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### ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST OF THE R.M.B.I.

ONCE more it devolves upon us to give some account of the Festival of Wednesday, 28th ult., when the friends and supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution assembled in force in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the genial auspices of General Brownrigg, and manifested the extent of their interest in the youngest of our three central Masonic Charities by raising amongst them a sum of, in round figures, £13,047, a sum which in the circumstances of the day, must satisfy even the most exigent supporters of the Institution. The times are not quite what they were when His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales was solemnly installed as Grand Master in the presence of some thousands of Craftsmen gathered from all parts of England in order to do honour to their illustrious Chief. Then, and for a year or two afterwards, the condition of the country was most prosperous. There were no wars, or even rumours of war, to disturb the equanimity of the commercial world. Ireland was peaceful, trade flourished, and the earth yielded of her products a fair average crop. Now the picture is the reverse of comforting. Our trade and commerce have not yet wholly recovered from a prolonged period of depression. Peace prevails, it is true, but the political atmosphere has been again and again disturbed, and the public confidence in its maintenance is not as assured as we could wish. Moreover, there has been a succession of bad harvests almost unexampled in our time, and the present agricultural outlook is most depressing. Yet, in spite of these unfortunate surroundings, the opening Festival of the current year will compare favourably with the best of those that have gone before. At any time a total of over £13,000 must be considered a most gratifying result, but when achieved in the face of political, commercial, and agricultural disturbance, it is little less than marvellous. All honour, then, to the 272 Stewards who, with General Brownrigg as their leader, and Brother James Terry as chief of the Staff, have been so gloriously successful.

As has happened on previous occasions the Metropolitan Lodges have raised considerably more than one-half of the total amount, though the difference in respect of number as between their representatives and those of the Provincial Lodges is scarcely worth noticing. One hundred and twenty Lodges, or more than one-third of the total number, sent up among them one hundred and twenty-six Stewards, seven R.A. Chapters were represented by as many Companions, and there were three Stewards unattached, and one acting for the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, the whole London contingent mustering together one hundred and thirty-seven, and the aggregate of their subscriptions being, as nearly as possible, £7,647. The honour of having accumulated the largest list belongs to a well-known Preceptor, Bro. D. Moss, who, as Steward for the Star Lodge, No. 1275, Greenwich, handed in no less than £343 6s. A peculiarity about this achievement is, that Bro. Moss's list is composed entirely of sums raised by weekly subscriptions of one shilling, each contributing

Brother becoming in due time a Life Governor or Life Subscriber of the Charity. The same description applies to the list of Bro. Adolphus Clark, Steward for the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, amounting to £178 10s, and Bro. James C. Hayes, representing the Plucknett Lodge, No. 1708, East End Finchley, who figures for £63, while Bro. R. F. Ould, of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, raised a part of his £106 10s by the same system. This shows what can be done by the various Lodge Benevolent Associations we hear of from time to time, and how easy it is for any brother to enrol himself as a Life supporter of one or all of our Institutions. Bro. the Rev. C. Darby Reade, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, Notting Hill, stands second among the London Stewards, with a total of £189 2s, and is closely followed by Bro. Clark of No. 1227, as already mentioned, with £178 10s. Next in order is Bro. Festa, W.M. of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, whose total is £160, while, if his fellow representative's (Bro. Gardener's) list of forty guineas is added to this, the Lodge they jointly represented may justly claim to be second in point of amount, their two lists together reaching £202. The Eccleston, No. 1624, is down for £153 1s, per Bro. J. G. Fisher, the Clerkenwell, No. 1964, of last year's creation, per Bro. T. Hastings Miller, and the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, only consecrated a few weeks since, per Bro. James Willing jun., being close up with £150 3s and £150 respectively. Bro. James S. Fraser, on behalf of Sincerity, No. 174, follows with £148, and then the Cripplegate, No. 1613, Bro. W. Medwin, with £143 17s, the Domatic, No. 177, per Bro. Herbage as Steward, with £140 1s. The Kilburn, No. 1608, per Bro. F. J. Baker, figures for £132 6s, the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, per Comp. James Terry, for £125 15s, and Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, per Bro. J. Roberts, for £125. West Smithfield, No. 1623, contributes, by the hands of H. J. Lardner, £114 8s 6d, Temperance, No. 169, through Bro. George L. Moore, £108 8s, the Merchant Navy, No. 781, already alluded to, £106 10s, and the Zetland, No. 511, £106 6s, the honour of raising this being jointly shared by Bros. G. Read and Asher Barfield. The Marquis of Ripon, No. 1489, per Bro. W. Stephens, and the Brixton, No. 1949, by the medium of Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., figure each of them for a hundred guineas, while the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, contributes, by the hands of Bro. F. Thurston, £100. The Chairman, General Brownrigg, C.B.; as representing Friends in Council, No. 1383, figures for £99 14s, while as Steward for his own Province, his list amounts to £146. Thus the Institution is indebted to the exertions of the Chairman for an addition to its funds of not far short of £250, the major part being rightly entered under the Province to which he belongs. There are, likewise, several good lists ranging from £80 to £90 each, and the older Lodges, as well as some of the younger, are fairly represented. But just as there are many which make a point of being regularly represented, so also are there others which as invariably hold aloof.

