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APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IT is quite time we directed the attention of our readers to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The event is fixed for Wednesday, the 28th instant, and the chair will be taken by R.W. Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Superintendent of Surrey, a Province which, if it has not enjoyed the distinction of raising a very large subscription at any particular Festival, has been invariably represented by one or more brethren as Stewards, and has pretty impartially distributed its favours among the three Institutions. On the present occasion we may take it for granted that it will put forth special exertions, not only for its own sake, and from the interest it takes in the R.M.B.I., but also in order to show the respect it entertains for the chief who has guided its destinies since 1871, and during whose period of government the Craft has gone on increasing in prosperity by such gradual but certain steps. Speaking Masonically, perhaps, the County is not a strong one. A portion of it is included within the Metropolitan district, and the sums subscribed by the Lodges located in this portion will go to swell the London total. The extra-Metropolitan section of the County can boast of as many as six and twenty Lodges, but there are in it no important industrial centres, and Croydon and Kingston-on-Thames, each with four Lodges, and Surbiton, with two Lodges, are the Masonic strongholds of the Province. Still a great deal may be done when there is so popular a chief as Brother General Brownrigg, so zealous a Deputy as Brother the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G. Chaplain, and so experienced a Secretary as Bro. Charles Greenwood, Past G.S.B., not to mention such as Bro. Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C. and others, who have already on several occasions taken upon themselves the responsibilities of Festival Stewards, to the great advantage of the Institutions whose cause they have advocated. That the Surrey Lodges in the London area will be only too ready to help their Provincial brethren may be taken for granted, and we may look to see some extra zeal displayed by the immediately adjacent Provinces. In fact, the circumstances all tend to justify our belief that so far as Surrey and its immediate neighbours are concerned, the Festival of the 28th instant will compare favourably with its predecessors.

That such a consummation is most necessary is within the knowledge of all our readers. The Benevolent Institution, though the youngest of our three Charities, has grown to be the most exigent of them all in respect of the funds it is required to disburse; and, what is to be very much regretted, the demands on its resources are, at the present moment, exceptionally heavy, there being only thirteen vacancies to be filled up at the election in May next and no less than a hundred and thirty-one candidates to compete for them, and even this unusual number may be still further increased in the course of the present month. The sum annually disbursed among the annuitants is, as Bro. Terry very recently pointed out, £11,600, and to this must be added the expenses of the management in the shape of salaries, office expenses, maintenance of build-

ing, &c., &c.; so that we shall not be far out in estimating the total amount required from year to year as quite £15,500. This, of course, is a liability which it is within the competency of the Craft in England to satisfy. London and the Provinces muster together over 1300 Lodges, and a contribution of £10 from each, added to the permanent income of the Institution, would cover the liability, and leave a balance to be carried forward to another year. Unfortunately, the burden of providing the necessary funds for this and our other Charities is not as evenly distributed among the Lodges as we should like to see it. Some contribute regularly and some frequently, but others do so only on very rare occasions. Were this unequal distribution of support the result of a correspondingly unequal distribution of ability, we should studiously avoid making any comment. Charity is enjoined on all Masons at the very outset of their career, but they are at the same time bidden to be just to themselves and their families before being generous towards those who may need assistance. Still, when we have made allowance for those who cannot spare of their means, we fear there will be found a strong array of brethren who are not as strongly imbued as they should be with the Masonic virtue of Charity. Indeed, the published lists of successive Festivals place this statement beyond question, and a mere glance at them will show that the same Lodges, the same Provinces, and, so far as they are made known, almost the same brethren, go on figuring Festival after Festival, while other Lodges and Provinces are as invariably absent. We are aware, in saying this, we are only repeating an old complaint, on which for years past brethren of distinction have insisted. But the frequent iteration of the complaint, though it has not been without its effect in diminishing the evil complained of, has by no means removed it altogether, so that, with the increased and increasing expenditure of our three Institutions, those who recognise and act up to their obligations find that the task of providing the necessary means is one of unusually increasing difficulty. We have said before, and we see no reason why we should not repeat it on the present occasion, that all difficulty in raising the necessary provision for our Charities would disappear if only every subscribing member of a Lodge would set aside annually the modest sum of five shillings as his contribution towards the maintenance of each.

Other opportunities will no doubt present themselves between now and the day of the Festival, for impressing on brethren the claims on their support of the Benevolent Institution; but we must not close these remarks without referring to the special circumstances of the present year. We have stated the sum annually required for distribution among the annuitants and expenses as being fully £15,600, and though there are 325 old brethren and widows to whom annuities are given, there are no less than 131 applicants for admission—eighty widows and fifty-one brethren—while there is yet time for this number to be increased. These old men and women once lived in comfortable circumstances, but through misfortune they have been reduced to a state of comparative, or absolute poverty, while many of them have other burdens to bear; in other words, many of these unfortunate old people have the difficulty of supporting themselves intensified by the necessity

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

they are under of supporting helpless or invalid members of their families. Yet, as we have pointed out, there are only thirteen vacancies to be filled up in May, and, therefore, 118 deserving people, and it may be more, will have to be left to endure their present state of poverty for at least a further period of twelve months. This is a terrible tale of distress, which it is out of the question to expect can be alleviated entirely, but it must be borne in mind that the extent of the relief which it may be possible to afford rests almost entirely with the Craft. A handsome subscription at the approaching Festival may enable the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to increase, temporarily at all events, the number of the annuitants. We may be sure that Brother Terry and his staff will leave no stone unturned in order to bring about so desirable a result. He has achieved most brilliant successes in the past, and we trust he will be fortunate enough to secure one that shall mark the Festival of 1883 as among the highest of his achievements.

REGULARITY IN LODGE ATTENDANCE.

AS a Mason is known by the regularity of his initiation, frequent trials and approbation, &c., so also is a good and true Mason known by the regularity of his attendance at the meetings of his Lodge, the assiduity with which he applies himself to his Masonic duties, and the advancement to which he aspires in pursuit of the studies of the Art. We have often heard it remarked that many a man has been known to ride his Masonic "hobby to death," and unquestionably there is a certain degree of force in the simile, when we watch the progress of some brethren who, like the hare in the fable, disdain the tortoise-like plodding of more sensible men, scamper over the chequered floor, carried on the wings of a fleeting popularity towards their only goal—distinction. They covet every jewel that glistens on another brother's breast, and there is not a degree but they must possess its secrets. But in a majority of cases these men are of a transient disposition, and the overcharged enthusiasm which impels them forward, with sometimes ill-judged impetuosity, speedily evaporates, and often leaves its pursuer broken-winded or apathetic. There is a vast difference between these spasmodic spirits, whose ambition is fickle and unabiding, and those who plod on with steady earnestness of purpose, with the single eye of not only aggrandising their own position, and feasting on a brief span of popularity; but of affording substantial assistance in the hard dry work of their Lodge, and enriching others by the results of their own sound and persevering industry. These are the men who are the comfort and mainstay of the Worshipful Master, who have the vital interests and prosperity of our Lodges at heart, and who have the abiding satisfaction of knowing that they are held in the confidence and esteem of sensible men. They, too, are the brethren who exemplify the more useful virtues of human excellence, punctuality and regularity, which is so essential in every sphere of life, and which tell far more in the long run than the most brilliant flashes of intermittent enthusiasm. A brother can scarcely be termed a useful member in his Lodge who bestirs himself by fits and starts, and puts in a fussy show now and then of activity. We are aware that many men think it quite sufficient to put in an occasional appearance at their Lodges, and to "drop in" casually at a Lodge of Instruction. They know sufficient of the work to enable them to follow the outline of their duties in Lodge, and show themselves times just enough during the year to prevent them from being forgotten by the rest of the members. But this is not what we call praiseworthy, or any approach to the fulfilment of those duties which a Mason takes upon himself at his initiation. Far be it from any one to check the impulses of that ambition which fires the mind naturally when it is first illuminated with Masonic light. In the very nature of our Institution, the beautiful symbolism which then dawns upon the new-found sight of him who gains the "predominant wish" of his heart, "stirs the young blood," and impels him to stretch forth his mental hands to grasp a further instalment of those grand and glorious principles of which he has received as yet but a little foretaste. It would be strange indeed if the young Mason could be found who would rest satisfied with this first insight into our mysteries, and think he had completed his Masonic education when he had responded

to the toast of his health as the Initiate at his first banquet with the brethren. From this starting-point all Masons have set out on their explorations of the system, and it would be absurd to expect them to run all at the same pace. We might as well imagine the droll picture of a dozen horses starting for the Derby, and moving in a machine-like line to the winning post, all abreast. The race is not always to the swift, however, and it is the experience of most of us in every phase of life that steady and consistent perseverance is to be preferred—and is preferred—to the gushing and irregular speed manifested by the unstable and impulsive. It is, therefore, the greatest comfort and satisfaction to a Master, when he finds that on assuming his gavel he can count upon a certain number of the brethren who are always at their posts, to assist him in carrying out the work, upon whose fidelity and constancy he can reckon, and about whom he has no occasion for an anxious thought. We have seen the blush of vexation and disappointment mantling to the brow of many a Worshipful Master who, when he comes to the opening of his Lodge, is compelled, through the absence of his Wardens or other Officers, to select from the rank and file some other brother upon whom collars have not yet been bestowed. He is vexed and irritable, because he has invited a Visitor or two to come and see the working of his Lodge, and all at once he finds the machinery out of gear. Perhaps the brethren he has called to fill *pro tem* the chairs whose rightful owners are delinquent fail to answer his expectations, and the audible voice of the prompter does not improve matters in the least. This, indeed, is but a natural sequence in a Lodge where regularity of attendance is not one of the cardinal virtues, for we never knew a Lodge yet where perfection of working, and competency amongst the rank and file were very conspicuous when the attendance was kaleidoscopic and ever-changing. Far different is the view presented in many of the Lodges which it is our privilege and pleasure to visit, both in London and in the provinces. We have seen Masters who can stand robust and erect, and look around them with complacent satisfaction as they bestow compliments, which they feel inwardly are no mere platitudes, upon their Officers. There is a sterling ring in the utterances of such men, and it betokens the evident fact that regularity of attendance is a point most rigidly observed by members of the Lodge. There is no "screw loose" anywhere, and matters flow on as peacefully and as right as the proverbial fiddle. In the other case to which we have alluded, there is a jarring and an uncomfortable feeling of uneasiness, just as we find in a home where there is a smoky chimney and a scolding wife. It is pleasant to reflect that the latter aspect is but seldom seen, though on some occasions we have been literally pained at the slipshod way in which the work of Lodges has been scamped over, and the beautiful ritual laboriously mutilated. We love to see, in a gathering of the brethren, a pervading sense of inward consciousness that duty is systematically and well regarded. Then we discern the perfection of the circle of brotherly unity, peace and concord, such as should be ever manifested in a Masonic gathering. As a matter of necessity, the work must be well performed, for the invariable regularity of attendance speaks volumes in support of the inference that such and every brother has his heart in it, and unswerving interest in and fidelity to the interests of his Lodge. Better have a dozen such,—of men who are constant and true in the discharge of their responsibilities,—than a big show in point of numbers, but with a very small cultivation of *esprit de corps*. The point which we would wish especially to drive home to the thoughts of our readers is, that regularity is one of the first principles which should guide all Masons, and especially younger brethren, in their Masonic career. They have entered upon a path of duty which demands certain calls upon their time and thoughtful consideration, and they are morally bound to fulfil their obligations honourably and with assiduity. There must be no disaffection, and no apathetic neglect or glossing over of their responsibilities. In a word, there should be no drones in the Masonic hive, where there is so much excellent work to be performed. The strength, vitality and thoroughly healthy condition of our Lodges depends entirely upon the sturdy recognition of duty on the part of individual members, and should be insisted upon in the minds of every right-thinking man. It would be half the battle if this was always kept in view, as then we should have heard the last of

