propriety of in future submitting to them any private or personal grievance he may have, or imagine he has, against the School authorities at Wood Green, instead of promoting it to the rank of a public grievance, and airing it publicly in the columns of one of our Masonic journals.

The last paragraph of his second letter declares that "if the publication of this correspondence will eventually benefit the School, our object will have been attained." We fail to see how his publicly condemning the head master, the system, and the social régime of the School, and comparing it disadvantageously with other schools, can benefit the School any more than it can be said that a man is benefited when some one knocks him down in order to set him on his feet again. Were it an established fact that the system pursued at Wood Green was a vicious one, there would be good reason—indeed there would be an absolute necessity—for proclaiming and recognising it with a view to its being set aside in favour of one to which no exception could be taken. But there is ample testimony that it works admirably; and though in all human institutions there is always room for improvement, we have yet to learn that a system which turns out well-behaved and well-trained boys will be improved by wholesale condemnation in a public newspaper.

There is only one remark we are desirous of adding. We necessarily hear a good many things said about persons and things, and they do not always happen to be complimentary. For instance, we have heard it said, and we are not to be blamed for having heard it, any more than we are prepared to advance it as an established fact; we say, we have heard it remarked that Bro. Capt. Nicols is a haw-haw-ish kind of being, who carries himself rather majestically, speaks slightingly of Militia Officers, and boasts that his Lodge consists only of "gentlemen." Of course we have not lived all the years of our life without being perfectly well aware that in every grade of society there are people who have a very high opinion of themselves, and a very poor opinion of others. They are the salt of the earth, and none else will compare with them. Heaven forbid we should be understood as including Bro. Nicols amongst these worthy, albeit self-sufficient and self-opinionated, personages, but as he has expressed himself in public with greater freedom than good taste and gentlemanly feeling are usually held to warrant of Dr. Morris's bearing and manner of communicating information, there can be no harm in our suggesting that, if, by the remotest chance in the world, it should happen that Capt. Nicols even in the slightest degree answers to the description we have heard of him, and to which, we repeat, we attach no importance even as a matter of opinion, it is just possible Dr. Morris may have been less cordial in his reception of him in consequence, and more curt in his remarks than is his custom. Head masters being, as a rule, scholars and gentlemen, and what is more to the purpose, kings in their own several domains, do not care to be addressed with anything approaching to a supercilious haughtiness, and still less do they care about being patronised, as it were, by those who go to them seeking information. If they experience any "unseemly treatment" of this kind, they wisely ignore it, but it does not conduce towards making their manner more cordial than good breeding prescribes, or their discourse more effusive than is absolutely necessary in order to satisfy inquiries. This,

by the supercilious writer, would no doubt be regarded as "brusqueness" of manner and "cynical curtness" of speech, but even then a supercilious person, if he is wise, will not condemn the subject-matter of his inquiries because of the manner in which they were answered. These remarks, of course, constitute only a vain imagining, resting on nothing more substantial than hearsay observations of no importance, but we have heard less unreasonable explanations offered of the origin of other wordy warfare. In any case, however, it is "hard lines" on the School.

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STORIES ABOUT MORGAN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I sent to your office the last revelation about Morgan of the late Thurlow Weed; also some slips from American newspapers containing opinions thereon. Weed was a professional American politician and lobbyist, and his influence in New York was immense. He began his career with the Morgan anti-Masonic excitement, and it was the means of supplying him bread and butter during his lifetime. I am not able to say whether he was ever Governor of New York, but the following anecdote will show that, if he was not governor *de jure*, he was governor *de facto*; thus: While Mr. Seward was Governor of New York, and before railroads were diffused over the States, Mr. Seward mounted the top of a stage coach, and being of a sociable disposition, he distributed cigars to his fellow passengers right and left. One of these asked for the donor's name. "Oh! don't you know," said another, "he is the Honourable William H. Seward, Governor of New York." "Bah!" replied the former, "I will bet five dollars that he is not the Governor." "Who, then, is the Governor?" asked Mr. Seward. "Thurlow Weed," was the reply.

Professional American politicians, with very few exceptions, will cant about religion, morality, temperance, and other virtues; but as a rule they are utterly minus all virtues; the life of a professional here, is a fraud from beginning to end. A politician here is generally a lobbyist, which Worcester defines thus: "To frequent the lobbies of the House of Legislation for the purpose of influencing the action of the members, or of securing their votes for some favourite bill."

Mr. Worcester might have added, or for soliciting government offices for those who pay the highest for the same. In short, the lobbyist is the grand corrupter of American legislation; and, hence, an oath of a man like Weed would not generally be believed if even it was his death-bed oath. Weed's confession, therefore, attracted but little attention when it first appeared in print, and I have seen nothing more about it since. But here is another Morgan story which appeared a day or two after Weed's confession was printed; it had already found its way into one Masonic periodical, and it will probably be copied by others. Here it is:

"Tobias Forbes, of Clyde, New York, who is eighty years of age, and whose father was a cousin of William Morgan, of Masonic notoriety, says, that Morgan was not murdered by his captors, but was released on condition that he would leave the country. He did so, going to Melbourne, Australia, and there he commenced the publication of a newspaper, which, after his death, passed into the hands of his son, who may now be living."

As far as I know, no one has yet tried to ascertain whether Tobias Forbes lives, or ever lived, in Clyde, New York, or how much of the story has any foundation. One thing, however, is certain, viz., Morgan could not have left America for Melbourne, Australia, in 1826, because Melbourne did not come into existence before 1836; it was so named after the then Prime Minister, Lord Melbourne.

Bro. Benjamin F. Nourse, the Tyler of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, told me that about twenty or more years since, while he was Grand Lecturer, he visited a Lodge, in his official capacity, in Duxbury, Massachusetts (a sea-port town where the French Atlantic cable was landed), and an old sea captain, a member of the Lodge, told him that Morgan sailed in his ship from Boston to Smyrna. The old captain said that just as the ship was about leaving Boston, a man offered himself as a passenger for Smyrna; he at first refused to take the passenger, but the man was so urgent, and offered to pay any price, that he finally took him. During the passage the man avoided all conversation. One night the passenger was on deck, the captain suddenly asked him, "Where do you live?" The passenger replied, "In the moon." After which, he made no further effort to pry into the passenger's affairs. At Smyrna, the man left the ship with the Custom house officers, and he heard nothing further about him until

the ship's return to Boston. Then he learned, for the first time, about the Morgan mystery. He was told that Morgan was traced after his mysterious disappearance as far as Boston, but after this no clue was discovered as to his whereabouts. It immediately occurred to the said old captain that his mysterious passenger must have been William Morgan, and, what is more, the description given of Morgan by those who knew him corresponded with that of his passenger. The next time the captain went to Smyrna he was determined to find out all he could about the said Morgan. After some inquiries, he learned that the suspected party was in the habit of dining at a certain coffee house. The captain went to the said coffee house, and at once detected Morgan there, dressed Turkish fashion. Without ceremony the captain called him "Mr. Morgan," but the man denied that it was his name. "Did you not come here in my ship?" asked the captain. The man answered in English, "I don't know you." The man then left the house, and that was the last he saw of him. I must only add that Bro. Nourse, whom I have known for many years, is a very reliable man, and I am therefore satisfied that he did not invent this story, but whether the old captain's yarn was correct or not, is a question I cannot answer.

A similar story about Morgan having been seen in Smyrna was told to me about twenty years ago by a brother Mason; that is, the person who told the story to the said brother was positive that he met Morgan in Smyrna. I asked whether his informant was a Mason, and he answered in the negative. By pure accident I met the said brother Mason about a fortnight ago, when he assured me that the old gentleman who told him about Morgan was still alive; he met him a short time ago; he even told me the name of his informant, &c., and he seemed persuaded of the truth of his friend's statement. My old friend gave me his address; he lives in Malden, about six miles from Boston, and he promised to pay me a visit. The above statement ought to be investigated; my recent illness precludes me from making the necessary exertion, and Masons generally are minus curiosity. So, whether there is any truth in the statement or not, must remain a puzzle.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

BOSTON, U.S., 5th January 1883.

REVIEWS.

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A Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hertfordshire. Published by authority of Provincial Grand Lodge. 1883.

THIS is an admirable compilation, and contains full particulars of the Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and the Stuart Encampment and Mark Lodge which meet in the Province. These particulars take the form of nominal lists of the Officers and Subscribing Past Masters of the Lodges, Officers and Subscribing Past First Principals of the Chapters, Officers and Subscribing Past E.C.'s of the Encampment, and Officers and Subscribing Past Masters of the Mark, together with lists of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Great Priory of the Order of the Temple, and Grand Mark Lodge for England, and the Provincial Grand Officers of the Craft and Arch Degrees for Hertfordshire. The number of subscribing members to each Body, together with the name and address of the Secretary or corresponding official, and dates of meeting, are also given, and, to crown all, there is by way of Appendix a full and particular account of the brethren belonging to the Province who are subscribers to the Charitable Institutions, an * denoting those among them who have acted as Stewards at the Anniversary Festivals. As Hertfordshire has distinguished itself greatly by the liberality of its contributions, the reader will take it for granted that, for so small a Province, this list is a most formidable one. A Calendar, with the principal Masonic events of the year, as they concern Masonry in general and the Province in particular, with alternate pages facing each month for the insertion of engagements, precedes the above particulars, the whole being put together in a most workmanlike manner. We must congratulate Brother John E. Dawson, Provincial Grand Secretary and Provincial Grand Scribe E., on the able manner in which he has carried out his task. It is a model Calendar, as "little Herts" is a model Province.

An especial Provincial Grand Lodge will be holden in the Lecture Hall, Soldiers' Home, Colchester, on Friday, the 2nd of February next, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of installation of the Right Worshipful Brother the Right Honourable the Lord Brooke, M.P., as Grand Master of the Province, on which occasion the R.W. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, has kindly undertaken to perform the ceremony. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at high twelve.

According to the accounts furnished by the *Voice* of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, there are in that jurisdiction 165 Chapters, with a total membership of 11,260. The receipts of Grand Chapter for the past year amounted to over 17,842 dollars, while the disbursements only reached 6,103 dollars.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PRUDENT BRETHREN LODGE, No. 145.