Turning to the Provinces, we find they sent up 135 Stewards, or within two of London, but the aggregate of their lists is by no means so considerable. This, however, is no doubt to be explained by local circumstances, or the circumstances of the moment, and as London

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has taken the lead in this instance, so the Provinces may succeed in wresting it from her at the Festival in May or June next, or, it may be, at both Festivals. But if the total is not as large as we have seen it on former occasions, it is very fairly distributed, thirty-two out of the forty-one Provinces, or, as nearly as possible, four-fifths, having sent up representatives. The three districts which can boast of Lodges, but have no local organisation, are absentees, as they generally are; but we cannot in reason expect much from the five Lodges in the Channel Islands, and the three Isle of Man Lodges, which are too remote, though the former have occasionally done some service. Bedfordshire, however, with its five Lodges, appears to concern itself but little about our Institutions. It contributed less than £40 at the Boys' Festival in 1879, and not quite £50 at that of the Girls' School the year following, but it has given nothing whatever to the Benevolent at its last nine anniversaries. The absentee Provinces are Cambridgeshire (four Lodges), which, since the beginning of 1875, has given £46 among our three Institutions and Herefordshire, also with four Lodges, gave £10 10s to the Girls' School in 1878, and £65 5s to the Benevolent two years previously; Cumberland and Westmoreland (19 Lodges), Lincolnshire (21 Lodges), Monmouthshire (8 Lodges), Northumberland (21 Lodges), both Divisions of South Wales, the one having 15, and the other 9 Lodges, and Jersey (7 Lodges). All these, however, have figured more or less frequently, though we would take the liberty of suggesting that Northumberland, with its great industrial centre, Newcastle, might be oftener found in the list of contributing Provinces. It has done well for the Boys' School certainly, but has not shown quite as much for the other Charities.

Taken alphabetically, Berks and Bucks, with its twenty-one Lodges, heads the list of the Provinces that were represented, and its four Stewards, three acting for as many Berks Lodges, and one for a Bucks Lodge, raising amongst them the sum of £109 12s 6d. Last year it gave over £243 to the Benevolent, nearly £200 to the Girls' School, and about £177 to the Boys' School, and was only once among the non-contributing Provinces during the Septennial Period 1875-81. Bristol has eight Lodges, and her contribution of £216 18s is a most welcome one. Cheshire, with its thirty-nine Lodges, sent up two Stewards, the total of whose lists amounts only to £37 16s, but as we have said before, there is a very flourishing Educational Institution supported by it, which for many years has been doing good service, and it would be too much, therefore, to expect that it should be as liberal in its subscriptions to the central Charities as if it had no local Charity of its own. However, it raised for them over £422 last year, of which £321 found its way into the Girls' School Treasury. The sum of forty guineas, by the representative of St. Andrew's, No. 1151, Tywardreath, does duty for Cornwall, with its twenty-eight Lodges, but every now and then this remote county puts on a spurt, by which one of the Institutions benefits very considerably. We may look, therefore, to the county which gives the title of Duke to the Heir Apparent being sooner or later represented in a manner worthy of its known reputation. Derbyshire, twenty Lodges, sends up £50; but, as it gave last year £53 11s to the Benevolent, £459 16s to the Girls' School, and £176 14s 6d to the Boys' School, or in all £690 1s 6d, and was represented at seventeen out of the twenty-one Festivals during 1875-81, we cannot be otherwise than pleased to find it among the contributories on this occasion. Devonshire, fifty Lodges, raised, in round figures, some £2,660 during 1875-81, having been only thrice absent from the lists in that period. Last year it gave £565, and now it figures for £74 11s, which, as it has its own local Charity Organisation, is by no means to be contemned. Dorsetshire, with thirteen Lodges, contributes a round £100. Last year it gave to each of the Institutions, and in 1875-81, played a very conspicuous part in its support of our Charities, while Durham (twenty-eight Lodges) gives £63 11s, having done something at each of last year's Festivals, and raised over £728 for "Our Boys" in 1881, when its chief, the Marquis of Londonderry, presided at the Festival of that Institution.