bickerings and heartburnings, and anxious fears on the part of Masters, of arrears in subscriptions, or disappointment in every shape and form. A lethargic and irregular Mason is a stumbling-block in the way of others, and should either mind his ways or keep out of the path altogether. His example is bad, and his influence is apt to deteriorate others. But a steadfast and industrious man is ever to be welcomed and respected, and many there are whose career we have watched with interest and gratification as they have attained to merited eminence, beloved and appreciated by all their fellows. Without making invidious allusions, can we not point to one instance, recorded in our columns to-day, of a ripe old Past Master who, for the long period of thirty-three years, during which he has been connected with his Lodge, had been absent from the regular meetings only three or four times? That is a testimony as to sincerity and earnestness of purpose but very rarely equalled, though we doubt not there may be some others who could bear similar evidence of their love for the "most beautiful system that ever emanated from mankind." These virtues are certain to find admirers, if not imitators, in every Lodge; and it is refreshing to obtain such a slice of honest pride as that which fell—in no boastful spirit—from Bro. Past Master Wilcox, at the Neptune Lodge last week. The spirit which animated him has been well infused into the other members of that Lodge, which ranks as one of the most solid and healthy in the metropolis. Reverting to the general principle, we would that brethren should estimate the all-important responsibility resting upon them of being regular and punctual in their attendance at the meetings of their Lodges. When this is thoroughly observed, there follow settled satisfaction, harmony, and excellence of work, whereas, if it is disregarded, there is nothing but listlessness, indifferent working, and often galling disappointment. Let every man make up his mind upon these points, and strain every possible nerve to support his Master by being ever present when there is work to do, and then, depend upon it, harmony will prevail, and the success and prosperity of our Lodges will be abundantly secured.

Yesterday (Friday) was fixed for the installation of Lord Brook, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Essex, by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire and Past Grand Junior Warden of England. It seems but the other day—indeed, it is but little more than two years and a half since the late lamented Lord Tenterden was installed as chief of the Craft in Essex, and in the ordinary course we might have anticipated for his Lordship a prolonged occupancy of his high position. But the G.A.O.T.U. has willed it otherwise, and our deceased brother passed away in the very prime of life, and at a time when the interest he took in the Province was calculated to be productive of the most beneficial results. We trust the new Provincial Grand Master, who is both young and enthusiastic, may enjoy a long career of usefulness in his capacity of chief. He has the best wishes of the Craft generally, and will, doubtless, rule his Province with firmness and courtesy, to its advantage and to his own credit.

The Sportsman's Exhibition, which opened yesterday (Friday), at the Agricultural Hall, and will remain open during the whole of next week, is well worthy of a visit. It enjoys the patronage of Bro. His Highness the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, the Dukes of Beaufort, Rutland, Montrose, Hamilton, Portland, Sutherland, and Westminster; Bro. the Duke of Athole, and Bro. the Duke of Manchester, as well as of many other noblemen and gentlemen who take an interest in our sports and pastimes. The exhibits embrace all the requisites in the hunting field, for shooting, fishing, coursing, racing, yachting, bicycling, cricket, athletics, lawn tennis, &c. &c. and cannot fail, therefore, to interest the British public at large. We shall take an opportunity of giving further details next week.

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Life and Old Age Assurance. By ARTHUR J. COOK. London: Finsbury-square-buildings, E.C.

THIS is the title of a lecture, printed in pamphlet form by the Secretary of the Victoria Mutual Assurance Society (Limited), and it contains many broad and comprehensive views on the subject of assurance, together with some new aspects of the subject. He starts with the uncertainty of life, and how it is overlooked by many of the provident professional, trading, and working classes; and laments the frequency of wives and families being left unprovided for, in consequence of the disregard of those principles of prudence and forethought which every man is morally bound to practise. He then explains the principles upon which life and old age assurance is founded, and sets forth, by means of simple and lucid tables, the rates of premium, and the advantages to be secured. There is considerable practical force in his argument comparing assurance with investment in clubs and friendly societies. In joining the latter, which give a certain sum on the death of a member, working men, he admits, to a certain extent do avail themselves of the principles of life assurance; but he asks any reasonable man what is the sum of £10 or £12 ordinarily given by clubs to leave a wife and family? It can do little more than meet the expenses of a decent burial. On the other side of the question he puts it—how different would be the position and prospects of a family, were a life policy left for £50, or better still, for £100? The author, however, seems to ignore the fact that in the friendly societies there are additional advantages enjoyed by what are called financial members. For instance, if the breadwinner is laid aside by illness, he is allowed a weekly sum from the funds of his lodge or court, besides which he has the attendance gratuitously of a medical man, whose interest it is to provide him with the most efficient treatment. Then again there is the ugly aspect of the assurance question, in which an insurer "lapses," if unable to keep up his regular payments, and the savings of months and perhaps years are forfeited. This is not the case in a savings bank or building society. However, the general arguments in favour of assurance are practical and founded on common sense; and a man is entitled to little credit for his providence or forethought if he does not secure a £50 policy, which he can do in this society for a penny a day, if under thirty-five years of age. There is a still more commendable feature in this little work, in which the author stirs up a spirit of independence and self-reliance in the minds of his readers, in respect to their avoiding the chances of falling back upon the cold hand of public bounty, either in old age, sickness, or at death. He points out that many philanthropists and others who interest themselves in the welfare and progress of the masses are of opinion that nothing tends more to earn the working-classes a bad name, and to retard their social advancement, than the circumstance that they, in their old age, or, in case of their premature decease, their wives and families too frequently become burdens upon the ratepayers, who groan and grumble under the ever-increasing poor rates. Instances are far from rare where the ratepayers have to bury the deceased workman, and provide for the maintenance of his family. In other and more frequent cases, a wife is left with little more than enables her to decently inter her husband, but actuated by those feelings of independence, and that love for her offspring which characterise most mothers, she strives to keep herself and children above the receipt of public or private charity. The change, however, proves too sudden, the task too great; her plans are unsuccessful, and she and her children ultimately become paupers. He urges abstinence from tobacco and alcoholic drinks, and describes in an interesting way the benefits to be secured by following out the plan laid down to us by the society of which he is a responsible officer, and his practical observations are worthy perusal by all thoughtful minds who have the forethought and sagacity to provide for the "rainy day," whenever it may come.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

THE LATE BRO. DE SAINT JEAN.

BRO. De Saint Jean, President of the Council of the Grand Orient of France, as well as of the College of Rites, died after a brief illness on the last day of the old year, at the ripe age of seventy-three, and was buried, on the 3rd ult., at the cemetery of Père-la-Chaise, Paris, a large concourse of brethren from the Lodges in Paris being present to pay their last tribute of respect to one who had been so long and so honourably associated with French Freemasonry. *Le Monde Maçonnique* contains a brief sketch of Bro. De Saint-Jean's career, and from it we gather that he was initiated in the Lodge *Saint-Pierre des Vrais Amis* as far back as the year 1834, and had consequently been a member of the Brotherhood for close on half a century. No long time passed before he was chosen to fill the office of Venerable (W. Master) of his Lodge, and thenceforward he took an active part in the proceedings of the Grand Orient. In 1843 he was selected as a member of the permanent Commission appointed to watch over the interests of the Order, among his associate members being Bros. Charassin, Roblot, Bonchet, Bessin, Faultrier, Morand, &c. On the 12th April 1844 he submitted a very valuable report on the necessity of exercising greater precaution in the initiation of candidates, and the same year he was nominated a member of the Commission charged with the revision of the Statutes General, their labours resulting in the Constitution of 1849. In 1845 he was chosen Orator of the Chamber of the Supreme Council of Rites. In 1857 he entered the Council of the Grand Master, which subsequently was transmuted into the Council of the Grand Orient, and it was in the discharge of the functions attached to this latter office that he made himself known to the brethren by his devotion to their interests, his zeal and energy, his benevolence, and his disinterestedness, all which qualities secured to him the general respect of the Fraternity. In 1872, on the abolition of the Grand Mastership, and the transfer of a part of its prerogatives and duties to the Council of the G. Orient, Brother de Saint Jean was elected President of the Council, and since then his re-election to that high office has been, as it were, almost a matter of course. From 1872 to 1878 he was in like manner chosen President of the General Assembly of the Grand Orient. His personal qualities made him beloved even by those who did not share his opinions. He laboured energetically, but with invariable courtesy, in order to ensure the adoption of the views which he deemed right, and calculated to prove serviceable to the Craft, but, at the same time, he accepted without reservation the decisions of the majority, and in that respect showed himself to be as estimable as a citizen as he was in his capacity of Freemason. It was characteristic of him that he rarely, if ever, showed any inclination towards extreme views. On the contrary, he exhibited a moderation of opinion which eminently fitted him for the high and important functions which he so worthily and so conscientiously discharged during the last ten years of his life. But irrespective of his particular duties, he took a considerable interest in organising the ambulance provided by the Grand Orient in 1870, while to him especially belongs the honour of having instituted the several courses of gratuitous education, to which so many French youths are indebted for the completion of their elementary training. At the interment several addresses were delivered, to wit, by Brother Cousin on behalf of the Council of the Order; Brother Viénot in the name of the brethren of the Province; by the Venerable of the Lodge *Les Vrais Amis*; by Brother de Serres, former President of the Masonic Orphanage; and by M^{me}. Braisbant on behalf of the present and past pupils of the Classes of the Grand Orient.