THE installation meeting was held on the 23rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Woods. Bros. Kerrall S.W., Reed J.W., Bull P.M. Treas., Haslett P.M. Secretary, Brock S.D., Banks J.D., Masters I.G.; P.M.'s Lister, Leggott, Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, States P.G.S. Visitors—Cottebrune P.G.O., Waugh P.M. 1563, Taylor P.M. 911, Harrup P.M. 1604, Smith P.M. 18, Clemow 1589, Watson 1641, Finch 1641, Edmonds 1507, Green P.M. 27, Street 23, Gordon 901, Distin late Phoenix, Carter P.M. Royal Union, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. After preliminaries, a ballot was taken for the admission of Captain Moore, who was elected unanimously. Bro. Hampton was passed to the second degree. This ceremony was worked by the Worshipful Master with his usual ability. In due course, the W.M. elect was presented, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened. Bro. Kerrall S.W. was then duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Woods was warmly congratulated on the conclusion of the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, after the customary salutations, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Woods I.P.M., Reed S.W., Brock J.W., Bull P.M. Treasurer, Haslett P.M. Secretary, Banks S.D., Masters J.D., Detraz I.G., Cox M.C., Doyle Steward, Reinhardt Tyler. The W.M. then raised Bro. Hembron to the third degree, a ceremony rarely undertaken by a Master on the occasion of his installation. The Auditors' report showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition; it was unanimously adopted. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert provided by the new proprietors of the Freemasons' Tavern. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the initiatory toast. The National Anthem was artistically sung under the direction of Bro. T. Distin, by Miss Distin and Miss Burnett and Bro. Carter. After the toast of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful G. Master, Miss Burnett sang, and was deservedly applauded for her efforts. The toast of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, was next given. They were honoured by the presence of one they were all proud to see, an old and valued friend in Freemasonry, Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. This brother, in replying, wished the distinguished noblemen referred to had been present to witness how ably Bro. Woods had performed his duties in the chair. It was rarely indeed they could witness such excellent working. Bro. Woods I.P.M. then rose,—it was with great pleasure he had to propose the health of the W.M.; who was essentially a good working Mason. He was sure during Bro. Kerrall's year of office the interests of the Lodge would be studied in every respect. It had been his (Brother Woods') fortune to have preceded him, but to-night they had seen how ably he had performed the ceremony of raising. That augured well for the future. He would ask them to drink health and prosperity to the W.M. Miss Distin sang "Auntie," and was deservedly encored. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Woods for the kind manner he had spoken of him. It was with pride he could say he had filled every office. Ten years ago he was initiated; to-night he had to thank them for placing him in the chair, which he hoped to fill to their satisfaction. He must not fail to thank Brother Woods for his kind assistance. He trusted to be able, at the expiration of his year of office, to say that he had emulated the brethren who had proceeded him in the chair. He hoped their next anniversary meeting would be as successful as this one. In proposing the toast of the Initiates, the Worshipful Master said it was one that is received in this and every other Lodge with pleasure. They had that evening two new brethren, Bro. Hembron will be an ornament to the Order, also doubtless would be Brother Hampton, whom all were pleased to see had paid due attention to the ceremony. At this stage of the proceedings, Brother T. Distin sang a new song, "Defiance to the Foe," after which Brother Hampton in a pertinent speech responded. The toast of the Visitors came next, and then Master T. J. Distin played a solo on the pianoforte, which he rendered very artistically; he was accompanied by Miss Distin. Brothers J. Waugh, T. C. Edmonds, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, responded; each paid great compliments to the excellent working of the Worshipful Master, and Brother Woods for his able rendering of the ceremony of Installation. In speaking of the Past Masters, the Worshipful Master said the toast was one the brethren were proud to honour. It had been conceded by all that Brother Woods the Immediate Past Master is a good working Mason, but they had other Past Masters equally efficient. Brother T. Bull the Treasurer would be an honour to any Lodge. The same may with justice be said of Bro. Haslett P.M. and Secretary, and then they must not forget Brother G. S. States, a Past Grand Steward. Again, Brother Lester, though but a young Mason, did his duty well. There was also Brother Thiellay, a Past Prov. G. Officer of Middlesex, and last, but not least, we have Bro. Leggott who, in connection with this Lodge, had raised nearly £1,000 for the Charities. Before resuming his seat he might tell the brethren there was a duty that devolved on him, and he might add, it was a most pleasurable duty. It was to place on the breast of their Immediate Past Master a jewel, which the members trusted would be worn by him with pride, as it evidenced their appreciation of the way in which he had discharged his duties. Personally he trusted Bro. Woods might be spared for many years to assist the Prudent Brethren Lodge. Bro. Woods said he would reply on his own behalf, as doubtless some of the other Past Masters would have something to say. However, he would be brief. He was a working Mason, and considered it desirable brethren should attend the Lodges of Instruction. He desired to advance the Charities of the Order, and was about to serve a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He scarcely hoped to achieve as much success as had rewarded the efforts of Bro. Leggott, still he

hoped to carry up something worthy of their Lodge. He sincerely thanked the brethren for their gift, and for their invariable kindness to him on all occasions. Bro. T. Bull P.M., in responding as Treasurer, said he felt great pleasure in having now held that office for many years; he could assure them their funds would be well taken care of, and would only be expended in the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Haslett Secretary also responded. The Wardens and Junior Officers were next complimented by the W.M., and after suitable responses had been elicited, the Tyler gave the parting toast. The musical arrangements of the evening were well carried out by Bro. Theodore Distin, while Bro. Doyle, the newly appointed W.S. paid special attention to the comfort of the Visitors.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221, BOLTON.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th January 1883, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. Boothroyd W.M., Aldred I.P.M., Isherwood S.W., Melrose J.W., Brockbank Treas., Mitchell Sec., Bradborn S.D., Crompton J.D., Taylor M.C., Walker I.G., Chambers and Siddon Stewards, Higson Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Ferguson, Wadson, Stead, Morris, Rutter, Flitcroft, Whitaker; also Bros. Chirusesides, Haslam, Elliston, Forrest, Halliwell, Briscoe, Cuerden. Visitors:—Bros. Peers 71, Chester, Martin 350 and 678, Court W.M. 1723, Collins W.M. 678, Duxbury W.M. 146, Alcock P.M. 348, Skelton 146, Cheesewright 907, Barnett J.W. 1723, Edwards 721, Nicholson P.M. 1723, Greenhalgh P.M. 1723, Crankshaw W.M. 348. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge proceeded to the second degree, when Bro. Isherwood W.M. elect was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, under the presidency of Bro. Brockbank W.M. of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and a P.M. of this Lodge, and obligated, installed, and proclaimed, according to ancient custom, W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year, Bro. Taylor P.M. P. Prov. Grand Organist acting as Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Brockbank P.M. and P. Prov. S.G.D. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, after the accounts had been presented and duly audited by Bros. Chirusesides and Briscoe. Bro. Brockbank, in thanking the brethren for the renewal of their confidence, expressed his indebtedness to Brother Aldred, who had, acting as his Deputy, rendered considerable service to the Lodge. The following brethren were invested Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, by Bro. Mitchell P.M. and Prov. Grand Tyler:—Bros. Edwin Melrose S.W., Peter Bradburn J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treasurer, Mitchell Sec., Crompton S.D., Walker J.D., J. W. Taylor M.C., W. F. Chambers I.G., W. Siddon and Richard Cuerden Stewards, and Thomas Higson Tyler. The addresses to the newly-appointed Officers were admirably rendered by Bro. Jabez Boothroyd I.P.M. Bro. Thomas Morris P.M. was elected Charity Representative of the Lodge for the ensuing year in the place of the late lamented Brother Thomas Entwisle, to whose admirable business tact and ability in his capacity as a Charity Representative the proposer of the resolution paid a warm and earnest tribute, and commended his example to the study of his successor. Bro. William Wadson, an old and respected member of the Lodge, as a mark of his regard and esteem for the brethren, presented an elegant floor cloth, painted by himself. The orthodox pavement, tessellated border and blazing star, surrounded by the twelve signs of the zodiac, beautifully embellished, the genuinely artistic work of our brother, was much admired by the brethren and Visitors, and the thanks of the Lodge were unanimously accorded to him for his valuable presentation. A silver Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Boothroyd, the retiring Master, in accordance with a vote of the Lodge on the occasion of the last regular meeting. A portion of the Ancient Charges was read by the Senior Warden, and the Lodge was closed in form and with prayer at 6 o'clock. The banquet was immediately served in an adjoining room, and at its conclusion the brethren re-assembled in the Lodge-room, which in the meantime had been suitably prepared. The W.M. presided, and the post of M.C. was admirably filled by Bro. J. W. Taylor Past Prov. G.O. The ordinary Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. A special toast, drank in solemn silence, was proposed by Bro. Rutter, to the memory of Bro. Entwisle, whose long services to the Lodge were eloquently dilated upon by the speaker, who also expressed the deep regret of the Masonic world at the loss of so distinguished a Masonic student and guide. The presence of every Master of Masonic Lodges of Bolton was a matter of congratulation, and the Master of the oldest Lodge in Bolton, who is the Senior Past Master of this Lodge, was facetiously complimented on his having attained the distinction of becoming Master of Lodge 37 on the precise day of completing his 37th anniversary of his initiation in the Lodge. The musical arrangements were perfect, and a rich musical treat was afforded to the brethren. Bro. Briscoe presided at the piano, and Bros. Cheesewright, Greenhalgh, Collins, Skelton, Bradburn, Chambers, Siddon, and Flitcroft contributed vocally to the success of the meeting. The last toast was proposed as Mr. Bruce rang out his warning note.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and, as on three previous occasions, the ladies (the wives and sweethearts of the members and visitors) were invited, and graced the ceremony; and certainly no more enjoyable meeting takes place in the county. The chair was well filled by the Worshipful Master, Bro. John A. Whitford, and he was supported by Bros. R. W. Pitcher I.P.M., R. Cawsey P.M. and S., Lynn P.M. P.P.G.S.B. and T., Burt P.M., Harris P.M., Swiss P.M., Codd P.M. P.P.G.O., Pike P.M., Border S.W., Ridland J.W., Curteis P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., Lord