A home county—Essex—with its twenty Lodges, next claims our attention. But little more than a month since it had placed over it a new ruler, in the person of Lord Brooke, M.P., and with a view, it may be, to signalising this event, five of its Lodges, by the medium of as many

brethren, have together contributed £235 4s 6d, or but little short of the £244 10s it raised for the Boys' School last summer. It had previously contributed £93 10s to the R.M.B.I., and £15 15s to the Girls' School, while, during the period 1875-81 it was only unrepresented on three occasions. Last year Gloucestershire, which has but fourteen Lodges all told, raised £115 10s for the R.M.B.I., £137 11s for the R.M.I.G., and £295 1s for the R.M.I.B., or during the year a fraction over £548. In 1881, it gave the Benevolent £263 11s, "Our Girls" £1000, and "Our Boys" £283 10s, or, together, over £1,547, while in 1880 its contributions reached £680; in 1879 £840; in 1878 £727 9s; and in 1877 £589, "Our Boys" having been favoured to the extent of £42 in 1875, and £276 14s in 1876. Totalling them up, we have contributions from this county amounting, during the last eight years, to £5,251, and now it has commenced the current year with an aggregate, from six Stewards acting on its behalf, of £213 3s, which, added to the former sum, gives the excellent average per Lodge of about £397 10s. Well done, Gloucestershire! Hants and the Isle of Wight, thirty-eight Lodges, is another stronghold of Freemasonry, which shines conspicuously on these occasions. It has only been twice absent from the Festivals it has been our privilege to record, and has raised for the Benevolent £1,566 5s 6d, for the Girls' School £861 13s 6d, and for the Boys' School £2,168 6s 6d or altogether in the eight years £4,596 5s 6d. It now gives, by the medium of three Stewards, acting for as many Lodges, the sum of £149 16s. In ordinary circumstances, we should say this was but a small amount for so large a Province, but doubtless it is reserving its strength for the Festival of the Girls' School on the 9th May next, when its Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, will take the chair. When he did so in 1877 for "Our Boys" it raised over £624, and we may look to see this at least equalled at the Festival in question.

"Little Herts," another Home County, now boasts its round dozen of Lodges, and worthily maintained its reputation on Wednesday, when six Stewards, representing five Lodges and the Chapter attached to one of them, raised £233 4s. Last year it contributed £1,049 14s 6d among our Charities, the Benevolent securing £533 14s out of it, or rather more than the half. As Brother Terry is connected with the Province, we are not surprised at his obtaining the chief support, though all have fared well, the Benevolent having received £1,960 12s 6d in 1875-81, and the Girls' and Boys' Schools £552 6s 6d and £720 1s respectively during the same period. It has been unrepresented at only one out of twenty-five Anniversaries. Kent, a third Home County, like Hants and the Isle of Wight, is doubtless very properly reserving its strength for its particular Festival, that of the Boys' School in June, when its highly popular chief, Viscount Holmesdale, will preside. This will explain why, though boasting forty-nine Lodges, its contributions on Wednesday last reached only £148 5s with one list still to be delivered. However, last year it raised £975 19s for the Charities, and in 1875-81, £7,723 10s 6d, or in the eight years only a few shillings short of £8,700.