We learn that Bro. Grimaux, till recently editor-in-chief of *Le Monde Maçonnique*, has been appointed to the Secretariat of the Grand Orient, and that his place in the literary direction of our contemporary has been filled by Bro. Rocher.

According to the official bulletin, there are fifty-three Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council and Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic, of which seventeen are located in Buenos Ayres.

We are glad to see that our brethren in Jamaica are bestirring themselves with a view to raising funds towards the relief of the terrible distress entailed by the fire which broke out in Kingston on an early date last December, and, in the short space of twelve hours destroyed about one-third of the city, thereby rendering thousands of worthy people homeless, to say nothing of the many fatal casualties which likewise occurred through the conflagration. According to the latest returns we have seen, over 7,000 out of a population of 30,000 have lost their all, the value of the property destroyed being estimated at £650,000, of which only £150,000 is covered by insurance, the net loss thus amounting to half a million sterling. We consider the case of these unfortunate people is one that calls for a prompt and liberal contribution from the funds of our Grand Lodge. If precedent is asked for, it is only necessary for us to enumerate some of the many instances recorded in the Grand Lodge Calendar. Thus, in 1825 £100 was voted towards the "Relief of Sufferers by Inundation in Hanover." £100 was voted in 1867 towards the "Turks' Island Relief Fund," and a like sum in 1871 towards the "Refugees' Benevolent Fund." In 1870 the "National Society for Aid of Sick and Wounded in War" received £500, and in 1872 the "Chicago Relief Fund"—a great part of that city having been destroyed by fire—benefited to a like extent. In 1874 the sum of £500 was voted to the "Bengal Famine Relief Fund," and in 1877 £210 towards "Relief of Sufferers by the Fire at St. John, N. Brunswick," and £105 "in alleviation of distress caused by the 'Cataclasm' on the Coast of Peru." Some of the calamities, to relieve the sufferings caused by which these sums were granted, occurred in foreign States, and others in British Colonies and Dependencies, and Jamaica, which comes under the latter category, should not, and we believe will not, be passed over without some help being extended to her by the Craft in England. Nevertheless, the old proverb should not be forgotten—"Bis dat qui cito dat."

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold Duke of Albany has consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Printers' Pension Corporation, to be held on Tuesday, the 19th June next.

The interesting old church of Brackley, in Northamptonshire, of which the Earl of Ellesmere is patron, has been enriched by a painted window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street. The subject of the window, which is the gift of Mrs. Bayley, of Brackley, is "The Resurrection."

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted an invitation from the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, to deliver his lecture, explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree, at the ensuing Lodge Meeting at Dunmow, Essex, on the 20th inst. The attendance of members of Nos. 276, 409, 1280, 1312, and other Lodges in the surrounding district is anticipated.

Bro. Richard Poore has been elected Secretary to the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, which holds its meetings every Friday evening, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., under the Preceptorship of Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z.

The Lord Mayor has issued a circular to the Provincial Mayors, inviting their assistance in promoting the fund which is being raised at the Mansion House in aid of the sufferers by the conflagration in December last at Kingston, Jamaica.

Subscriptions to the extent of £1200 were announced at the anniversary dinner, held on Saturday last, in aid of the funds of the French Hospital and Dispensary. The Count d'Aunay, Chancellor of the French Embassy, presided, in the absence, through illness, of the French Ambassador.

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THE INSTALLATION OF SUCCESSORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Whilst agreeing with many of your ideas anent this subject, in your leading article of last week, I am disposed to think there is a very growing opinion in our Lodges that a Master cannot be said to have completed his course of studies, or to have acquitted himself with perfect success, unless he is competent when retiring from the chair to instal his successor into office. It is, as you say, sometimes the case that a man is so pressed with business as to be unable comfortably to spare the time required in mastering the ritual. But may it not be asked, if he cannot do this, why did he aspire to the rank of W.M. at all? And if it was his fervent zeal or aspiration to be ranked among the Past Masters that prompted him to ascend the official ladder, is he to suddenly lapse into indifference the moment he is decorated with his jewel, "in recognition of his able services to the Lodge," &c. ? Surely, if a brother has been able to spare the time, and has the ability, to acquire the knowledge and practice to conduct the affairs of his Lodge he might, during his tenure of office, manage, without any striking effort, to possess himself of the confidence and capacity of rendering the Installation ceremony as he retires from his exalted position. It takes no more time to do that, and not nearly so much, as to rule a Lodge for twelve months; and it strikes me it is rather a lame excuse to plead want of time and interference with business, when he has passed the chair, obtained his jewel as reward, and can expect nothing more unless some Provincial honour might suddenly crop up. The fact is, in many cases brethren are "rushed" through the minor offices, and pitchedforked into the chair, regardless of their competency or administrative qualifications; they struggle through their duties with a painfully frequent recourse to the promptings of the Past Masters, and heave a genuine sigh of relief when their time is up and they are enabled to slide quietly away into the "serried ranks" of the veterans! Such men have no right to W.M.'s collars, and the feelings of friendship or personal interest which hoist them into office are impolitic and un-Masonic. I am pleased to see the sterling desire evinced by most young Masons to secure a thorough grounding in their duties, before rising to posts of elevation; and it is refreshing to hear, as we very often do, a Worshipful Master say that amongst the rank and file of his Lodge there are many brethren fully competent to take the duties of any office, up to the chair, should they be called upon to do so on an emergency. This proves not only that discipline and sound tuition is imparted in the Lodges, but testifies, perhaps, more to the value of Lodges of Instruction, which cannot be too heartily encouraged. A retiring Worshipful Master is to be pitied if at the end of his tenure of office he is incompetent to instal his successor, and equally so if, from sheer apathy and laziness, he calls in the aid of a Past Master—much as the latter may "like the job"—to do for him. But I would rather be in such a position than that of the egotistical P.M. who, whilst rejoicing at every opportunity of making a parade of his own fancied super-excellence, turns round upon the well-known brother who has asked him to perform the ceremony—whether of necessity or out of compliment—and treats him with a dereliction of duty or may-be something worse. I know of more than one such inflated and bejewelled Uriah Heap, who from their self-complacent pinnacles, cannot look low enough to see how their sagacious "inferiors" are laughing in their sleeves at the vanity of which the possessors are apparently oblivious.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

SQUIB.

London, 29th January 1883.

THE "UPPISH" BOY WHO WAS NOT TREATED WITH PROPER RESPECT!

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having recently paid a visit to the Boys' School at Wood Green, I am perhaps the better able to appreciate your able and interesting article in which you deal very properly with a captious critic. He has got it, and smartly deserved it. On the occasion of my visit I found Head-masters and Officers as courteous and attentive as any reasonable being can expect mortals to be who have plenty of work on their hands and do not care to be interrupted unnecessarily by visitors of priggish ostentation, who, because they subscribe to the funds of an Institution (*sic*), fancy they are in some way monarchs of all they survey when they choose to pay a visit of inspection to their school. It would be a dull world, however, without a little fun, or even a little waspish spite, for that matter, to vary the monotonous routine. But what on earth could have induced the anonymous correspondent to hatch up such a fable as that which has set so many Masons by the ears, can only be found in his very fertile imagination. Those who know the School, and are acquainted with the splendid education there given, who are familiar with the sight of the chubby-faced, happy and contented lads, have seen them at their studies and their romps, and know how happy they are, will only smile at the vapid drivellings of

such bilions creatures as "S. X." They have had a good laugh over it, and the "goak" has done them a vast amount of good. Those who are not so well informed as to the interior economy of our School for Boys, may have felt a twinge of surprise and pain on first seeing so pointed an accusation against the executive and the entire system pursued there. But the very audacity of the charge stamped it as hyperbolic and untrue, and the disclaimers and refutations which have since appeared must have set all doubts at rest, wherever they existed. They, too, can now join in the smile which must curl on the contemptuous lip of all who refer to the snivelling "critic" who, under an initial, sought to disparage one of our best conducted Institutions in the eyes of the Craft, or those of the brethren who, living at a distance, are unable to visit the School more frequently; but the reaction will establish more firmly than ever their respect for, and appreciation of, the School from which emanate so many cultivated young gentlemen, fortified by a splendid education for the battle of life. The "critic" has posed as a mountebank in print, and the laughter levelled at him is not of the sort to be coveted. He has scowled upon the Boys' School, but, like the "terrible curse" of the raven in the "Jackdaw of Rheims," nobody feels "a penny the worse."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

AN AMUSED READER.

28th January 1883.

OLD GRAVESTONES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Last week, being in Rochdale, I was looking over the old gravestones in the churchyard, many of which bear dates from 1600 to 1700, but one I found, close to the church wall, between the buttresses, struck me as being curious:—

"Here lyeth Benj. Brearly Free Mason, who died Feby. 1737."

All the above letters are preserved, though the stone was broken down one side next the wall of the church. It is a very old church. In the year 1100 it was under the jurisdiction of the Abbots of Whalley. A chapel of Ease, under Rochdale, was founded in our parish by the above abbots in 1189 or thereabouts.

Can you account for the name Free Mason so far back?

I remain, yours fraternally,

JAMES LAWTON P.M.

Secretary Candour Lodge 337.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction has been removed to the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane. The members meet every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Richardson, P.M. of the Ebury Lodge.

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on the 25th ult., at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road. Companions Isaac occupied the chair of Z., Hunter H., Percy J., Gregory S.N., Sheffield P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. The ceremony was rehearsed in a very creditable manner. The members invite Royal Arch Masons to visit them.

A Lecture will be given in the Speech Room of Willesden High School, N.W., on Wednesday evening, 21st February, by Bro. Charles E. Botley, Assoc. Mem. Inst. C.E., on "Gas, its manufacture, utility, and proper method of using, for Lighting, Heating, and Ventilating, with some remarks on Electricity as an Illuminating Agent." Bro. Botley will illustrate his Lecture with Experiments, and from our knowledge of his practical ability, we anticipate his audience will be both interested and instructed. The chair will be taken at eight p.m. by T. D. Thomson, Esq., F.S.S.