P.M. 1247 P.P.G.S.B., Stribling P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., Aitken-Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, J. Kinton Bond P.M. 1247, Rendle P.M. 1247, Pike I.P.M. 156, Tucker P.M. 358, Knight P.M. 202, Vigger W.M. 202, Ratt-nbury J.D., White S.W. 1136, Haggarty J.W. 1136, Orohard M.C., Cassell P.M. 1136, Cawsey A.S., Dodridge J.S., Maddock A.M.C., Owens, Meadley I.G., Swiss, Leonard, Woodland, Toms S.S., Qnance, Hunt J.S., Sherwill 1205, Willis 1255, Masters 1847, Coleman, Werry, Vicary, Wiggin, Vinnecombe, Stevens, Bray, May, Marten 189, Gillixon, Dart, Tippett sen., Harvey, Gorey, Coath P.M. 893, Sutton, Bentley, Littleton S.D., Burt, Berry, Blampey, Mole, Launder, Easterbrook, Dyer, Spicer, W. Tippett, Churchward, Smith, Harrison, Earl 223, Harrison, Maynard, Strath, Gill, Evans, 70, Harris, McQuire, Jones, and Lelleux. The ladies present were Mesdames Whitford, Pitcher, Cawsey, Lynn, Burt, Harris, Swiss, Codd, Pike, Border, Ridland, Gover, Tucker, Ladd, Haggarty, Orchard, Cassell, Swiss, Woodland, Toms, Qnance, Hunt, Cochran sen., Cochran jun., Willis, Masters, Coleman, Werry, Marten, Sutton, Bentley, Littleton, Easterbrook, Tippett, Churchward, Smith, Strath, Harris, McQuire, Jones, and Misses Burt, Knight, Haggarty, Maddock, Leeder, Florrie Sherwill, Dyer, Thomas, Huggins, and Stentiford. The dinner was excellent, and the attendance all that could be desired. Miss Haggarty (piano) and Master Haggarty (violin) played some choice music at intervals. The Master proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in a very happy manner, and the rule was short speeches, interspersed with songs and recitations. Bros. Gover and Lord responded for the Provincial Grand Lodge. The names of the Treasurer and Secretary were warmly received, and in an able manner responded to. As in all other Lodges, the absent brethren were not forgotten, and it was a very pleasing episode that Bro. F. Strath, one of the supposed absent brethren, happened to be there to respond, and a fervent wish was expressed that more absent brethren could have been present. V.W. Bro. J. Curteis, speaking of the Masonic Charities, said that during his experience a sum of £5,000 was about the amount collected, whilst last year for the London Charities no less a sum than £40,000 was voluntarily given. But whilst so much had been done for the greater Charities, he wished all to bear in mind that they had in their own county an institution which was doing valuable work. Many children of Devonshire Masons were being clothed and educated by the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, at a merely nominal cost as regards expenses, and they were not removed from their homes. He appealed especially to the ladies, to ask their husbands to subscribe; if the 2,400 members of the Order in Devon would only give an annual subscription of five shillings, it would place the fund on a firm basis, and an amount so small would never be missed. The room being cleared, dancing, by the majority, was thoroughly enjoyed, whilst for others, in other rooms, there were other entertainments. Mr. West presided at the piano, and gave a selection of his own composition. Mrs. Temple Willis, Bros. Rendell, W. J. Barratt, Debnam, J. Kinton Bond, W. Pike, Leonard, and others gave valuable aid. Lodge Fidelity marks another day with a white stone.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

ON the 16th inst. the brethren of the Camalodun Lodge, No. 660, held their annual installation and banquet. The first-named ceremony took place in Freemasons' Hall, Yorkersgate, Malton; the W.M. for the present year being Bro. Smithson S.W. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. King P.P.G.J.D., and the Wor. Master afterwards invested the following Officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. Constable I.P.M., Dodsworth S.W., Goldie J.W., the Rev. R. G. Fish (of the Castle Howard Reformatory) Chaplain, Bower Treas., Walton Secretary, Buckle S.D., Williamson J.D., Heckley M.C., Mar. shall Organist, Metcalfe I.G., Milner and Dr. Hartley Stewards, and Waudby Tyler. The banquet was held at the George Hotel (Mr. Davison's), where an excellent spread was provided. There were Visitors present from other Lodges in the Province, and the usual Masonic proceedings were fully carried out.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 663, WILTSHIRE.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, 16th instant, when the Devizes members were supported by several brethren, including Bros. J. Sparks P.M. 1271, Bradford on Avon, P.P.G.O. Wilts, A. J. Beaven P.M. 1271 P.P.G.P., Dr. W. D. Lovell I.P.M. 1271 P.P.G.D.C., F. B. Norris S.W. 632, Trowbridge, E. J. Grabbe J.W. 68, Bristol, L. E. De Ridder 152, &c. The outgoing W.M., Bro. J. A. Randell, performed, the earlier part of the ceremony of installation, the remainder being, at his request, taken by Bro. W. Nott P.M. 663, the Provincial Charity Secretary. The W.M. elect, Bro. George S. A. Waylen S.W., having been duly installed, invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. J. A. Randell I.P.M., S. M. Badham S.W., W. H. Bush J.W., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., W. Nott P.M. Secretary, F. S. Hancock S.D., T. C. Hopkins J.D., H. A. Canning I.G., H. Howse P.M., W. J. Baldwin and H. J. Johnson Stewards, and C. R. Barnes Tyler. The usual addresses to the Worshipful Master, Officers, and brethren were delivered by Brother Nott. The W.M., Bro. Waylen, afterwards congratulated the brethren on their first installation meeting in their own Masonic Hall, and said that although they had already made that Hall very convenient and very handsome, yet there were many items of furniture and of embellishment which were still wanting. He thought that every brother on attaining the position which he had that afternoon reached would feel glad to contribute something to make their Masonic home more complete, and he would set the example by presenting a large oaken tablet to be fixed against the wall, and on which would be recorded the names

of the Worshipful Masters who had ruled over the Lodge from its commencement, with room to add the names of those yet to come. He trusted that this would be found to be an ornament to the Hall, and afford matter of interest to the brethren. This gift, and the remarks with which it was introduced, were warmly applauded. The usual routine business was gone through, and the alms bag having been sent round, in aid of the Lodge Charity Fund, the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where there awaited them an excellent banquet, to which a member of the Lodge—Brother S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoko Park—though unable, through absence abroad, to be present himself—had contributed a liberal supply of venison and game. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE, No. 1287.

THE installation of this Lodge was held on the 18th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended by both members and Visitors. Bros. Cleghorn W.M., Owen S.W., Bathard J.W., Webb P.M. Treasurer, Staton P.M. Sec., Kempton S.D., Cane J.D., Lancaster I.G., Morant Organist, P.M.'s Tribbel, Forbes, Jupe, Reed, Christie, Robinson. Visitors—Cerephe 142, Lloyd 1141, Leach 49, Kempton 442, E. Anderton 1657, Ruth 1003, Neats P.M. 22, Jenkins P.M. 34, Wnest 753, White 1671, Bruce 334, Harrison 1671, Rake P.P.G.W. Hants, Cushion late 1287, Ball 45, Stephens 1425, Miller 73, Allhausen P.M. 1435, Smith W.M. 569, Wright 1965, Blum 511, Parker 1158, Willimore 1056, Gooding 198, J. Reid 72, Smith W.M. 1584, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was formally opened, and minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bros. Doughty and Osborne were raised to the third degree, perfectly and impressively. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Owen S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and in the presence of 15 W.M.'s and P.M.'s, duly installed into the chair by Bro. Cleghorn, the retiring W.M., who conducted the ceremony throughout in a most perfect manner, the brethren listening with rapt attention to the addresses. After the customary salutations, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Cleghorn I.P.M., Bathard S.W., Kempton J.W., Webb P.M. Treas., Staton P.M. Sec., Cane S.D., Lancaster J.D., Morant Organist, Edgar Inner Guard, Hemming Master of Ceremonies, Rawles Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. Bro. Owen now displayed his proficiency, and initiated Messrs. F. Lloyd and H. M. Bleakley into the Order, in a manner most creditable for a Master so recently installed. He was well supported by the Officers. The Auditors' report was adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a sound position, and had a balance in hand for the Benevolent Fund of £77 15s 6d. A letter of apology was read from Bro. West P.M., regretting his inability to attend, owing to indisposition. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned until the third Thursday in February. The brethren, eighty-one in number, then adjourned to the Crown-room, where a capital banquet and dessert was provided, the service being superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., on the cloth being removed, proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, and Bro. S. Webb, Past Master, sang the "National Anthem." In proposing the toast of the Initiates, the Worshipful Master said he had to compliment the Lodge on the acquisition of these brethren. Brother Lloyd is the youngest of a family of six, all boys; he hoped to initiate the remainder of this family. As for Brother Bleakley he had been proposed by Brother Hemming, and no one would be brought into the Lodge by him but would redound to its credit. Brother Reed sang the E.A. song, and then Brother Lloyd, in an excellent speech, returned thanks. Brother Bleakley also responded. Brother Cleghorn I.P.M. said it afforded him great pleasure to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. That Bro. Owen followed him in the chair, was owing to his engagements. However, he had predicted he would be a Master the Lodge would be proud of; that prediction had been verified that evening, not only by his presidency, but by the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation, and his remarks on investing his Officers. Brothers Morant and Webb sang the duet, "The Moon has raised her lamp on high." They were deservedly applauded. The Worshipful Master in reply thanked Brother Cleghorn for his kind remarks, and also the brethren for their reception of the toast. He assured them he would do his best for their advancement. He was initiated a year before the Immediate Past Master, but he thought a better man should precede him, and that wish had been carried out. He would endeavour to follow in Brother Cleghorn's footsteps; he was sure he could not do better. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors; there were many present, but he would call on Bro. Rake Past Provincial Grand Warden Hants, Jenkins P.M. 34, Wuest P.M. 753, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, to respond. Brother Webb delighted the brethren with one of his excellent songs, and then the brethren named severally responded to the toast. All expressed the pleasure they had experienced by the able manner in which the W.M. had conducted the duties; the excellent working of Bro. Cleghorn was also descanted upon. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. the Worshipful Master said they had had good Past Masters; but they had never had a better worker than Bro. Cleghorn. All in the Lodge looked up to him with respect, and he (the W.M.) knew that he had a good Mentor. In the name of the Great Northern Lodge he had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Cleghorn with a jewel; he was sure it would be appreciated. He had given satisfaction to the Lodge, and all hoped he might be spared for many years to be among the Past Masters, and also to continue his valuable services in the Lodge of Instruction, to conduct which he in every respect was so well qualified. Brother Cleghorn, in responding, thanked the Worshipful Master for his kind words. It was a source of pride to him to speak of his connection with the Great Northern Lodge; he had to thank the Past Masters for their kind assistance. The jewel that had been placed on his breast he would prize, not for its intrinsic value, but for its