East Lancashire, in point of numbers, is our strongest Province, its Lodges mustering to the strength of ninety-two. On this occasion its sixteen Stewards, so far as their lists have been received, figure for £212 1s 6d. Last year it raised within sixpence of £772, of which the Benevolent managed to secure nearly £415. In 1875-81 it gave to the same Institution £4,179 1s, of which £3,542 was contributed at the Festival in 1879, when R.W. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie P.G.M. presided. During the same period the Girls' School has benefited to the extent of £762 0s 6d and the Boys' School to £1,338. These figures give an aggregate of £7,263 2s 6d. Its neighbour, West Lancashire, with its eighty-one Lodges, shows a fair total likewise—in round figures over £1,000 more. Its eleven representatives contributed among them on this occasion £244 15s. Last year its figures reached £689 12s and in 1875-81, £7,307 19s 6d. These amounts give, as the general result, a total of subscriptions reaching to £8,242 6s 6d. Leicestershire and Rutland, which has but ten Lodges, by the hands of its Past Prov. G. Master, R.W. Bro. Kelly, contributes a useful £36 15s. It gave last year to the Benevolent Institution £152 15s, and to "Our Boys" £89 5s, or together £242. Its subscriptions in 1875-81 stand thus: to the Benevolent £250 18s; to the Girls' School

£535 12s; and to the Boys' School £831 6s 6d: total up to last Wednesday £1,896 11s 6d.

A fourth home county next claims our attention, namely, Middlesex, which, as last year, has thirty-two Lodges on its roll. This time it sent up ten Stewards, and the receipts from eight of them amount to £356 8s 6d. Last year it raised £1,212 10s, namely, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £408 2s, for the Girls' School £408 6s 6d, and for the sister Institution at Wood Green £396 1s 6d. In 1875-81 it subscribed £2,063 5s to the R.M.B.I., £3,293 3s 9d to the R.M.I.G., and £2,034 8s to the R.M.I.B. Thus the total for the last eight years, namely, £8,959 15s 9d has now reached within £40 and a fraction the handsome sum of £9,000.

In these days of rapid communication the transition from Middlesex to East Anglia is the work of a few moments only, and we find one of the sixteen Lodges located in Norfolk, the county of the bloater and the turkey, contributing towards the necessities of our aged brethren and widows a modest thirty guineas. However, in 1882, it raised altogether a little over £201, of which rather more than half found its way into the coffers of the Girls' School. In 1875-81 its subscriptions amounted to £1,510 16s, namely, £448 10s to the Benevolent, £429 8s to the Girls', and £632 18s to the Boys'. Norths and Hunts, ten Lodges, has done capitally, the list handed in by its representative, Bro. R. H. Griffin, realising £221 8s. Though not as often represented as some other Provinces, it does well at times, especially when it is a question of supporting the Institution of which Bro. Terry, one of its Past Provincial Grand Officers, is the Secretary. Nottinghamshire has thirteen Lodges, and its representative, Bro. S. G. Gilbert figures for £190. Like Norths and Hunts, it "comes down with the dust" whenever it sends up representatives. Oxfordshire, with four Stewards, acting for four out of its eleven Lodges, has given on this occasion just a little over £100. Last year it subscribed £176 18s to the Benevolent, £149 2s for the Girls', and £78 18s 6d for the Boys', or, in all, £404 18s 6d. In 1875-81 it raised £2,176 2s 6d, making a total to date of over £2,581. We submit this especially to the notice of the brethren in Cambridgeshire. The twenty-four Lodges of the Earl of Carnarvon's Province of Somersetshire give in this instance fifty Guineas. Last year it helped "Our Boys" to the extent of £118 13s, but in 1875-81 the Benevolent received from it £525 3s, the Girls' School £1,041 12s; and the Boys' £1,033 2s, total for the Septennial period £2,599 17s, and to date £2,771. Staffordshire, with twenty-six Lodges, figures for £57 15s, per Bro. T. Mount Humphries, of the Walsall Lodge, No. 539; but in 1882 it subscribed £616 17s 6d, of which the Schools received £289 16s (Girls') and £300 16s 6d (Boys'), the modest balance of £26s 5s being handed over to the Benevolent. During 1875-81, it contributed to the Benevolent £751 2s, to the Girls' £1,346 17s, and to the Boys' £985 8s, making in all for that period £3,083 7s, and up to Wednesday last within sixpence of £3,758. Suffolk, with twenty-one Lodges, gives as the result of two out of its three Stewards' lists £166 2s 6d. Its contributions in 1882 amounted to £311 15s, for 1875-81 to £1,991 9s 6d, making a total to date of close on £2,480. This speaks well for the influence of its popular Prov. Grand Master Lord Waveney, and his Deputy Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn Past Grand Chaplain.