The brethren of the Eccleston, No. 1624, announce that the Annual Ball in connection with their Lodge, will take place on Friday, 2nd March, at the Grosvenor Hall, Buckingham Palace-road. On this occasion Craft clothing may be worn, and Tickets can be had of the following Stewards:—Bros. Edward Powell W.M., Audit Office, Somerset House; A. W. Beckham Secretary, 182 Ebury-street, S.W.; W. Chilcott, 119 Alderney-street, S.W.; J. Galt Fisher Past Master, 57 Spring-gardens, S.W.; J. C. Flattely P.M., 3 Cambridge-terrace, S.W.; S. Jones P.M., 2 Colchester-street, S.W.; W. E. Moorman A.M.C., 200 Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.; J. Parnell, 90 Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.; C. Tayler S.W., 3 Cambridge-terrace, S.W.; W. Vincent P.M., 120 Ebury-street, S.W.; A. A. Johnson M.C., Hon. Secretary, 11 Cambridge-terrace, S.W. We tender our best wishes for a pleasant gathering.

Brother James Francis, one of the Managers of the talented Mohawk Minstrels, announces his eleventh annual benefit, which will take place at the Agricultural Hall, on Thursday, 22nd inst. On this occasion the doors will be opened at 6.30; and the performance commence at 7.30. We anticipate a large gathering of the friends of our worthy and popular brother.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE Annual Ball took place on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern, and was attended by about two hundred brethren and friends. Dancing commenced soon after nine, to the excellent band of Bro. Henry Tinney, I.G. of the Asaph Lodge. About twelve the company adjourned to the Crown Room for supper, which was most liberally placed on the tables, under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins, and presided over by Bro. John Hughes, W.M. of the Lodge. After the toast of the Queen and the Craft, Bro. Fowles, of the Ebury Lodge, in a few complimentary remarks, gave the toast of the City of London Lodge, coupled with the name of the W.M. The Visitors' toast followed, and in some well-chosen words was replied to by a visiting brother. Bro. Russ P.M. gave the Stewards, coupling it with the name of Bro. R. P. Stevens, Hon. Secretary of the Ball. Bro. Whur then proposed the health of the much esteemed I.P.M., Bro. G. A. Cundy, and after the toast of the Ladies, which was replied to by Bro. Hurdell, W.M. of the Ebury Lodge, dancing was resumed, and kept up with much spirit till half-past four, when the company separated, after spending a most agreeable evening. Bro. Jarvis was M.C.

CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the New Institute, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, on Thursday the 25th ult., when Bro. Newman P.M. P.P.G.W. was installed for the second year in succession Worshipful Master of the Lodge. There was a large attendance of the brethren, including Bros. Rev. Palmer P.M. 698 P.P.G.S.W., Salter P.M. 551, Petherick I.P.M. 551, Darwin Secretary 551, Look W.M. 151, Groves P.M. 175, Linfield P.M. 551, Houston P.M. 551, Saunders W.M. 551, Trueman P.M. 551, Durrant S.D. 175, Gabell I.G. 175, Williams 1884, &c. The installation ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by Brother the Rev. J. N. Palmer P.P.G.S.W., and the W.M. afterwards appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Dr. Dabbs I.P.M., Quickfall S.W., Cooper J.W., Bailey Treasurer, Judd Secretary, Greenham S.D., Cantelo J.D., Moorman M.C., Rayner I.G., Humby Organist, Buckell and Middleton Stewards, Mew Tyler. It had been arranged to present a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Dr. Dabbs in recognition of that gentleman's services to the Lodge, but owing to a professional engagement he was not able to attend. The banquet was served in the Masonic Hall by Brother Thomson, of the Madeira Hotel, whose catering gave every satisfaction.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Bro. C. Weeden in the chair, supported by Bro. A. J. Dixie S.W., F. C. Dixie J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Ashton S.D., Western J.D., Marks I.G., Potter, Flack, Clark, Ferrar. Lodge having been opened in due form, and the previous minutes read, the W.M. opened in the second degree, when Bro. Potter offered himself as a candidate to be raised, answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Potter acting as candidate, the traditional history being also ably delivered by the W.M. Lodge was then closed to the first degree. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until Wednesday, 7th February. The brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will work the Fifteen Sections on Wednesday evening, 28th February. Lodge on that occasion will be opened at seven p.m. precisely. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, at the Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. Bros. Acworth W.M., Porter S.W., Smith J.W., H. F. Tucker W.M. 1612 Treasurer, Wells Secretary, C. Botley S.D., Cunningham J.D., C. Bellerby I.G., J. Green P.M., W. W. Morgan, Jones, Botley, Clark, Brown, Owen, Dyer, Geflowski, William Seward, Wells. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Clark candidate. The charge was well given by Bro. Acworth. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. Some consideration was then given to a proposed change in the night of meeting, which as now arranged was inconvenient for some of the members. However, it was clearly shown that whatever night in the week should be agreed upon, would have some drawbacks, and as the Hall of the Institute, in which the brethren were assembled, was engaged for other purposes, it was decided that the meetings should be continued on the Tuesdays. Those present, however, pledged themselves to carry out the business with a greater regard to punctuality than seems to have been the rule latterly, and consequently we may expect a continuance of the good work that has hitherto been done by this Lodge of Instruction. Tuesday next will be Officers' night, when the members of the mother Lodge will fill the several chairs. After Lodge had been closed, the members of the Charities' Association in connection therewith held a meeting. There were ballots taken for three Life Governorships, of £10 10s each; Bros. Acworth, Essex, and Clark being the successful members. This earnest of what is being done for the Institutions by the brethren of the West Middlesex, cannot but be satisfactory to the Secretaries.

Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922.—An interesting meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at Bro. Charles Sims's, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, when the ceremonies of consecration and installation were most impressively rehearsed by Bro. James Terry Prov. G. S.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The oration and invocation were splendidly delivered, and the ceremony throughout elicited unqualified tokens of appreciation from a large assemblage of brethren, representing nearly all the principal metropolitan Lodges. Bro. Cross presided at the harmonium, and greatly contributed by his able accompaniment to the hymns and anthems. Bro. Antony Runacres (W.M. of the Earl of Lathom Lodge) was installed W.M. of the evening, and appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. P.M. Witts S.W., Chapman J.W., Taylor Treasurer, Spencer Secretary, George Evans S.D., Charles Evans J.D., and Sims I.G. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Terry for his great kindness in attending, and particularly for the perfect manner in which he had performed the ceremonies; also to Bro. John Mason for his assistance, and to Bro. Cross for his kindness in conducting the musical portion of the ceremony. These votes were ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The several brethren referred to having suitably replied, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. Supper was then served, and after the usual toasts had been duly honoured, some excellent songs were given by Bros. Cannon, Chapman, and others, the proceedings being brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. Among the brethren present were Bros. P.M.'s Mason, Farwig 180, Gallant, Ball 144, Moore, Markland W.M. 144, Cross, Cobham 141, R. J. Taylor, and many others of standing in the Craft. This Lodge of Instruction will be held every Wednesday evening, at eight precisely, at the above address, and brethren are cordially invited to pay it an occasional visit.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The first Festival of this young and prosperous Lodge of Instruction was held on Tuesday, 23rd ult., at Brother Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, when a goodly number of the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, served by Brother Monk in ample style, the viands being satisfactory, and the staff of waiters very attentive. The W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Brother Lovegrove P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middlesex, presided, and Bros. Harling P.M. and Stokes as S.W. and J.W. respectively, ably supported him. The following brethren, among others, were present, Bros. Poore P.M., and Francis joint Preceptors of the Lodge, Phillips Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Hooper, R. W. Pooler, Richardson, Poore, W. H. Williams P.M., Maitland, Bye jun., Cotton, Newby, Durham, Knight, Cawley, Letchford, Lee, Jones, and Wickes. On the cloth being removed the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Craft toasts of the M.W.G.M., Pro Grand Master, Deputy G.M., and Grand Officers past and present. Bro. Poore P.M. in proposing the health of the W.M., stated how pleased he was to find the W.M. of the Mother Lodge in the chair that evening. Brother Lovegrove thanked the brethren for their good wishes, he hoped the Lodge of Instruction would go on as it had begun; it had already done good service to the brethren of the neighbourhood. Brother Poore P.M. in responding to the toast of the Preceptors, said the honours should fall to Brother Francis, who was the real Preceptor of the Lodge. He (Bro. Poore) had promised to assist Brother Francis whenever necessity compelled his absence, and had had great pleasure in doing so on one or two occasions. Brother Francis also thanked the brethren for coupling his name with Brother Poore as one of their Preceptors. He was proud of his connection with the Lodge, so many of the brethren working with him so earnestly and well; he should continue to promote the prosperity of the Lodge by devoting himself to its interests on all occasions. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Treasurer Brother Phillips, and Brother H. M. Williams the Sec., warmly eulogised them for their efforts in founding the Lodge, and carrying on their departments so successfully. The Treasurer and Secretary, in responding, thanked the W.M. for his too flattering remarks; what they had done in the past, was an earnest of what they desired to do in the future. The other toasts were, the Visitors, Officers of the evening, the Musical Brethren, and the host Brother Monk; all being suitably proposed and duly responded to. Several of the brethren displayed their musical talents, viz. Bros. Johnstone, Lee, Poore, Monk, Cotton, Wickes, while Brother Poore recited "the Beadle," by Dickens, inimitably, and Bro. Lee gave "Look at the Clock," in a most telling manner. Brother Williams the Secretary presided at the pianoforte. The meeting closed with "Auld Lang Syne," after a most pleasant evening.

UNITED STRENGTH CHAPTER, No. 228.

A Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on 23rd ultimo, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Comp. Halford M.E.Z., supported by Comps. Timothy Scribe E., Hunter Scribe N., Fenner P.S., Edis 1st Asst., Griggs P.Z., Goode, Rolleston, Paine, and others, with Comp. Thomas Janitor. Amongst the Visitors were Comps. Percy J. 1602 and Pigott P.Z. 1266. There was no business on the agenda, and the Comps. adjourned at an early hour for banquet, when the customary Royal and Arch toasts were duly honoured, and an agreeable evening was passed.

Munificence, "In Memoriam."—A lady has given a donation of five hundred pounds to the Chelsea Hospital for Women, for the purpose of naming after her deceased sister, one of the Memorial Wards in the New Building, which is situated in the Fulham Road. The Princess of Wales laid the Foundation Stone of the New Building for the Hospital two and a half years since, and it will be ready for occupation in the coming spring. The same lady has given fifty pounds for the furnishing of the Ward. There are now but three out of the seventeen Wards remaining to be furnished, by special donations of a similar amount.