associations. These would never be forgotten by him. Anything that lay in his power to do for the benefit of the Lodge, he would achieve. He might now remind them he was a Steward for the Girls' School in May; he regretted its energetic and worthy Secretary, Brother Hedges, was not present, but he would tell them that at present there were two hundred and forty Girls entirely supported by the Institution. He hoped the list he should take up in May would be a credit to the Great Northern Lodge. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Webb P.M. and Treasurer is the founder of the Lodge, while Brother Staton P.M. and Secretary initiated him. Now what could he do beyond thanking them both; they had enabled him to occupy the chair, and their efforts conduced to the success of the Lodge. In replying Brother Webb remarked he was pleased to say that the brethren and Visitors had expressed their satisfaction; not only at the working, but also with the hospitality of the Lodge. He had been its first Master, and he was proud of it. Brother Staton also eloquently responded to the toast. In responding for the Past Masters, Brother Cleg-horn said that he had great pleasure in stating that the Worshipful Master and Brother Christie had each given the sum of five guineas for his list. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens, Bros. Bathard and Kempton; they were the Masters in embryo; both excellent working Masons. The same compliment might be paid the Junior Officers. This toast having been eloquently responded to by Bros. Bathard and Kimpton, the Tyler gave the parting one, thus terminating a very agreeable evening. Bro. J. Hemming M.C. was indefatigable in his efforts to secure the comfort of the brethren and Visitors.

KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

THE annual meeting of this ably-conducted Lodge took place on Monday, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn. There was a fair attendance of members, whilst among the visitors were Bros. Thackara 487, Pringle 145, Fisher P.M. 1366, Collier P.M. 1366, Dean P.M. 417 and 1900 P.G.S.D. Dorset, Daines P.M. 1366, Blasby P.M. 780, Bate 228, Witherilt J.W. 1681, Thomas 1853, T. Walker Cooper P.M. 538, Martin P.M. 15, Hunt J.W. 1225, Wilson 1704, Dodd 1887, Dale 902, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Bray (Creaton), Green 108, Holloway W.M. 108, Fred Green 1687, Chivers 901, Barfield P.M. 35 W.M. of the Londesborough Lodge, Botting P.M. 1501 P.G. Reg. Berks and Bucks, Hill P.M. 95, Harris P.M. 177, Wetheril 186, Vine 511, Sladen 186, Cooper P.M. 1637, Flood 1642, Taylor 1642, Eccles 1425. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. F. Brewer, whose state of health is far from satisfactory, Lodge was opened by Brother Past Master Caff. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented. This showed a balance in hand of £26 16s 8d. Taking into consideration the munificence, in regard to its charitable proclivities, of this Lodge, this balance may be considered eminently satisfactory. Moreover, it is the expressed intention of the members not to attempt to realise a large surplus, but to enjoy themselves, at the same time to set other Lodges an example how to support the Charitable Institutions of the Order. The ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Henry Johnson, who was proposed for initiation by Bro. John Holmes, Master of Ceremonies, and seconded by Brother Alfred Price. The result was unanimous in favour of the candidate, and he was introduced and initiated by the acting W.M. The event of the day, the installation of Bro. Frederick James Baker, the W.M. elect, was then undertaken by Bro. Samuel Brooks P.M. and Secretary. Bro. Brooks is recognised as a skilful and earnest exponent of the Ritual, and on this occasion he fully sustained his reputation. On the labours of the Board of Installed Masters being completed, the brethren who as yet are not entitled to mount the levels were re-admitted, and they saluted in the three degrees. The investiture of Officers was creditably performed by Bro. Baker, who made some happy allusions to the duties expected to be carried out by those brethren whom he had selected for office. The following brethren were invested:—Bros. Turner S.W., Barclay J.W., Everett P.M. Treasurer, Brooks P.M. Secretary, Walton S.D., Kiallmark J.D., Holmes I.G., Parry Cole P.M. Organist, Fletcher P.M. M.C., Bennett P.M. Steward, Thomas Tyler. Bro. Brooks then delivered the addresses, thus completing the work he had undertaken to the satisfaction of all assembled. It was then arranged that the W. Master should undertake a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the customary grant of 25 guineas—which the Lodge has annually committed itself to—was voted on behalf of that Institution. The Secretary announced the resignations of two members, which were received with regret. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and then the Secretary touched upon some home matters, and recommended that in the cases he referred to the Bye-laws should be enforced. This proposal did not meet with general acceptance, but the Treasurer offered some explanations, which were of a truly practical nature, and in due course Brother Brooks's suggestion was agreed to. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed, a capital banquet was supplied by Brother Hartley, the proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, and on the removal of the cloth, the toast list was proceeded with. After full honour had been done to the preliminary ones, Bro. Brooks assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the W.M. Brother Baker was not an initiate of the Lodge, but he became a joining member on the night of its inauguration, and had been an earnest and consistent worker ever since. He (Brother Brooks) regretted the absence of Brother Frederick Brewer, through illness, but he felt he could on his behalf congratulate the brethren on the choice they had made, and claimed for the new Master the faithful co-operation of the members of the Lodge. In the course of his reply Brother Baker stated that he too had suffered through illness, and at the present time was scarcely equal to any exertion; however, he had the interests of the brethren at heart, and would strive to the uttermost to merit their esteem. The toast of the Treasurer and

Secretary was given, and Brother Brooks, in the absence of Brother Everett, who had been compelled to leave early, acknowledged the compliment paid them. Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in responding for the toast of the Masonic Charities, remarked that it had been hinted to him that he should direct attention to what was being done for the Institutions by this Lodge. The Lodge was now entering on the seventh year of its existence, and for the third time, as regarded the Institution he had the honour to represent, the members had voted a sum of twenty-five guineas. If we throw in the Chapters belonging to the Order, with the Lodges on the Roll of Grand Lodge, we shall be well within the mark if we take them at a round 2,000. Now, if all these bodies acted with the same generous spirit that pervaded the members of the Kilburn Lodge, 50,000 guineas per annum would be realised, and that would obviate the necessity for all appeals to individual members, and Annual Festivals for the Institutions would not be necessary. However, this desirable result was not likely to be consummated. At the same time he must not neglect to give this Lodge full credit for their benevolence, which he appreciated at its full value. The remaining toasts received due attention during the evening, and the proceedings throughout were varied and enlivened by some capital songs. It was a late hour ere the brethren separated.

ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 1511.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 16th inst., at Hornsea. The W. Master Bro. Shackles P.G.S.D. presided, supported by the following Officers, Brethren and Visitors:—Bros. Spink S.W. W.M. elect, Maw J.W., Medd S.D., Stephenson J.D., Elsom I.G., Train M.C., Laking Sec., P.M. Hardy P.P.G.S.D., Wells P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Milner, Hislop, Goodwin, Smithson and others. Amongst the Visitors were the following, viz.:—Bros. P.M.'s Reynolds P.P.G.D.C., Haigh P.P.G.D.C., of the Minerva Lodge 250, King W.M., Beavers I.P.M., Wilson P.P.G.S.D., Haberland P.G.J.D., Myers S.W., Storry J.D., and Wildbore, of the Humber Lodge 57, Forder W.M., Sissons P.P.G. Reg. of the Kingston Lodge 1010, Bennett S.W., and Chappell of the De La Pole 1611, and A. P. Wilson P.W. of the Constitutional, Beverley: After the Lodge was opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was ably rendered by Bro. Geo. Hardy P.M., assisted by Bros. Walter Reynolds and Geo. L. Shackles. A Board of Past Masters having been opened, the W.M. elect was installed into the chair of K.S. in ancient form. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Geo. L. Shackles P.G.S.D. I.P.M., R. A. Medd S.W., A. E. Allen J.W., John Heslop P.M. Chap., B. L. Wells P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Laking Secretary, Geo. Stephenson S.D., Elsom J.D., Train M.C., Webb I.G., Goodwin Steward, and Miskin Tyler. Bro. Wells, in a graceful speech, presented to Bro. Shackles the I.P.M. a handsome and chaste P.M.'s jewel, informing him that it had been subscribed for by all the members of the Lodge as a slight token of their esteem and appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Lodge during the two years he had been the W.M. Bro. Shackles, in responding, thanked the brethren for their handsome present, and said that he should not only value the jewel for its intrinsic worth, but it would at all times remind him that he had won the esteem and regard of the members of his Lodge, which to him was far more valuable than any jewel, however costly. Apologies having been conveyed from numerous brethren for their absence, and expressions of hearty good wishes having been given, the Lodge was closed. Subsequently the brethren attended a sumptuous banquet, provided at the Alexandra Hotel, by Bro. Burdal, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 699, CHACEWATER.

THE brethren of the above Lodge celebrated their St. John's Festival on Monday, the 22nd inst. After one initiation and one passing, Bro. Eslick, the retiring W.M., very ably installed Bro. Bennetts as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. Eslick I.P.M., Searle S.W., Hall J.W., Rev. G. L. Church Chaplain, Ninnis P.M. Treasurer, Rapson P.M. Secretary, Retallack S.D., Kent J.D., Martin M.C., Easterbrook and Jenkin Stewards, Olds I.G., and Lean Tyler. After the Lodge was closed the brethren dined together in their banquet room, the W.M. presiding. Dinner was served by Bro. Host Jones, of the Britannia Hotel.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

A Ball was held on Monday evening, at Brixton Hall, and, like its predecessor of 1882, proved a great success. Brother H. F. Bussey, the Master of the Lodge, gathered round him a grand array of friends, and with the assistance of Brother Sibold's excellent band dancing was kept up with unflagging spirit till past five the following morning. After supper the health of the W.M. was most enthusiastically drunk, and the same enthusiasm was repeated when the company expressed their approval of the name of Brother W. T. Perkins, the Secretary of the Ball Committee, whose exertions for the past few weeks had contributed so much to the enjoyment of the evening.