The remaining home county, Surrey, as the Chairman's Province, very properly takes the lead among the Provinces, its total of £905 14s representing somewhat over one-sixth of the whole contributed by the non-metropolitan section of the Craft. Including General Brownrigg and a Steward for one of its Chapters (No. 1395), it sent up twenty-two Stewards, so that twenty of its twenty-six Lodges were directly represented, and doubtless all lent a hand in order to swell the general total. Even the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981, though only consecrated in December last, contributed a modest twenty guineas. In 1882 it raised £494 15s, of which the Girls' received not far short of one-half. If we add to these figures £1,783 2s 6d, the sum for 1875-81, we arrive at a total for the last twenty-five Festivals of close on £3,184. Surrey has good reason to be proud of its latest achievement of Wednesday, as well as of the regularity of the support it gives to our three Charities.

It is but a single step from Surrey into the neighbouring County of Sussex, and there we find the honour of the Province well sustained; the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, per Brother Charles A. Duke, and the Royal

York, No. 315, Brighton, per Brother W. H. Gibson, each contributing a hundred guineas, or together £210. In 1882 it contributed £162 9s to the R.M.B.I., £577 10s to the R.M.I.G., and £179 11s to the R.M.I.B., or together £919 10s. In 1881 it raised for the three Festivals in the order of their occurrence, £175 1s, £105, and £771 15s, the last being in honour of the Boys' School, held in the Pavilion, Brighton, the result for the year being £1,051 16s. It has only missed two of the last twenty-five Festivals, namely, the Benevolent in 1875, and that of the Girls' School in 1876, while its total contributions since 1875 inclusive, to date, amount to £4,878 16s. Warwickshire has thirty Lodges, of which two, both hailing from Birmingham, have given between them £57 15s. Last year it raised for "Our Girls" £810 10s, and for "Our Boys" £187 19s, or together £998 9s. For 1875-81 it raised £4,965 15s, of which £3,215 12s 6d was for the Boys' School; total to date, in round figures, £6,022. Wiltshire, though it has but ten Lodges, is a very active Province, and contributes, per Brother Surgeon-General T. Ringer £50 1s. In 1881 it raised £307 2s, and in 1875-81 £2,001 2s, or altogether £2,358 5s, giving an average of close on £236 per Lodge. Worcestershire, with eleven Lodges, or but one in excess of the preceding Province, sends up £218 13s, the senior Kidderminster and junior Worcester Lodges, with the Lodge at Stourbridge, dividing the credit among them. In 1882 it figured for £387 9s, the chief recipient being the Benevolent and the Boys' School. In 1875-81 it raised £1,254 15s, making a grand total to date of £1,860 17s, all of which has been subscribed since January 1879.

There remain only North Wales and Salop and the two Yorkshire Provinces in order to render our survey complete. For the first-named a Chapter does duty, and the amount of its list is £52 6s, but last year its twenty-seven Lodges gave £587 0s 6d, of which the Girls' School, in May, received £352 10s. These, with the £1,587 1s 6d raised in 1875-81, make a total of some shillings in excess of £2,076. North and East Yorkshire, with twenty-seven Lodges, gives £29 13s. Last year it subscribed £645 2s, and in 1875-81 £1,713 4s, making to date within a shilling of £2,388. Its great achievement was in 1880, when it supported Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Zetland, its Prov. Grand Master, with the very handsome total of £855 4s. West Yorkshire, sixty-six Lodges, has added to its former lists of subscriptions and donations the sum of £450, the Stewards acting on its behalf being fifteen in number. In 1875-81, it subscribed to the Benevolent £6,426 15s, to "Our Girls," £4,748 13s, and to "Our Boys" £3,461 9s, or together £14,636 17s. In 1882 it added to this total £1,635 5s, making in all, for the eight years, £16,272 2s. Its present contribution of £450 raises this still higher, to £16,722 2s, making an average per Festival of little short of £670. We will not mar the effect of these splendid figures by offering any comment whatever. They serve to emphasise our sketch of the work done more pointedly than any remarks of ours could possibly do.