FREEMASONRY IN DEVON.

THE annual meeting of the Committee of Petitions of the Prov. Grand Lodge of the Province of Devon was held on Tuesday, at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. Amongst those who attended were R.W. Brother Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M., (who by courtesy occupied the chair), W. Bros. W. G. Rodgers D.P.G.M. the Chairman, Charles Godtschalk the London representative, Gover the Secretary, Cornish, Brewer, Stocker, Westlake, Rev. Whittley, Curteis, Orchard, Welch, Browning, Casey, Roberts, Swann, Mackay, Lord, Bird, Crabb, Fulford, Loram, Lethbridge, Powell, Harvey, and Hambly. Bros. Brodie and Bradnee were unfortunately prevented from attending. The minutes of the former meeting were confirmed. The Secretary reported that there had been only two elections since the last meeting of the Committee, that the number of votes received had been 291 boys and 202 girls—an increase of 24 boys and 13 girls over the last numbers. There was still a large number of votes diverted, and many lost by being forwarded after the election was over. The representatives would do good service if they would take it as part of their duty, and it really was, to collect and forward the votes as soon as issued from the Institutions. This report was received and adopted. The report of Bro. C. Godtschalk having been circulated, was taken as read. After discussion, this report was received and adopted. Arising out of the discussion was a question as to certain votes, and it was resolved, "That a committee, consisting of the P.G. Master, the D.P.G. Master, the P.G. Secretary, W. Bros. Curteis, Whittley, and J. B. Gover, have power to inquire into the matter, and settle it." Consequent on this question of votes, the case of the boy from Lodge 164 was withdrawn. The widow of a late member of Lodge 223 was elected to receive the support of the Province until her election. The widow of a brother of Lodge 39 (Exeter) was granted £5. The widow of a brother of Lodge 202 (Devonport) was granted £5, and these were the only applications for relief. Worshipful Bro. Gover having slightly altered his motion, it was carried, and now is as follows:—"A brother who has been relieved cannot petition again within one year, and a widow who has been relieved cannot petition again within two years." Worshipful Bro. M. G. Rogers was unanimously elected the chairman for the next year, and was warmly thanked for his past services. Worshipful Bro. J. B. Gover was also unanimously elected the Secretary of the Committee, a position he has held since the reconstruction in January 1870. It had been understood for some time that Bro. Godtschalk, who had been the valued representative in London since 1876, would not consent to be re-elected, and Bro. J. E. Curteis was unanimously elected to this responsible and important office. The members then resolved, with a large amount of enthusiasm, "That this Committee desires to express its regret at the resignation by Bro. Charles Godtschalk of his office of representative of the Province of Devon in London, the duties of which he has so well, so long, and so faithfully discharged, and to record their sense of the energy, ability and discretion with which he has managed the affairs of the Province, to tender him their best thanks and warmest good wishes. And that this vote be engrossed on vellum and presented to him." Bro. Godtschalk, in reply, said he was amply repaid for his time, trouble, and expenditure by their good wishes and the knowledge that his services had alleviated distress and lessened sorrow. He appealed to all to help him by subscribing to the great Charities he had so long endeavoured to serve. A very cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

No one is ever the worse for gaining a new wrinkle as to where it is possible to satisfy the requirements of the "inner man" with comfort, and at a moderate outlay. Not many days since we were in the neighbourhood of the Broad-street Station of the North London Line, and its neighbour, the Metropolitan Station of Bishopsgate, when it occurred to us that substantial refreshment was desirable, and we sought and obtained it at the "Union Café, Restaurant Français," 42 Old Broad-street. The "welcome snack" was capitally served, the surroundings being neat, comfortable, and business-like. Some coffee we also partook of was excellent, and as the raw material was ground almost before our eyes; we can speak of its genuineness. We can conscientiously recommend our friends to the "Union," located as aforesaid, where there is ample accommodation for 150 customers at one time, and where parties of three or four can enjoy their refreshment, if they wish, in private compartments, marked off from the General Cafe. Mr. C. Rosenberg, the proprietor, was recently chef at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, and is both a courteous and considerate host.

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THE STANDARD.

IT is well known that this is one of the best houses in London for Pantomime, and it is not surprising, therefore, that though some weeks have elapsed since Boxing Day, the "Little Red Riding Hood," purveyed for the public by our esteemed Bros. Douglass, should continue to be as great an attraction as it was on the opening night. There are one or two features noticeable about "Standard" Pantomimes. In the first place the acting is good all round. It is not the case of one or two "bright particular stars" and the rest of the company but indifferent performers. There is a high level of excellence, and all engaged come up to it. Then, the scenery is such as few theatres can place before an audience. This always has been remarkable, and is particularly so this year. Scene 2, "Region of Perpetual Winter," 7, "Amidst the Forest Shades," and 12 the transformation scene—"Under the Moonbeams on a Midsummer Night," being in all respects worthy even of the well nigh inimitable taste and ability of Bro. Richard Douglas. As regards the opening part of the pantomime, it is in keeping with what we have said, the ballets, and particularly that described as the "Spectacular Ballet of the Gnomes of Folly," in which the artists are literally what the programme describes them, as "a galaxy of Living Constellations," are marvels of taste and graceful arrangement. The Harlequinade is of the good old kind, and is thoroughly enjoyable by the young folk.

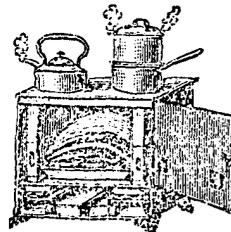
THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, SINDBAD.
HER MAJESTY'S.—At 7.45, THE YELLOW DWARF.
ADELPHI.—At 7, DORA. At 9, LOVE AND MONEY.
PRINCESS'S.—At 7, AUNT CHARLOTTE'S MAID. At 7.45, THE SILVER KING.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, THE RIVALS.
OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, BETSY BAKER. At 8.20, FORGET ME NOT. A SILENT WOMAN.
GLOBE.—At 8, A FAIR ENCOUNTER. 8.45, JANE EYRE.
LYCEUM.—At 7.45, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. This day, at 3 also.
STRAND.—At 7.20, KEEP YOUR TEMPER. At 8, COMEDY OF ERRORS. TODDLES.
SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.40, IOLANTHE.
COMEDY.—At 7.15, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, RIP VAN WINKLE.
HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, THE LITTLE SENTINAL. At 8.15, CASTE.
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, SOMETHING NEW. At 9.45, AN ADAM-LESS EDEN.
COURT.—At 8, THE HAPPY RETURN. At 8.40, COMRADES.
TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, TAKING IT EASY. DOT. At 10, Mr. GUFFIN'S ELOPEMENT.
CRITERION.—At 8, BRAVE HEARTS. At 9, BETSY.
AVENUE.—At 2.15, WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT. At 8, OLIVETTE.
GAIETY.—At 8, THOSE GIRLS. At 8.45, VALENTINE AND ORSON.
ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, IMPULSE.
IMPERIAL.—At 2.30, JACK THE GIANT KILLER.
STANDARD.—At 7, LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD.
SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7.30, ROBINSON CRUSOE.
SURREY.—At 7.30, PUSS IN BOOTS.
MOHAWK MINSTRELS, Agricultural Hall.—Every evening, at 8. On Thursday, 22nd instant, Mr. JAMES FRANCIS' BENEFIT.
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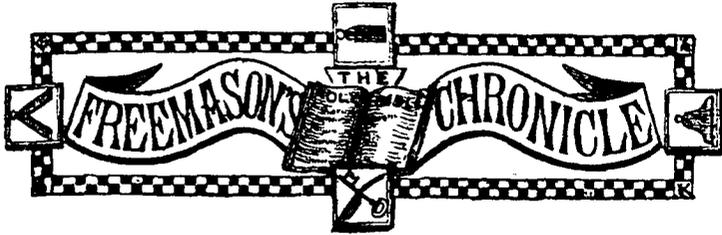
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 7th of February next, at six o'clock in the evening.

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

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th October 1882, to the 16th January 1883, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d.		£	s	d.
Balance Grand Chapter -	507	8	9	Disbursements during the quarter -	196	5	3
„ Unappropriated Account -	201	19	11	Balance -	681	0	7
Subsequent Receipts-	400	11	7	„ in Unappropriated Account -	232	14	5
	<u>£1,110</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£1,110</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>

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

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

1st. From Companions Reuben Williamson as Z., Thomas Barber as H., Clark Turner Kaye as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Holme Valley Lodge, No. 652, Holmfirth, to be called "The Chapter of Industry," and to meet at the Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth, Yorkshire.

2nd. From Companions Edward Loftus Roche Thackwell as Z., John Clement Cobbe as H., William Munro Jack as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Goodwill, No. 465, Bellary, to be called "The Goodwill Chapter," and to meet at Bellary, Madras, East Indies.

3rd. From Companions Joseph Woolley Brooke as Z., William Alfred Malony as H., George Frederick Smith jun. as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, London, to be called "The Duke of Cornwall Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From Companions William Henry Skinner as Z., Charles Moseley Nelson as H., Frederick William Edmund Dawson as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, Auckland, New Zealand, to be called "The Auckland Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand.

5th. From Companions William Lodder as Z., William Pollock Moat as H., William Henry Cooper as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Remuera Lodge, No. 1710, Remuera, New Zealand, to be called "The Remuera Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Remuera, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand.

6th. From Companions Nathaniel Goodchild as Z., Henry Slyman as H., George Clark jun. as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London, to be called "The Camden Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, in the City of London.