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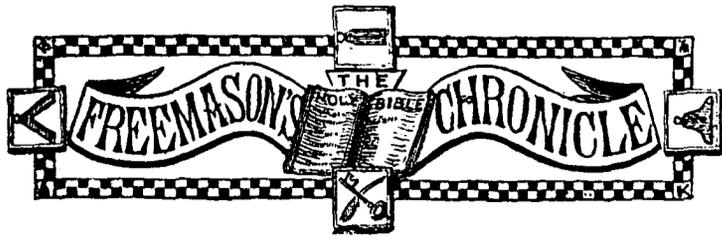
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ROYAL CUMBERLAND CHAPTER, No. 41.

101ST ANNIVERSARY, AND PRESENTATION TO COLONEL. A. W. ADAIR.

ON Thursday, the 11th instant, the Royal Cumberland Chapter attained its 101st anniversary, having been warranted on the 11th Jan. 1782. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present Colonel A. W. Adair, the Grand Superintendent of the Province, with a gold centenary jewel—the first of its kind ever issued—and an illuminated address. The proceedings were of an unusually interesting and pleasing character. At six o'clock the Chapter was opened, and the following Officers, Companions, and Visitors admitted:—Lawson Howes M.E.Z. P.G.R., F. Wilkinson H., C. W. Radway J., T. B. Montrie Treasurer, E. J. B. Mercer Scribe E., Francis Glover Scribe N., William Peach P.S., R. B. Cator 1st Assistant S., J. Knight 2nd Assistant S., C. Becket P.Z., J. Hearne P.Z., H. Hopkins P.Z. 41 328 587 710, T. P. Ashley P.Z., T. Wilton P.Z., W. Williamson I.P.Z. P.G.A.S., E. L. Hill P.Z. P.P.G.A.S., S. G. Mitchell P.Z. P.P.G.R., R. E. Peach P.Z., T. S. Keene P.Z. Members—F. H. Goldney, G. H. Bartlett, W. S. Wilcox, J. H. Macfarlane, J. Robinson, W. H. Young, W. H. Reynolds, J. Hayward, S. Bigwood, A. W. Adair (Grand Superintendent), T. E. Wilton, Charles Wilkinson. Visitors—J. A. Timmins Royal Sussex 53 Scribe E., J. Sumsion Royal Sussex 53, Ed. England Phillip Tynte 379 P.Z., W. A. Scott P.F.P. 61 P.Z., G. V. Law Royal Sussex 53 C., J. B. Wilson Royal Sussex 53 C.

After some preliminary business had been disposed of, Companion Thomas Wilton, one of the oldest P.Z.'s of the Chapter, advanced to the dais, and addressing the presiding Principal, said owing to the unfortunate absence of their very old and esteemed P.Z., Edmund White, who at his advanced age had been unable to undertake the journey from Weston-super-Mare in order to be present on that very interesting occasion, it had fallen to his lot to occupy a position which Companion White would no doubt have filled with more ability and efficiency than himself. He must, at the outset, congratulate the first Principal upon the very distinguished position that Chapter occupied in being the first in England able to prove a continuous working of 100 years. They were on that day commemorating the first year of another century, and it must be gratifying to all present to see the Chapter in such a vigorous and prosperous condition. Having obtained a centenary charter from the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, signed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, it was thought that the event should be celebrated by electing Colonel Adair, the Grand Superintendent, as a member of the Chapter. Turning to Colonel Adair Companion Wilton, addressing him personally, said that, he having graciously consented to join the Chapter, the Companions determined to mark the event by presenting him with a gold centenary jewel, and he (Companion Wilton) now asked his acceptance of the jewel—which was the first of its kind presented to any Grand Superintendent in England—as a token of the kindly feeling entertained for him, and in recognition of the Masonic good work he had done in the Province of Somerset. Although his dear friend, Edmund White, was not there to personally testify his appreciation of that ceremonial he had deputed him, on his behalf, to present the accompanying illuminated scroll commemorative of the presentation of that jewel, and which would be a lasting record of the kindly feelings and generous sentiments entertained by the Companions towards Colonel Adair, not only in Bath, but by the Province generally. The address was as follows:—

ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 41, BATH.

Warranted 11th January, A.L. 1782, Centenary Charter granted August, A.L. 1882.

To the Most Excellent Companion, Colonel Alexander Wm. Adair, Grand Superintendent of the Province of Somerset, and P.P.G.M. Somerset.

Most Excellent and very Dear Sir and Brother,

We, the Principals, Past Principals, Officers and Companions of the Royal Arch Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, respectfully request your acceptance of the accompanying Centenary Jewel—the first of its kind issued—as a small, though marked, testimonial of the great esteem in which you are deservedly held by the Masonic body of which you are a distinguished ornament, and more especially of our own affection and respect for you personally, and for the manly and Masonic virtues of which you have given us so many proofs in all the high offices to which you have been appointed, especially in that of Grand Superintendent of this Province, in which we pray the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe may long preserve you in peace, happiness and prosperity.

[The signatures of the whole of the members of the Chapter will be appended to this address. It should be mentioned that it was beautifully illuminated, in different colours, on vellum by Messrs. Wil-

kinson Bros., Union-street. It is to be enclosed in a very handsome frame, carved with suitable Masonic emblems.]

The jewel having been pinned upon Colonel Adair's breast, and the address having been handed him,—Colonel Adair, who was evidently very sensibly affected by the cordial manner in which he had been greeted on that occasion, and also at the thoughtfulness of Bro. White—who has for close upon fifty years been a member of the Chapter—at the commencement of his reply expressed the great gratification it afforded him to accede to the wishes of the Companions that he should become a joining member of the Chapter. He could most heartily Masonically thank them for their kindly expressions towards him, and assured them that the jewel would ever be worn by him as a pledge of that Masonic friendship held towards him by the Bath brethren, and that the illuminated address which had been prepared by the thoughtfulness of Brother White would most certainly find a resting-place in his dwelling. He trusted that, in years to come—when, perhaps, he had passed away—those who followed him would view with satisfaction the testimony of those who had that day Masonically banded themselves together to do him honour. He regretted exceedingly that Brother White was not present in person, but he felt assured he was there in heart. Every Companion would regret with him most heartily that increasing age had precluded him from a personal participation of the pleasures of that day. He (Col. Adair) could look back to Masonic friendships formed in Bath during a period of over thirty years, and he always felt, whenever he came into the good old city, that he was sure of meeting many friends, with whom he had had much intercourse, and who, equally with himself, were pleased to renew old associations. He again thanked them most heartily, and trusted that, at no distant date, he should be able to come amongst them again.

After the business had been disposed of the Companions adjourned to the Grand Pump Room Hotel, where they partook of refreshments. M.E.Z. Lawson Howes occupied the chair, supported by Colonel Adair and the other Officers, and thus an important event in the annals of this Chapter, of which all who had the privilege of being present will have grateful reminiscences, came to a satisfactory conclusion.

Comp. Macfarlane, by his assistance in the musical arrangements, added very considerably to the pleasures of the evening.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn, James Brett and Thomas Cubitt occupied the three chairs. Bro. Nunn informed the brethren that he had to give them the very satisfactory intelligence that since the last meeting letters had been received from four recipients of relief, thanking the Lodge for their grants. This was a circumstance which did not often occur. There had been also two very gratifying acknowledgments from America, one a copy of resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, signed by the Grand Master, Wardens and Secretary, thanking the Lodge of Benevolence for assisting an Illinois brother to return. A brother in Chicago, also, who was relieved with £10, in 1880, to enable him to return to his native country, had also sent a letter thanking the Lodge and returning the £10. Bro. Nunn said these were not the only instances the Lodge had had of similar acts by American brethren, and it showed the brotherly feeling of American Freemasons. Bro. Nunn then stated that he had given notice to Grand Secretary to move at the Special Grand Lodge which would be convened to consider the Revised Constitutions, that before a brother could be eligible for relief he should be a subscribing member five years. Bro. W. Smallpeice said, he had given notice of motion that the quarterages of both London and country brethren should be four shillings a year. The Lodge then confirmed recommendations of grants at last Lodge to the amount of £180, and granted a total of £685 to the new list, which consisted of 29 petitioners. Four of these were deferred, not being complete. The Lodge sat till near ten o'clock.

The General Committee, for January, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 25th inst., under the presidency of Colonel Creaton. There were also the following brethren present: Col. Peters, J. H. Matthews, A. H. Tattershall, Arthur E. Gladwell, Robert Grey, Peter de L. Long, and E. C. Massey. The minutes of the 28th December were read and verified, and the minutes of the following Committees were read for information, viz., Quarterly General Court, 13th January; House Committee, 18th January; and Audit Committee, 21st January. The Chairman was authorised and requested to sign cheques to the amount of £1,379 14s 5d for tradesmen's bills, &c. for December. This was the only business before the Committee, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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, 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 Courts, 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, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Mugeridge, 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.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1065—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 29th JANUARY.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 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, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 800—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, 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, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales-Oven
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham

WEDNESDAY, 31st JANUARY.

- 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 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.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1033—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1035—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 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)
 1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8: (Inst.)
 M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1815—Pengo, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1901—Solwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon

339—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1523—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1550—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1846—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 R.C. 87—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this excellent Lodge was held on Thursday evening, 18th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly muster of the brethren and Visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Lewis C. Haslip, the esteemed Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. Tideman S.W., Stillwell J.W., Rev. C. J. Stevens Chaplain, Boulton P.M. Treasurer, Harper P.M. Secretary, Potter S.D., Harnett J.D., A. Perl M.C., Weedon I.G., F. Perl Steward, Pierpoint I.P.M., Bartlett P.M., Cusworth P.M., Sampson George P.M., &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Parvis Belgrave, Howe W.S. 1155, Hubbard P.M. 820, Sargent P.M. 1099, and Chubb 186. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, soon after five o'clock, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Adams was raised by the W.M., who worked the ceremony in a most efficient and praiseworthy manner. Lodge was resumed in the second, and Bros. J. J. Pillely and J. B. Smith were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the rites being most satisfactorily performed. It was announced that Bro. T. J. Cusworth P.M. was one of the Stewards for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Bro. H. J. Gabb P.M. for the Boys' School, and each appealed to the brethren for assistance in support of his list. The brethren were also reminded that the New Concord Lodge of Instruction is held every Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, with Bro. Cusworth P.M. as Preceptor, and they were invited to make the attendances as numerous as they conveniently could. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren and Visitors partook of a banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, when admirable arrangements were made for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured, especial reference being made to the zeal and assiduity with which the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Past and Present, promoted the welfare of the Craft. The I.P.M. then proposed, in suitable terms, the health of the Worshipful Master, in doing which he said he was perfectly certain the gavel was never held by worthier hands than those of Brother Haslip, to whose health he asked them to join him in drinking, with the heartiest wishes for his continued happiness and prosperity. The toast was cordially received, the W.M., in response, thanking the brethren most sincerely for the honour they had done him, and for the uniform kindness with which he was always received by them. He had not much longer to remain in office, but as long as he was in the chair he hoped he might be able to give the same satisfaction to the brethren in the discharge of his duties as he had done in the past. He then gave the toast of the Visitors, to whom he extended, on behalf of the Lodge, a very cordial and hearty welcome. He was quite sure they would all agree with him that it was a great pleasure to meet Visitors, coming amongst them on every available occasion. Brother C. Hubbard, whose name was associated with the toast, briefly replied; he expressed his delight in being once more amongst his friends of this Lodge, and to see that the same hospitality and generosity was dispensed as on all former occasions, whilst their sympathy for the poor had not diminished, as was proved by their considerate grants, of £5 each, that evening to two indigent brethren. He concluded by expressing a hope that there would be a large attendance at the annual ball, to be given at Guildhall Tavern, on the 9th proximo, for the benefit of the Charities, and alluded to the pleasure they had all derived from similar re-unions in times gone by. The W.M. in proposing the Past Masters referred to the valuable assistance they had rendered him during his year of office, and to everything that was necessary to keep the Lodge in good going order. Bros. Pierpoint, Cusworth—who made a warm appeal on behalf of the Girls' School—and Harper, replied. Others toasts followed, including the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, who responded, as also did the Officers, and the list was concluded with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some good songs were sung, and the gathering was characterised by much heartiness and good feeling.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE usual monthly meeting of the above Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numerously attended. Bro. W. F. Kibble W.M. presided. Bros. Keable S.W., Baker J.W., Fendick S.D., Potter J.D., Skinner I.G., Headon P.M. Treasurer, Blackie P.M. Sec., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chap., and Past Masters Freeman, Stevens, &c. The number of Visitors was smaller than usual. Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read, Bro. E. M. Caslon was questioned as to the progress he had made in the science since his initiation. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and he was passed to the degree of F.C. Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, when Mr. Small, candidate, was impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. Droscher, one of the Visitors, entered into an explanation of the Masonic statistics given by him at a previous Lodge, which had elicited articles from time to time in the *Freemason*. These were received with great satisfaction and loudly applauded. Some other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and on withdrawal of the cloth the Worshipful Master gave the usual formal toasts. In response to that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain and Chaplain of the Lodge, said he thanked the Worshipful Master and the Lodge on behalf of the Grand Officers, past and present, for the compliment which had been paid to them, and which he had no doubt they would very much appreciate. He felt there were few members of the Grand Lodge who were more cognisant of the difficulties that arose in that great assemblage than the nobleman whose name appeared at the head of the toast. It was quite clear that in a few years if there was no alteration in the antiquated rules which at present governed Grand Lodge that it would soon resolve itself into confusion worse confounded. He felt sure that the time would come when they would be compelled to take into consideration the great increase in the number of Lodges, and make the legislation and constitution of the Grand Lodge adequate to the increased numbers. He was exceedingly pleased that the Worshipful Master had coupled his name with the toast of the Grand Officers, although perhaps he was one of its humblest members; but much as he honoured the position given him by the late Earl of Zetland, as Grand Chaplain, he felt much greater pleasure in being year after year chosen as the Chaplain of The Great City Lodge, and for the affectionate manner in which he was always received by its members. He trusted that Bro. Small, who had that night been initiated,—if they would permit him to use a bad joke,—would not be a small brother; he was glad that he had joined The Great City Lodge, and trusted and believed that he would not prove an unworthy member. He thought he saw, in the ceremony of initiation, so admirably performed by the W.M., the impression that must have made upon him. That brought to his mind the toast which he had been asked by the W.M. to propose, which was usually placed at the foot of the list, and by breaking in upon that rule he believed it would be more honoured in the breach than in the observance. Bro. Small had received his first degree, but there were two others more important, and he might observe that many men had received the first and second, but never obtained the third, for before they could do so the G.A.O.T.U. had given them notice to quit the world immediately. Their Charities were founded upon the knowledge of this fact, that they knew not what was in the hands of the Great Architect of the Universe, and they knew not what a day would bring forth. The Charities drew forth their sympathies for their fellow men, for the widow and orphan, who were left, like the leafless tree of the forest; but these three great Charities, so well known, then came to aid them. He preached no sermon, but reminded them of what was right and true; to assist in the great work of doing the greatest thing in the code of Freemasonry; this was Charity; and when he found that upwards of £30,000 was raised in one year towards the support of these Charities he said that was unique. After some further observations to the same purport, he asked the brethren to support the W.M., who would represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School. The W.M. returned thanks on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and hoped the brethren of The Great City Lodge would support him on the occasion which had been referred to by Bro. Simpson. Bro. Stevens proposed the health of Bro. Kibble W.M., and referred to the able manner in which he had discharged his duties in the chair. The W.M. returned thanks for the very kind manner in which his name was always received. If his duties involved some labour and time, they were well spent, and he was amply repaid by the kindly greeting with which he was always received. The Worshipful Master said he had then come to what might be truly termed the toast of the evening, a toast to which they wished to do the greatest honour. They had that night admitted amongst them Bro. Small, who had been well and worthily recommended. He might well consider this as the turning point in his life. He had travelled a great deal, and in taking the first step that night on his initiation, a wide vista was thrown open to him for future inquiry, and to aid in the completion of an edifice—of which he trusted he might attain the summit, which was the just ambition of every Mason. Bro. Small, in returning thanks, said he was deeply impressed with the beauty of the ceremony he had passed through, of which he had hitherto little conception; with that feeling he was highly pleased in having joined Freemasonry. The W.M. next gave the Visitors, expressing the happiness the Lodge felt in seeing them amongst them. Brother Droscher, of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, in responding, said: I am nearly ashamed of the honour shown me each time I come among you, inviting me as you do to speak on behalf of the visitors. Among my brother visitors there are many who would be more apt than I am to return thanks; this you must have discovered ere this, for I am not a master in the art of paying compliments. I can but thank you for the kind reception which we have met with this evening. We will endeavour to follow your example when, in your turn as Visitors, you come to see us in our

respective Lodges. This duty of politeness accomplished, allow me, W.M. and brethren, a slight digression. A few days ago, I read in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, with some sadness, that Peterborough Cathedral, so famous in English history, one of the most beautiful Gothic churches in the world, built by our brethren of the thirteenth century, was threatened with ruin. Mr. Pearson, a brother Freemason I hope, was called by telegram to give his opinion, and he declares it indispensable that the tower should be demolished. If, instead of coming to this conclusion, Mr. Pearson said it must be repaired, and I give that important task to my brother Masons of The Great City Lodge, I suppose you would have been astonished and much embarrassed, for there are few amongst us I think who would be capable of setting a brick. Does it not seem strange, brethren, that in this great Masonic Society, which covers the world, we meet bankers, clerks, and members of every profession, but few Masons, properly speaking? We call ourselves Masons, but not the slightest spot of mortar is seen on our aprons. This is anomalous to-day, but not in the past, now nearly two centuries ago, when our brethren were really constructive Masons. To find the solution of this enigma we must seek it in the Masonic History of England. Two centuries ago Masonry had arrived at a collapse, which I will relate. Many Societies had sprung up apart from Masonry, and there were schisms which had divided the directing authorities; thus in the fourteenth century, the abolition of the celebrated Order of Templars. This ambitious Order, which had absorbed for its own benefit all the Masonic Lodges of the Christian world, had contributed not a little to enfeeble the Order. Then again in the eighteenth century, which we have reached, work failed. The great baselisks were completed—those gigantic effervescences of stone and marble, which are always the admiration of poets and artists, and the despair of architects. All these circumstances have dislocated, and Masons were regarded with suspicion. It then became necessary to give new life and infuse new blood into the Association, so that, in 1702, the London Lodge of Saint Paul, now the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, came to a decision which entirely changed the whole Constitution of Masonry. That decision decided that Masonic privileges should no longer be the exclusive property of constructive Masons, and that members of different professions should be called to enjoy them, provided they were regularly approved and initiated. From that day the private and philosophical element was introduced. From that day, on which Masonry opened its portals to science and philosophy—to Voltaire, Rousseau, Diderot, Helvetius, Holbach, and many others whom I could name—dates Masonry's new era. The consequences of this decision of the Lodge of Antiquity were immense. It gathered together all the scattered remains of the dissenting Lodges—Templars, Albigenses, Parantines, and Bulgarees—to form, in the eighteenth century, the sect known as the Illuminati, which for a little while made the world tremble, and of which Cagliostro was one of the chiefs. From the time of this schism Masonry became philanthropic, humanising, renovated, and young again. It accomplished, in the interest of liberty, charity and benevolence, the work which the Templars had tried to appropriate to their own ambition, and which, so bravely commenced, was suddenly interrupted by Philip the Fair, King of France, and the execution of the Great Master of the Order, Jaques de Molay. That is why, brethren, you are Masons but by name, and why you will not be called upon to re-construct Peterborough Cathedral. Therefore, brethren, I am happy if I have been able to interest you by raising a corner of the veil which conceals our great Masonic history. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE installation meeting of this new and flourishing Lodge was held on the 9th instant, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, where the gathering was numerously attended. Bros. Simeon Jacobs W.M., Gulliford P.M. 1017 S.W., Coleman J.W., Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, Bourne P.M. Secretary, Jacobs S.D., Kedgley J.D., Dickson I.G., Stacey P.M. Organist, Solomon Steward, Feis M.C., Rev. Philip M. Holden P.P. Grand Chaplain Middlesex, Baldwin P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Albert P.G.P., Smith 1348, Roots 1273, Cox P.M. 190, Headon 779, Hyams 1348, Gross 901, Parish P.M. 1604, Davis 188, Marks 1349, Jacobs 704, Miller 1631, Richardson P.M. 1348, Bond 704, Reis 12, Smith 1563, Jordan 1580, Jacobs 1348, Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Hart 1348, Waghorn P.M. 946, Smeed P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, Isaac 1624, Butt 834, Gulliford 1017, Price 733, Fowler 1507 754, Wells P.M. 299, Hammond 569, Cooper P.M. 946, Hillier 946, Hart 1348, Madell 1201, Ralph 1421, Holmes 141, Demetrius 1348, Judge 1178, Hawkes P.M. 1071, Alexander 1348, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Jackson P.M. 534. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. C. Williams and Freeman were passed to the second degree, by the W.M. Bro. Reynolds, No. 749, was unanimously elected a joining member. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Gulliford P.M. 1017 S.W. and W.M. elect was inducted into the Master's chair by Bro. Jacobs P.M. and Treasurer, who conducted the proceedings in a very perfect and impressive manner, and at the conclusion of the ceremony was warmly congratulated by those present. There were twenty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present at the Board of Installed Masters. On the re-admission of the brethren the customary salutations were given, and the W.M., with some appropriate remarks, appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. S. Jacobs I.P.M., Coleman S.W., J. Jacobs J.W., Reverend P. M. Holden Chaplain, E. Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, Bourne P.M. Secretary, Stacey P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks Organist, Kedgley S.D., Dixon J.D., Solomon I.G., Figges W.S., Baxter M.C., Bassett A.W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. The applause that followed the investiture of each Officer showed the W.M. had made