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

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

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17th January 1883.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation was held on the 29th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. Isaac Z., Littaur P.Z. as H., Henochsberg J., Lazarus P.Z. Treas., Emanuel P.Z. S.E.; Dewsnap S.N., Brooke P.S., L. Lazarus P.Z. as 1st Assist., Mann as Z.; P.Z.'s Lazarus, Dickinson, Levy, Gulliford I.P.Z., Littaur, L. Lazarus. Comps. Botibol, Lyon, Mann, Howard, Silver. Visitors—Comps. Eckstein 1196, Bott 507. Chapter was opened and the minutes of former Convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. da Silva I.P.M. 205, who had been previously balloted for, was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z. was perfect, and each Officer took example from him, with very satisfactory result. The resignation of a Companion was accepted with regret, and three candidates were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. Comp. Lazarus P.Z. and Treasurer announced that he was about to leave England for a time, on urgent business, and that he wished to resign

the Treasurership for a short period,—he hoped for not longer than three or four months,—when his services would again be at their disposal. The M.E.Z. said the Companions would all regret his absence, but he thought they had an efficient substitute who would do the work in his absence, viz., Comp. Emanuel P.Z. and S.E. Therefore he thought they need not accept Comp. Lazarus's resignation; consequently, he had much pleasure in re-investing him with the collar of Treasurer. Comp. Lazarus having suitably replied, Chapter was closed until the last Monday in March. The Companions then sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Gulliford I.P.Z. in proposing the health of the Z., said he had known Comp. Isaac for many years; all were glad to see him in his exalted position. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Gulliford for the manner he had proposed the toast of his health; it was always his endeavour to advance R.A. Masonry, and this Chapter in particular. In speaking to the toast of the new exalte, Companion Da Silva, the M.E.Z. remarked he had made his mark in Freemasonry, and was a P.M. of the Lodge of Israel. Doubtless he would prove a good and able R.A. worker. He trusted in a few years to see him occupy the chair in this Chapter. Comp. Da Silva said his thanks were due to the M.E.Z. and the Companions who had so ably assisted to exalt him into R.A. Masonry. The impression made on him was deep, and would be lasting. He hoped to do all in his power for the benefit of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of I.P.Z. Gulliford, whom they all respected, and with the toast he would couple the names of the other P.Z.'s. Comps. Gulliford, Littaur, and Lazarus very ably responded to this toast. After the Officers had received and acknowledged the compliment paid them, Comp. Eckstein responded for the Visitors. The M.E.Z. then called on them to drink a special toast—a happy voyage to their worthy Treasurer, Comp. Lazarus P.Z., wishing him God speed and a happy return. After a very able response, the toasts of the S.E., P.S., and the Junior Officers were given, and then the Janitor concuded a very agreeable evening. Companions Dickinson, Davis, and Eckstein contributed to the harmony.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THIS Chapter held its regular convocation on the 25th ultimo, at the Freemasons' Hall. Comps. Warner M.E.Z., Hyde Clarke P.Z., Palmer P.Z. as J., Nowakowski Treasurer, Paas P.Z. 28 S.E. pro tem, Johnston S.N., R. Kelsey 1st Assistant, W. E. Kelsey 2nd Assistant, Palmer I.P.Z. Visitors:—Comps. Tongue 1201, Loudon 1348, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was draped in mourning, owing to the death of the late respected Comp. Sherwill P.Z. S.E. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for the admission of Bros. Jagielski P.M. 537, Oliver Bryant J.D. 534, and J. L. Hayhoe 1163; these were unanimous in favour of the candidates. The two former being in attendance were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Companion J. Palmer P.Z. (who presided by permission of the M.E.Z.), in a very perfect and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. rendered valuable assistance as J., while Comp. Jackson ably officiated as P.S. Companions W. Paas P.Z. and Treasurer No. 28, and Dr. Corrie Jackson late Joppa Lodge 183 were unanimously elected joining members. A letter of condolence was unanimously voted, to be sent to the family of the late Companion Sherwill P.Z. S.E., of whom all deeply deplored the loss. Comp. Loudon was proposed as a joining member, and Brother R. Morley was proposed as a candidate for exaltation. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet, superintended by Companion E. Dawkins. After the routine toasts had been honoured, Companion J. Palmer P.Z. rose; it was a great pleasure to him to propose the toast of the M.E.Z., whom he congratulated on having so many present; he thought shortly the room they now occupied would not be large enough. He hoped they would give the toast the reception it merited. The M.E.Z. said he could hardly find words to express to Companion Palmer his thanks; he trusted during his year of office he had done the work to the satisfaction of all the Companions. He might add that he was exalted in this Chapter; he had worked in the various offices, and had reached the highest position the Chapter could confer; he hoped to be among them for many years. The Z. in proposing the toast of the H. and J. said, no Royal Arch Chapter could flourish without the combined assistance of its H. and J., they had the honour of having two distinguished Companions to fill those positions. He felt sure they would give a hearty reception to the toast. Companion Hyde Clarke Past Z. Haggai responded. They had many members of the parent Lodge with them, and he hoped to see many more. He might mention incidentally that this was his fiftieth year in Masonry. Companion Palmer P.Z. said he took the office of Joshua in the absence of that Officer. His great aim was to do all he could for the welfare of the Chapter. In responding to the toast of the exalte, Companion Jagielski rose to thank the Z. for his kind expressions. He had passed through the several grades of Craft Masonry, and now anticipated much gratification on acquiring new knowledge in such a sublime and beautiful degree as that of the Royal Arch. There were several members of the parent Lodge present, and he was pleased to meet them. Comps. Tongue, Loudon, and H. M. Levy responded for the toast of the Visitors. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the S.N. Companion Chaplin was one whom they all respected. Companion Dr. Corrie Jackson, who that evening had been unanimously elected a joining member, had ably assisted the Chapter by his perfect working as P.S. Companion Jackson in responding said, he had been introduced into the Joppa Chapter some years since by Companion H. M. Levy; he was pleased to be received as a joining member of the Polish National; any time they required his services they were at command. Companion Chaplin followed, and then the toasts of the Junior Officers and that of the Janitor were given.

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, 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 Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
R.C. 67—Stadholme, 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

MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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.)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farrington Hotel, Farrington-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1015—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
183—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
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, Woolwich
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.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
103—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crownale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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)
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Cretan, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1820—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 301—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Abbeistan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularitv, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
239—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street

- 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 880—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8: (Inst.)
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 248—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 338—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Roid, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill.
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hall, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goolo.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1087—Beandesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge

SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and proverbially efficient Lodge was held on the evening of Thursday, the 25th ultimo, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a very numerous attendance, including many distinguished Provincial and other Officers. Additional interest was infused into the gathering by the presentation of a well-deserved tribute of respect and esteem to Bro. Isaac Wilcox P.M., C.C., the excellent Treasurer of the Lodge, who had rendered such substantial service to it during the long period of over a quarter of a century. The retiring Worshipful Master Bro. Harper, Ph.D., had also fairly earned the compliment that was paid to him at the expiration of his year of office, the duties of which he had well and worthily discharged. Indeed, it was admitted that few men had more deservedly won the honour of a Past Master's jewel than had Bro. Harper. Under his presidency Lodge was opened, in accordance with ancient rites, when the Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. Slater S.W., Povey J.W. and W.M. elect, Wilcox P.M. Treasurer, Storr P.M. Secretary, Coulcher S.D., Cook J.D., Corbett I.G., Collins P.M., M. of C., Neats W.S., Watrall P.M., Ashwell P.M., Crauford P.M., Harcourt P.M., and a goodly number of other members, with Bro. Parkinson as Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Serjt. Robinson P.M. 136, Sir John Bennett P.M. 1, Rees Copstick P.M. 819 P.P.G.S.B. Herts, McDowall P.M. 948 P.G.D.C Berks and Bucks, Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1580 P.P.S.G.W. Herts, Kenning P.M. 1657, Massey P.M. 1928, Francis 34, Coker 198, Morgan 108, Hannay, Carter 453, Hayworth P.M. 15, Bonner 1257, Phillip 73, Bishop 180, Russell 180, Green 861, Wilcox 1658, Bailey 1445, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting Lodge was advanced, and Bro. King was raised to the sublime degree by the retiring Worshipful Master, who performed the rite with faultless precision, and to the unqualified satisfaction of the brethren assembled. On resuming, the Worshipful Master elect was presented by Brother Collings P.M., when a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Brother Povey was installed, with all the impressive ceremonial, into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Britton P.M. who discharged his duties most admirably, and to the satisfaction of all present. On the re-admission of the brethren, he was saluted with the honours in the three degrees, after which he invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Harper I.P.M., Slater S.W., Coulcher J.W., Storr Past Master Treasurer, Britton Secretary, Cook S.D., Corbett J.D., Hedderly I.G., Collings M.C., Neats W.S., and Parkinson Tyler. A massive and handsome Past Master's jewel was presented, on behalf of the whole of the members of the Lodge, to Brother Harper, on his retirement from Office, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during the past year. The gift was suitably acknowledged, and afterwards substantial testimony was borne to the high appreciation by the brethren of the efficient and faithful services rendered by Brother Wilcox, as Secretary of the Lodge. Brother Wilcox was cordially congratulated on his zeal and fidelity, in the discharge of his responsible trust, and his unwearied efforts to uphold the prestige of the old Neptune Lodge. In making the presentation, the newly installed W.M. said, it was 26 years ago that evening that Bro. Wilcox assumed the collar of Treasurer of the Neptune Lodge, when it was placed upon his shoulders by Brother Goodwin. Many and varied had been the changes he had seen take place in the Lodge. Very few of the brethren remained who witnessed the interesting ceremony of Brother Wilcox's initiation; they had gone, he hoped, to the bright sphere above. Still he was with them, though after such a lengthened term of service as 26 years he felt the time had arrived when he could no longer continue to hold the office. That being the case, the brethren had unanimously resolved to present him with a testimonial in recognition of his long and faithful service, and he (Brother Povey) asked his acceptance of it, assuring him that every brother of the Lodge joined with him in expressing the hope that his life might long be spared, and that the evening time might be calm and peaceful. Long-fellow had said—

“Lives of great men all remind us,
 We can make our lives sublime;
 And, departing, leave behind us
 Footprints on the sands of Time.”

Bro. Wilcox, in his departure from his office, had left his footprints on the annals of the Neptune Lodge, and he trusted this would stimulate every succeeding Treasurer to as faithful a discharge of the duties of the office as Bro. Wilcox had displayed in the past. In the name of the brethren of the Neptune Lodge he asked his acceptance of the testimonial, which consisted of a splendid silver salver, richly chased and embossed; in the centre was Bro. Wilcox's crest, surrounded by a garland and leaves and other ornamentation. The salver was supplied by Bro. Sir John Bennett, who also generously gave the cost of the engraving as his contribution to the testimonial. In addition to the unusually rich embellishment, which was much admired, the salver bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
 Brother ISAAC WILCOX P.M.,
 by the members of
 THE NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22,
 In grateful recognition of his valuable services as
 Treasurer, for Twenty-Six Years.
 January 25th 1883.