a selection that was approved. The W.M. on rising said it was a great pleasure to know the members of the Lodge were delighted at the ability the I.P.M. Bro. Simeon Jacobs had displayed in conducting the duties during the past year, and in placing the P.M.'s jewel on his breast, he might say it carried with it the good wishes of the Lodge. He hoped Bro. Jacobs might be spared for many years to wear it, with honour and credit. Bro. Jacobs thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the Lodge for the splendid jewel presented to him. He hoped, while he had health, his endeavours might redound to the welfare of the Lodge. He would wear the jewel with pride, as a pleasing remembrance of his connection with the Covent Garden Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, eighty-four in number, sat down to a capital banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Madell. The tables were beautifully and artistically decorated, and the W.M. provided a "button hole" for every guest. Grace having been said by the Rev. P. M. Holden, the W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the toasts of the P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said he would call on a brother who had been honoured by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. on the auspicious occasion of his Installation at the Albert Hall. He hoped to see Brother Albert in health and prosperity for many years. Fifteen years ago he (Bro. Albert) initiated him into the Order. Bro. Albert P.G.P. was pleased to return thanks for this toast; he could testify to the zeal displayed by the Grand Officers. Brother S. Jacobs proposed the health of the W.M., who had ably worked his way to the chair. Bro. Gulliford knew the duties thoroughly, and would doubtless receive the fruits of his labour; he was well worthy of their respect. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden here gratified the brethren with his splendid delivery of "The Midnight Charge of Kassassin." The W.M. in responding said, after the wonderful recital of the Wor. Brother, he felt somewhat at a loss to reply. However, he might remark that if they would allow themselves to be led by the Blue Ribbon, they would have nothing to regret at having elected him W. Master. He thanked Bro. Simeon Jacobs for proposing the toast, and the brethren for so kindly responding to it, and now, before resuming his seat, he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Jacobs, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had not received a classical education, but by attending at Lodges of Instruction, he had, he believed, qualified himself to occupy the chair, he hoped to their satisfaction. The jewel presented to him that evening he should wear with pride. He thanked them for their kindness. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bros. Smeed, Levy, Cox, and Baldwin severally responded. In proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, the W.M. said if time permitted he could say a great deal; but as it was late, he would merely propose the toast, and call on Bros. Bourne and Jacobs, than whom there were none superior, in regard to their duties, in the Craft. Bro. Jacobs said, so long as he occupied his position, his services would always be at their command. Bro. Bourne followed, with an excellent speech, as also did Bro. Kedgley. The toast of the Wardens and Officers came next, and Bro. Coleman responded. The Tyler's toast was then given. Bros. Holden, Solomon, Master Solomon, Marks, and Bassett entertained the brethren. Bro. Charles Solomon ably presided at the pianoforte.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, 22nd January, at Brother McDiarmid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough- junction. Present—Bros. Banks W.M., Perkins S.W., Warren J.W., McKinley Secretary, Brown S.D., Sherring J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Carnock I.G., also Bros. Westley, Spencer, Tapps, Leigh. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Brother Leigh as candidate. The second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Sherring, and the third section by Bro. Westley. Bro. Sherring, as one of the Auditors, presented the annual report, which showed a most healthy account. It pointed out that sixty new members had joined the Lodge during the past year, and that a contribution had been paid to the Charities in the name of Bro. Johnson, and that the furniture had been presented gratuitously to the Lodge, thus avoiding any strain on the funds. Bros. Johnson Preceptor, McDiarmid Treas., and McKinley Sec. were unanimously elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year. The balance sheet having been duly signed by the Auditors, showing a good balance to be carried forward, and all business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday evening, the 29th inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Friday, the 19th instant, and was well attended. Bro. James Stevens P.M. Preceptor opened the Lodge at 7.30, the Officers being Bros. C. H. Wiltshire S.W., Style J.W., H. H. Wiltshire S.D., Bate J.D., Philips I.G., James Terry P.M. Secretary, Thurston P.M. Treasurer; there were also present Bros. Fullwood P.M., Williams, Pooler, and others. Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Thurston, as candidate, proved F.C. proficiency, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. and Officers, in a most effective and impressive manner; the traditional history being fully given, and Bro. Bate subsequently delivered the charge in M.M. degree. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and called off for "entry drill," and called on. Having been again raised, Lodge was closed down in due order. Bro. Poore was nominated by the Preceptor as W.M. for the ensuing week, the Officers to retain their present positions. Bro. Thurston announced his intention to serve as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and acknowledged a liberal support by brethren. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

THE regular meeting of the members of this popular Lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Lodge was opened punctually at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Mansell, when the following were present:—Bros. Bickerstaffe P.M., in the absence of Bro. Middlemass, acted as S.W., Reynolds jun. J.W., Hernaman Secretary, Brinton S.D., Marsden jun. J.D., Hall Organist, Forbes Steward, Voisey I.G.; also Bros. Richards I.P.M., Sugden P.M., Bryant P.M., Bradley, Cocker, Bigg, Parnacott, Thornhill, Webb, Britten, Lye, Brookes, Wilson, Gooding, Henriques, Dr. Gross, Heller, Turney, Partridge, Erskine, Knox. Visitors—Bros. Hawkins P.M. Kingsland 1693, and Dr. Bull Mount Lebanon 73. Mr. Alfred Partridge was balloted for; the result being unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of our Order in due form. The Secretary—Brother Hernaman—then read the Bye-laws. Several matters associated with the Lodge financially were discussed and forwarded. Bro. Brinton regretted there was so little of vocalization in the Lodge; they had an excellent Organist in Bro. Hall, whose post it was desirable should not be a sinecure. It would, therefore, afford him (Bro. Brinton) much pleasure to provide copies of anthems and hymns to be sung whenever the brethren assembled. It might be remembered that at the recent installation an anthem was rendered in a manner seldom excelled either in or out of a Lodge. Why should not vocalization be more cultivated? He was aware, in other Lodges which were far less pretentious than their own, musical offerings of praise ascended to the Great Architect of the Universe at all meetings. An animated discussion ensued, all being in favour of this musical introduction, and a Committee was formed, consisting of the W.M. and Officers of the Lodge, in order to carry into effect so desirable a suggestion. During the meeting applications were made by some brethren who represented themselves as being in distress, and solicited assistance. Bro. Brinton opposed the giving any assistance to those of whom they knew nothing whatever. In the cases at that moment under consideration it appeared that no applications had been made to the Lodge of Benevolence. Why not? They were warned continually against aiding and assisting such impecunious and peripatetic brethren, the antecedents of whom were questionable. He would suggest that due inquiry should be instituted before any relief be bestowed. It was far from his wish to stem the current of relief; what he desired was, that only the really deserving should be assisted. After a long discussion, it was resolved to relieve both applicants. Bro. Brinton here remarked that doubtless at their next meeting they would have a number of similar applications. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to another part of the hall, where Bro. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent-road, had served up an excellent repast in his approved manner. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were given, and pledged right loyally. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, whom he eulogised for the assistance they at all times rendered to the Masters in particular, and the Lodge generally. He associated the names of Past Masters Richards, Sugden, and Bryant, who severally responded for the compliment. Bro. Richards then proposed the health of the W.M., whom he heartily congratulated. The W.M., in response, regretted he had failed in carrying out the duties associated with his office on that occasion so efficiently as he could have wished. As, however, he had been so recently installed, he hoped his shortcomings would be pardoned. He would do all in his power to become efficient, and also to maintain the prestige of the Lodge. He had Officers around him on whom he could rely, who were conversant with their duties; therefore their co-operation would materially assist him. This afforded him great comfort. He then proposed the health of the Initiate, Bro. Partridge, who made a capital speech in reply thereto. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors. As a rule many Visitors were present at their meetings—on that evening there were but two. He would state, however, Visitors would always be welcomed at the Lodge. Bro. Dr. Bull acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the pleasure he had felt on a former occasion when he was present. He felt great interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and it was a source of comfort to him to know that, both financially and numerically, the Lodge was in a satisfactory condition. No doubt the introduction of more music would be attended by satisfactory results. The W.M. next proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and made a graceful allusion to P.M. Bro. Bickerstaffe, who had acted as S.W. during the evening, in the absence of Bro. Middlemass, who was unavoidably away. Any Master of a Lodge, who had the assistance of good Officers, was to be congratulated. He would include himself among that number. Bro. P.M. Bickerstaffe, in response, said he was not an orator, a fact they all knew. He was a man of deeds, not of words, he therefore would content himself with simply thanking the W.M. and Brethren on the part of himself and the Officers for the fraternal manner in which they had received and pledged the toast. The W.M. next called on the brethren to drink to the health of their zealous and able Secretary, Bro. J. Hernaman, to whom they were all much indebted. The duties their Secretary had to perform were arduous, and tentative as well. But the more labour there was for him to do, the more he seemed to like it. After some more remarks, the toast was pledged with hearty good wishes. When the Secretary was called upon, he, with great reluctance, spoke. He feared giving some offence to his brethren on points of internal rule, to which he especially wished to draw the attention of the Lodge; matters of seeming unimportance in themselves, but which had a great effect on the comfort of the brethren and conduct of the Lodge. He expected that other Secretaries met with similar difficulties in the prompt payment of dues, and in the thoughtless way in which communications were left unanswered, after even providing the members with the necessary material. This was a matter of "Home Rule," and, at the risk of being considered offensive, he ventured to draw attention to these matters on this quiet home night of the Lodge, rather than on an occasion like their last instal-

lation banquet, when the meaning of his remarks were but half understood, and concluded by hoping for the generous sympathy of the brethren in future. The W.M. then in warm terms proposed the health of Bro. Forbes, Steward, who in a characteristic speech replied. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of the evening. We must not omit to mention that Bros. Voisey, Knox, and Gooding, by their singing, contributed to the pleasures of the meeting, as did also the recitation of Bro. Hernaman, which was delivered in the style of a true orator.