Accompanying the gift was a beautifully illuminated address on vellum, enclosed in a massive gilt frame and glazed, which was pronounced to be a most recherché specimen of artistic work. The address, which was engrossed in the finest style of the art, and was much admired for the beauty of its design and finish, was executed

by Bro. Robert W. Coulcher, of 50 Chancery-lane, and ran as follows:—

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 23,
Presented to

Brother ISAAC WILCOX P.M.,

upon his retirement from the office of Treasurer, as a token of fraternal regard, and appreciation, by the brethren, of the valuable services he rendered to the Lodge in that capacity during a period extending over a quarter of a century.

Initiated 1850; Master 1855; Treasurer 1857.

(Signed) JOHN HARPER S.W., HENRY POVEY J.W., E. F. STORR P.M. Sec., GEORGE BRITTON I.P.M., R. W. COULCHER S.D., W. COOK J.D., JOSEPH CORBETT I.G.

Bro. Wilcox, who on rising to acknowledge the handsome gift, was cordially received, said their Worshipful Master had been very kind in the observations which he had been pleased to make in regard to himself, and he thanked Bro. Povey and the brethren very much for their too flattering recognition of his very humble services during the twenty-six years he had filled the office of Treasurer. He assured them it was with considerable regret that he felt it his duty to ask them to release him from that responsibility. He was very sorry indeed to relinquish the office, because he had worked in the Lodge for thirty-three years, during the whole of which time he had served as an Officer, from I.G. to W.M., and ultimately as Treasurer. He had throughout all that time been absent from his post only three or four times at the utmost, and that was saying a good deal. He thanked God for giving him health and strength to be able to continue amongst the brethren; and he hoped he might be spared for many years to enjoy the kindly, friendly association of the brethren, such as he had experienced during the last thirty-three years. This was a long time, and he was sorry to say he was the only member of the Lodge remaining who was present at his initiation in 1850. There were, he believed, Bro. Townsend, and the late Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Thomas Eames, still in existence, and there was also Bro. Norman, who, he regretted to say, was a great invalid, who joined the Lodge at an early period, and from whom he had received an affectionate letter, regretting his inability to be present on this occasion. As the W.M. had observed, many changes had taken place during the time that he had been connected with this Lodge, and he was pleased to say—not that he wished to take any credit to himself for it—there had been instilled into the minds of all the brethren the essential necessity for good working. Without this, a Lodge lost its position and prestige in Masonry. He had endeavoured, during the twenty-six years of his term of office, to keep the Lodge in a position which, he hoped, it would always maintain. He held it to be one of the essential points that a Treasurer should keep his Lodge free from debt as far as possible, and felt sure that this would be the aim of his successor, as it had been his in the past. He was deeply sensible of the great compliment which the Lodge had paid him. He regretted leaving the post he had held so long, but his time was encroached upon in so many ways, and he felt he could not consistently hold the office without being present at the Lodge meetings. That was his only reason why he asked the brethren not to re-elect him. Bro. Wilcox resumed his seat amidst prolonged applause. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided, and the arrangements, as usual, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills, gave the utmost satisfaction. The usual Loyal toast, and that of our Masonic Rulers, having been disposed of, the Immediate Past Master said once more he took the gavel in his hand, though it was with very different feelings to those with which he laid hold of it twelve months ago. To-night it was to him a sign of decadence, and however much he might feel he had shed a sort of rushlight ray of light over the Lodge during his year of office, it now paled before the sunbeams that had risen in the Masonic firmament. He must hide his diminished head, and pale his uneffectual fire; but really he rose with great pleasure to propose the toast of their newly-installed Worshipful Master. In doing so, he would not employ the usual platitudes, hoping the office had fallen into abler hands, and upon one who would do some justice to it, and so on, because he did not think any one was more capable of doing justice to it than he was himself. He would explain what he meant. They could only judge of Bro. Povey by what was past; and as he happened to be intimately acquainted with him for several years, and had studied with him in their Masonic duties, he could say that Bro. Povey was perfectly able to perform the task of the office to which he had been elected, from beginning to end. Two years ago, he (the speaker) considered himself inefficient, and feeling that he did not know the ritual completely, he made up his mind to resign; Bro. Povey assisted him at that time, and the way in which he prompted at times perfectly astonished him how he had acquired the knowledge. Therefore, he was qualified to let the brethren know that the prestige of the Neptune Lodge would not be lessened in the hands of their present W.M. He knew of no one who had worked harder to perfect himself in his working, from the lowest grade upwards; therefore, it was with the greatest pride that he found the members of the Lodge had unanimously voted him to the chair. Bro. Povey had given them a slight inkling of the way in which he could perform his duties at the social board, which was all they could wish. But as they were so particular, and considered that no man should take the office unless he was competent to undertake it properly,—to equal, if he did not surpass, any who had preceded him,—he thought they would be pleased to know they were perfectly justified in the selection they had just made. He had, therefore, very great pleasure in wishing Bro. Povey long life and happiness, to enjoy their respect and esteem. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. Povey tendered his thanks for the very kindly way in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast. He assured them that, in the future, as he had

done in the past, he should do his utmost to promote the best interests of the Neptune Lodge. He was fully alive to his many shortcomings, but he felt he could look with confidence to the brethren to bear with his imperfections, feeling sure he should do as well as he could, however imperfectly it might be. He hoped the year upon which they had entered would be full of pleasure and prosperity to them all, and again he sincerely thanked them for their invariable kindness towards him. In turn he proposed the Visitors, of whom he was pleased to see upwards of twenty on this occasion. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. Sir John Bennett and Serjeant Robinson. Sir John, in response, said he esteemed it a most distinguished honour, in the heart of the City, to be a guest of this ancient Neptune Lodge. Whatever they might think of other public matters, attending as many of them did the most gorgeous ceremonials, on great occasions, he looked with the most profound reverence and respect upon the Masonic Craft and its objects. They could not write a history of the human race without attributing to the Craft the most distinguished and honourable career during the last 3000 years. It had run through every phase of human existence. Century after century, whatever else had changed, Masonry had not changed. Empires had risen and fallen; dynasties, kings, and princes had come, had done their work, and had passed away. Even religions had changed, but Freemasonry stood where it did from its origin 3000 years ago. He said they little knew, for history could not tell them—the very character of Masonic operations precluded it—history could not tell them how much the world was indebted to the Craft. Whatever was going on in times of tyranny, whether in the Church or State, in all the varied forms of kingcraft or priestcraft, century after century, there stood the Masonic Lodges, wherever civilisation appeared, doing their work; there alone stood the Craft. Yes, throughout the dark ages, while the great mass of the people were in intellectual darkness, Masonry was doing its work quietly and silently, even under the ægis of the Church itself. When they saw its magnificent governance, and the external and visible signs of the theological authority, we know how much they were indebted to the Craft for their material progress; and more than that, there resided some of the brightest spirits to whom the world had been indebted for its liberty, both civil and religious. Coming down to later times, they knew how much the Craft had done for the intellectual advancement of succeeding generations. For all this they took credit to the Craft, and he, as a most humble visitor, and Masonically an insignificant one, felt how honoured they must be, seeing all this great progress, and how much the world was indebted for its social, moral and material prosperity to this remarkable and valuable Institution. He thanked the brethren sincerely for the hospitality they had extended to the Visitors, and wished for the Lodge a long career of future success. Bro. Serjeant Robinson and Bro. McDowall also responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, and Bro. Harper, in reply, said the Past Masters were invariably referred to as props of the Lodge to which they belonged. He had only been a few minutes in that position, and therefore he did not know that he need say anything about it, excepting that they all had a great interest in the Lodge, and that in future they would only be too happy to do all they could for its welfare. He trusted those who had been initiated during his year of office would do justice to themselves as Masons, and be a credit to the Lodge. They must all have been delighted that evening whilst listening to the performance on the violin by one of the brethren he had the honour of initiating, and others possessed equal talents, though of a varied character. He felt proud of having introduced those brethren, for he was always anxious about young men. He never lost an opportunity of persuading them to do the best they could to perfect themselves so as to occupy the position they might be called upon to fill, and he would do all in his power to further their interests. What all should aim at was to uphold the status of the Neptune Lodge by those who came amongst them; and he was proud to know that many brethren who had not the chance of reaching the chair for years to come, were in a position to do so now if they were called upon. Years ago a very different state of things existed. The road to the chair was a hard one to travel, and everything depended upon commencing early. Therefore, it behoved all who aspired to that office, however remote the chance appeared to be, to prepare themselves, and when the opportunity offered, let them accept it at once. He was, of course, pleased to have passed the chair, and now to occupy the position of I.P.M. As Past Masters, they were imbued with the same feeling, viz., the interest of the Lodge and how they could best advance its usefulness and prosperity. So far as he was concerned, he did not intend to relax his energies in that direction, but should continue to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge. In proposing the health of the late Treasurer, the Worshipful Master said this was the last time the name of Bro. Wilcox would be coupled with the toast of Treasurer of the Neptune Lodge, and it would be an omission on their part if they failed to do honour to it on this occasion. He then formally asked Bro. Wilcox's acceptance of the salver and address to which we have alluded above, as a further mark of their affection and recognition of the faithful services he had rendered to the Lodge. Long might he live to enjoy the gifts, and when with him time should be no more, might they be handed down to his children and children's children. Bro. Wilcox, in acknowledgment, said he must confess he was at a loss to find words to express what he felt on the present occasion. He thought, when he expressed himself in the Lodge-room of the compliment and high honour conferred upon him by the members of the Lodge for the very humble services he had rendered; but he now felt he had the additional duty laid upon him to return his sincere thanks, because he looked upon this testimonial as a vote, or rather a spontaneous response to a call that had been made upon them to present him with an additional compliment in the most elegant piece of plate which had just been placed before him. He assured them, in accepting it, he did so with the most heartfelt feelings of gratitude to every member of the Lodge. As long as he lived it would be treasured near to his heart, and would be handed down to those nearest and dearest to

him. He looked upon Masonry as one of the most beautiful Institutions that ever emanated from mankind, and had ever said there was no society or association—no meeting of men—where there was that sympathy and feeling as there existed amongst Masons. The more they knew and saw of each other, the more they must feel convinced this they was the true system of Brotherhood, when it was carried out as it should be, as it was intended. Nothing is more gratifying to an Officer, when he has endeavoured to the best of his ability to discharge the duties imposed upon him than to have, after many years, such recognition as he had received to-night. He alluded again to the many changes that had taken place during his thirty-three years' connection with the Lodge, and he was pleased to see it now in the height of its prosperity. When he first joined it, it consisted of a different body of men from those of whom it was at present composed. They met at a house close to the King's Head, in the Poultry, and very few of the brethren could now remember such a place, though it was a very grand house at that time, with large tanks in which live turtles were kept, and which crawled about the yard. They stayed there till the house was wanted for public improvement, and they went to the St. George, in St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, where, he was sorry to say, they met with sad reverses. The property got into difficulties, and their furniture was seized, and, as a consequence, they had to meet at the London Tavern, the proprietors kindly consenting to take them for a time. He described many other vicissitudes through which the Lodge had passed, and congratulated the brethren upon its present proud position. Several other toasts were honoured, including the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, Prosperity to the Lodge, and the Masonic Charities, the list being brought to a conclusion at a late hour, with the Tyler's toast. A most enjoyable reunion was thus closed happily.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THE members of this Lodge met in goodly numbers at the Guild-hall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday, 25th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Roberts W.M., who was supported by Bros. Schadler S.W., Rich J.W., Brown P.M. Hon. Secretary, Hawkins S.D., Marshall J.D., Gregory I.G., Walker M.C., Jones Steward, Chicken I.P.M., Daniel P.M., Ferry P.M., and about thirty other brethren, with Bro. Banks Tyler (acting for Bro. Speight P.M.) Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Maidwell P.M. 27, Butler 130, and others. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient usage, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was opened for Mr. Buggins, of Bowling Green-lane, Clerkenwell, who had been proposed by Bro. Jones, and seconded by the Secretary. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Buggins was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. Bentley Haynes, J.D. of the Egyptian Lodge 27, was unanimously admitted a joining member, on the proposition of the Worshipful Master, seconded by the Secretary. The business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren and Visitors adjourned for supper, and at the conclusion of a substantial repast the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ECONOMY LODGE, No. 76.

THE installation of Bro. W. H. Jacobs as W.M. of the above Lodge took place on Friday, 26th ult., in a very full Lodge, in the presence of many past and Provincial G. Officers, Bro. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, arriving in time to witness the ceremony. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Harris P.M. P.P.G.W. At its close the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Nixon I.P.M., Powell S.W., Stopher P.M. Treasurer, Gamon P.M. Secretary, Dodd Sec. 1833 Organist, W. Stopher S.D., Cox J.D., Clifton and Gover Stewards, Marks J.W., Goodwin M.C., Murray Inner Guard, Sims Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks to the P.Prov. G.M. was given from the chair for his kindness in attending, at much inconvenience to himself, and Bro. Beach responded with his usual heartiness and felicity. The banquet was served at the Royal Hotel in Mrs. Sprigg's best style. About forty brethren were present. It was stated that the Worshipful Brother and P.G.M. was, this next spring, going to promote a good work in connection with the Girls' School, and it was hoped he would have the support, financial and personal, of the brethren in his project. There were Visitors from Basingstoke, Portsmouth, Ventnor, Southampton; Winchfield and other Masonic centres, including Bros. Hayman P.M. 257 P.G.R., Rake 487 P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Willmott P.M. P.G.S.B., Townsend P.M. 1902 P.G.R., Beale W.M. 482, Hall W.M. 257, Goldsmith W.M. 302, Rev. A. C. Hervey J.W. 309, and others.

INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 186.

THE installation meeting of this sound working Lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended. The chair was occupied by Bro. Allison P.M., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Johnston, who unfortunately had met with an accident. Bros. J. J. Taffs S.W., Horsley J.W., Mann P.M. Treasurer, Seex P.M. Secretary, Page J.D., P.M. Philips, Robinson, Lake, Tallent, and Hook. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former and emergency meeting of 9th January were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Taffs S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Allison P.M., in the presence of twenty-one W.M.'s and P.M.'s, Bro. Horsley acting as M.C. The customary salutations were given, and the W.M. appointed and invested as his Officers:—Bros. Horsley S.W., Hook J.W., Mann P.M. Treasurer, Seex P.M. Secretary, Page S.D., Earl J.D., Westley I.G., Hollands

and Sherring Stewards, Allison P.M. M.C., Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Bro. Mann was appointed Steward to represent the Lodge at the Boys' Festival, and the Lodge headed the list with its usual liberal donation. A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. Johnson, in consequence of the accident which prevented his attendance, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. Many toasts were ably proposed, and the W.M. and Officers were highly complimented upon the efficiency of the Lodge in every respect. A select programme of music was well arranged and ably executed. Amongst those present were Bros. Carmaud 548, Poupard 9, Clarke 1950, Marsh 1326, Eagle 1901, Richard P.M. 954, Johnson 1541, Langton W.M. 1673, and No. 1 G.M. Lodge, Lowry W.M. 1839, Skelton P.M. 1506, Ayling W.M. 975, Carington W.M. 1314, Moody P.M. 1287, Madell 1201, Calvert 780, Pearcy W.M. 1427, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

CANDOUR LODGE, No. 337.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place in the new Masonic Rooms, Upper Mill, Oldham, on the 18th ultimo, Bro. John Hirst P.M. P.P.J.G.W. installed Bro. Drake S.W. as W.M. John Buckley S.W., T. G. Platt J.W., H. Walker P.M. Treasurer, J. Lawton P.M. Secretary, James Young S.D., T. H. Tanner J.D., E. W. Platt P.M. Organist, Thomas Stott I.G., received their respective collars. The brethren met at high twelve. Banquet at 3-30, at which sixty-eight brethren attended. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, interspersed with singing. The meeting separated at 10-30, in peace and good harmony.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday, 29th ultimo, at Brother McDiarmid's, Cambria Tavern, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Perkins W.M., Warren S.W., Brown J.W., McDiarmid Treasurer, Cornock S.D., Reynolds J.D., Taffs I.G., Johnson Preceptor; also Bros. Westley, Bellis, Sherring, Westmore, Banks. After preliminaries, the second section of the first lecture was worked by Brother Westley, and the third by Brother Sherring, the brethren answering the various questions in a satisfactory manner. The W.M. then ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother Banks acting as candidate. Thanks were voted to Bros. Miller and Sherring for their presents of aprons to the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in antique form and adjourned till Monday, 5th February, at 7-30 p.m.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., on Saturday, the 27th ultimo. Present—Brothers R. P. Forge W.M., Ashton S.W., Galer J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Venning S.D., A. Ferrar J.D., J. Rhodes I.G.; also Brothers Brasted, A. M. Marks, Weeden, Dixie, Houghton, Humphreys, Mackey, Archer, Snook, Gillard, Richardson, Gribbell, Ruffett, &c. The usual ceremonies were observed in opening, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Brother Ashton acting as W.M. elect. Brother Ashton vacated the chair in favour of Brother Forge. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Weeden acting as candidate. Brother Pearcy worked the first section of the Lecture. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Forge for the able manner he had discharged the duties of the chair. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Saturday, the 3rd February.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No 507.—The meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.D., on Friday, the 26th ult., was presided over by Brother Richard Poore as W.M., who was assisted by the following Officers, viz.:—Brothers Styles S.W., Philips J.W., Wiltshire S.D., Bate J.D., Sargeant I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Brother Bate delivered the charge in the third degree. Lodge having been duly lowered, Brother Styles was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The resignation of Brother Terry P.M. as Secretary was received with regret, and honorary membership was unanimously voted to him for past efficient services. Brother Richard Poore was elected to supply the vacant office, and accepted the appointment. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned till the 2nd of February.

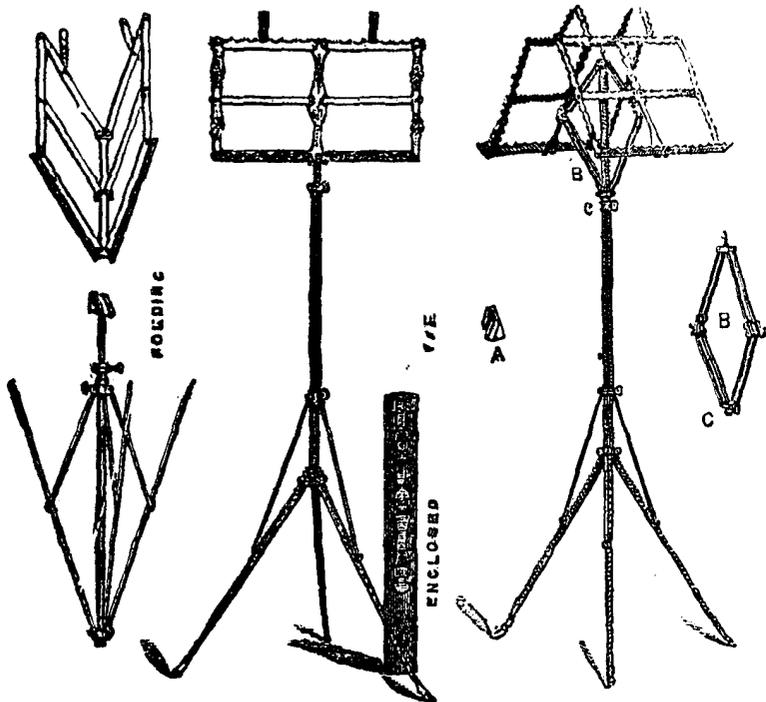
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 30th ultimo. Present—Bros. Smyth W.M., Brasted S.W., Christian J.W., Darnell S.D., Bunker J.D., Gray I.G., Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor, and others. After due formalities, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Brother Carr candidate. The traditional history was ably given by the Worshipful Master. Brother Brasted was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation.

It may be taken in the natural order of events that the popularity of our several Lodges of Instruction should rise and fall, and that at certain periods the number of those brethren who attend the periodical meetings should exhibit a perceptible variation, but we may say of the Dalhousie it has never seriously been affected by these changes. The Preceptor, Brother Wallington, one of the most competent of instructors, keeps steadily at his post, and can with satisfaction point to numbers of his pupils who have made their mark in the Craft. Brother Brasted, who will preside on Tuesday next, is recognised as an ardent and consistent worker, and Brother Carr ably fulfils the duties of Secretary. When we add to this that Brother Smyth provides comfortable quarters for the brethren, we think we need hardly say much in favour of a visit from those who seek instruction and have their Tuesday evenings at disposal.

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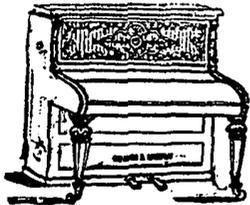
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