OLD GLOBE LODGE, No. 200.

ON the 17th inst. the brethren of the Old Globe Lodge held their annual installation at the Masonic Hall, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough. The W.M. for the present year is Brother W. Parkin P.M. The ceremony was impressively performed by Brother Major Smyth P.M. 712, and Provincial Grand Master Lincoln, assisted by other Officers. The various Officers were installed for the year, after which the brethren and visitors adjourned to Brother Joseph Shaw's, where a banquet was provided.

LION LODGE, No. 312.

ON the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, Whitby, Bro. M. Smith S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. J. Stevenson P.M. The following are the Officers for the year:—Bros. H. C. Walker S.W., J. Brooks J.W., T. Tate S.D., J. T. Stewart J.D., R. W. White I.G., J. N. Lawson P.M. Treasurer, J. B. Dale Secretary, W. H. Attlay M.C. and Organist, J. Brand and H. Wald Stewards, T. H. Trueman Tyler. The installation banquet afterwards took place at the Royal Hotel, the W.M. presiding, while the S.W. was in the vice-chair. The customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

UNION LODGE, No. 414.

ON Tuesday, the 16th inst., the annual festival and jubilee of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Grey Friars'-road, at 3.30 p.m., when there was assembled one of the most distinguished and numerous gatherings that has been witnessed here for many years. The special occasion of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Ferguson, who was elected as Master at the last regular Lodge. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Moxhay P.M., &c., who for some years past has acted as Installing Master of this and the Grey Friars' Lodge. The admirable manner in which Bro. Moxhay performs his duty has become a proverb in the Province of Berks and Bucks. At the appointed hour there were assembled the following Officers:—Mount W.M., Ferguson S.W. W.M. elect, Wheeler jun. J.W., Withers Secretary, Parry S.D., Witherington J.D., Butler M.C., Blackwell I.G., Martin Senior Steward, Webb and Armstrong Junior Stewards, and Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Stephens, Bradley, Oades, Smith, Morris, Baker, Weightman, Hounslow, Blowers, Bradley, Long 663, Biggs Hon. Mem. Members—Bros. Sydenham, Tirbutt, Hawkes, Walters, Hayward, Tench, Rayner, Hart, Higgs, Sherwood, and Stabbington. Visitors—Bros. Colonel Heathcote 1101, Tompkins 414, Bateman W.M. 591, Vardy W.M. 1566, Heath 1767, Edmonds 1899, Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101, Trower P.M. 122, Tucker J.W. 1899, Fall 173, P.M.'s Ferguson 1101, Hurley 1101, Palley 1436, Stransom Treasurer 1101, Hawkes J.W. 1101, Blackwell I.P.M. 1101, Scribner 1427, Faulkner 1720, Beale P.M. 1101, Short 1008, Denny 1899, Brown 123, Ridley S.W. 1101, Barton W.M. 771, Margrett P.M. 1101, Batting P.M. 1501, Bent P.G.C. P.M. 1894, Ravenscroft J.D. 1101, James 1101, &c. After the Lodge business was ended the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Flanagan, which reflected great credit on the caterer, and to which about 70 brethren sat down. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, being interspersed with some excellent music by Bro. Dyson, of Windsor, and three other brethren, forming a quartette of unusual ability. The toast of the evening was most rapturously received, being that of the "Master," to which he felicitously responded.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, was held at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Stonehouse, on Tuesday, 9th inst. The business of the Lodge was an initiation, admirably performed by the W. Master Bro. R. Lose jun., assisted by W. Bro. S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., and a raising done by W. Bro. R. Lose sen. P.M. P.P.G.P. in the impressive manner so much appreciated by the brethren. The claims of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund to increased support was ably advocated by W. Bro. A. R. Lethbridge P.M., and W. Bro. Jew. They clearly showed how much good was being accomplished at the minimum of working expenses by this institution, and they confidently expected that each member would continue to become subscribers. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren with their visitors adjourned to Bro. W. B. Thomas's Great Western Hotel, for the annual banquet. About sixty-six persons sat down to enjoy the very bountiful provision made for the comfort of all. Bro. Thomas received well deserved encomiums for his liberal catering. The W. Master Bro. R. Lose ably presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation to the late Master, W. Brother C. A. Nicholson, who was prevented by illness from being present. It took the form of a very handsome clock, selected from the stock of Brother J. Griffin, of Union-street, Stonehouse, bearing the inscription:—"The gift of Lodge Ebrington, 1847, to P.M. Brother C. A. Nicholson, for his great zeal in Freemasonry, and the working of this Lodge especially.—December, 1882." A very pleasant evening was spent, the members and visitors contributing songs and recitations.

TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248, BRIXHAM.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, at the Freemasons' Hall, Brixham. Bro. James, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, Bro. Colston P.G.D. At the close of the installation meeting, the W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers to assist him in efficiently working the Lodge during his year of office:—Bros. Colston I.P.M., Gregory S.W., James J.W., Rev. R. Ebrington Chaplain, Woolley Treasurer, Kendrick Secretary, Grove S.D., Wheaton J.D., Smith Organist, Sevell I.G., Cole Tyler. In the evening forty-two of the brethren dined at the George Hotel, the spread being a most sumptuous one, and reflected great credit on Mr. Banfield, the host. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, after which the meeting became convivial.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday, 20th inst. Present—Bros. Hirst W.M., Ashton S.W., Weeden J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Dixie S.D., Galer J.D., Venning I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, Richardson, Darnell, Marks, Rushton, Glass, Jones, Houghton, Hatch, Gibbs, Woolf, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Glass candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Ashton was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was cordially voted to Bro. Hirst for the able manner he had discharged the duties of the chair, for the first time, in this Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Brother Forge W. Master of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Saturday, the 27th instant, when it is hoped there will be a numerous attendance of brethren.

A Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is to be held in the School-room, Bishopstoke, on Friday, the 2nd proximo, to elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer, to receive the report of the Committee appointed to consider the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions, and for other business. The Portsmouth brethren have unanimously resolved to support the candidature of Bro. R. J. Rastrick, of Southsea, for the Treasurership.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Charities Association will be held on Monday, 29th instant, in York, when petitions will be considered, and other matters of importance will be brought forward.

A handsome presentation has recently been made by the officials of the West London District School to Bro. Roberts, Past Master of Nos. 209 and 742, Past Grand Deacon of Berks and Bucks, and to Mrs. Roberts, Superintendent and Matron of the School, on their appointment to similar situations in the Surrey District Schools. The gift consisted of a superb liqueur case, with massive bottles of richly-cut glass, and a lady's hand-bag, most elegantly fitted with all the travelling requisites of a lady. Bro. Hume, a Past Master of 209 and 742, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies of Berks and Bucks, and Clerk to the Board of Managers, made the presentation.

A ball will take place in connection with the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, at the Langham Hotel, on Tuesday, the 6th of February, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Benj. Phillips, with the following Stewards:—Bros. E. White S.W., Moullet J.W., Chaplin Treasurer, Hill S.D., Halliday J.D., F. Smith I.G., Drake W.S., H. W. Williams, R. F. Botting, W. H. Pope, J. Phillips, Edwards, Bar, Cox, Raymond, Bisney, H. Hashmel, and J. L. Baker P.M. and Secretary. Tickets—including supper, wine, and refreshments during the evening—for a gentleman, 21s; a lady, 15s; double ticket, 31s 6d. A dispensation has been granted for the brethren to appear in Craft and Royal Arch clothing.

Bro. Victor Cerexhe, No. 142, was elected Officier d'Académie, by the Minister of Public Instruction, M. Devau, on the 1st inst. Bro. Cerexhe is Professor of French Language at the University College, Gower-street.

Several changes have taken place since the opening of Her Majesty's Theatre in the representation by the substitution of the various characters, and the *Yellow Dwarf* may now be pronounced an established success. To Bro. Cecil, in conjunction with M. Hanson, Chef de Ballet at the Grand Opera in Russia, and also at Covent Garden, great credit is due for this result.

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FREEMASONRY IN YORK.

AS a symptom of the vigorous condition of Freemasonry in York, we may mention that a movement is on foot to secure the establishment of a third Lodge in this ancient centre of the Craft. All over the country, in fact all over the world, Freemasonry is making extraordinary and unprecedented progress, and in York its vitality is being well exemplified. Some of the very earliest records of Freemasonry are preserved in this City, which is said traditionally to have been the birthplace of the art, and during the last and present centuries many Lodges have been formed and worked in York. The present "York" Lodge was formed in 1777, and was then called the "Union" Lodge, but changed its title in 1870 to "York." The Eboracum Lodge was formed in 1876. Both Lodges are exceedingly prosperous, and are doing good work for the Masonic Charities. A petition for a third Lodge has been recommended by both the existing Lodges, and has been forwarded to headquarters. Its title, we understand, will be the "Agricola" Lodge, the Emperor Agricola having been a great patron of the building art during his residence here, and having contributed largely to the fame of the Roman city of Eboracum, the magnificence of whose public buildings won for it the appellation of *Altera Roma*.—*Yorkshire Gazette*.

ON Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., the installation of the Worshipful Master of the York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial) took place at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street. The Master elect was Bro. C. G. Padel, and the ceremony of installation was performed by his predecessor, Bro. J. S. Cumberland. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Gainforth S.W., Millington J.W., the Rev. James Blake Chaplain, Seller M.O., Turner S.O., T. Humphries J.O., Whythead P.M. Treasurer and Secretary, Smith R.M., Dyson S.D., De Salis J.D., Balmford P.M. Organist, Rymer (Sheriff of York) M.C., Walker I.G., White and Slinger Stewards. At the conclusion of the proceedings the company sat down to supper at the Queen Hotel.

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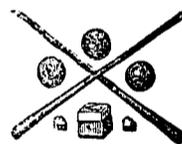
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