## SOCIALITY AND BENEVOLENCE.

THE great truths promulgated by our Ancient and Honourable Institution are those which give the most unrestrained liberty, without licence, the greatest freedom for the exercise of thought and action, in the grand effort to render ourselves "more extensively useful to our fellow creatures." No other society on the face of the earth practises to so eminent a degree the attributes of peace and goodwill, or exemplifies with such fidelity the splendid precepts of human kindness and beneficence. The man whose aspirations to enrol himself under the banner of our Order are rightly founded is impelled to them by a purity of motives which is nearly allied to the holy and divine. He seeks to make no capital by the enterprise, either personal or pecuniary, but is actuated simply and solely by impulses of a social and benevolent character. Upon the first branch of the subject, then, let a word be spoken upon the effective means which Freemasonry supplies of bringing into social contact men of various grades, and in many walks of life, who, but for its influence and the kindling of sentiments of amenity and good fellowship, would have remained altogether and for ever unknown to each other. A man when he enters Freemasonry places

his foot upon the rungs of that ladder by which he gains access to a new and loftier social status. His future friends and acquaintances are of the whole Brotherhood of man : his companions and co-operators in the Craft are men of marked intelligence, culture and refinement, and, better still, who are bound together by indissoluble ties of brotherly love, relief and truth. There is a very common and prevalent idea amongst the uninitiated that the doors of Freemasonry are flung wide open, and that all men are attracted to it by the invitation hung over its portals of "Come, and welcome." In some measure, this is true, for Freemasonry is as free as the air we breathe, or the water we drink, and all men of good repute are hailed as brethren. But the popular impression that candidates for admission to our privileges and mysteries are pressed and persuaded to join the ranks is erroneous and misleading. There is no such principle recognised by the Craft as to enlist the adherence of men by recommendation, or to draw in from the outer world any but those who can boldly come and assert that they do so of their own free will and accord, irrespective of any mercenary or other unworthy motives. On the contrary, there has ever been a disposition on the part of Masons to enforce caution, and to temper enthusiasm on the part of those who express an ardent wish to participate in the advantages peculiar to the Fraternity. The reason of this is obvious to all who are within the pale, and who are imbued with a laudable desire for the promotion of an Order which has outlived centuries of opposition, and yet maintained its sublimity and unapproachable grandeur amongst all the institutions of the world. Within the space of time covered by even our authentic records of the Order, kings have risen and fallen, the destinies of nations have been sealed, and even religions have changed ; and yet, through all these shifting scenes and altered circumstances, Freemasonry stands erect and alone in her statuesque sublimity, with lustre undimmed and integrity untarnished, shedding abroad her inestimable benefits upon all who come within her benign influence. Freemasonry now, as it ever did, exercises a powerful and gracious attraction over men of thought and kindly disposition to mingle together for the promotion of those acts and sentiments which enter so largely into the "brighter side" of life. To cheer a brother on in his worthy enterprise, to sympathise and sustain him in failure ; to soothe him in affliction or distress ; and to rejoice with him when the "good time" has really come—these are some of the leading principles which are embodied in the tenets of the Craft, and which, as a body, Masons take a pleasure in putting into practice. Moreover, in company with these, there are peculiar traits of character which, from the natural outcome of Freemasonry, bind men together in the closest ties of genuine brotherly love ; which makes them take a personal interest in each other's affairs, and in their everyday experience. Masons can, without scruple or diffidence, confide to each other matters which would be reticently withheld from all else in the world, knowing that all lawful secrets are safe in the sacred repository of a brother's breast. To any one, therefore, in worry or perplexity, it is a relief to know that near at hand there are trusty hearts who will share his temporary anxiety, and ameliorate his difficulties, who will take an active heart and brain interest in setting matters right again, and so dissipating the clouds of doubt and despondency which had gathered so gloomily overhead. And when there is a universal gleam of sunshine—when the path of life is bright with success, the result of work well and nobly done—who so ready to swell the chorus of joyful acclamation as those who are bound together by the five points of fellowship ? Thus, when friends meet, either for substantial work "upon the chequered floor" or at the festivities which form its fitting afterpart, there is a hearty glow of amenity and friendliness all round such as is to be discovered in the atmosphere of no other society, from the very fact that its festivities are brimful of genuine, downright goodfellowship, engendered by the teachings of the Order, and are pervaded by a thorough unity of spirit of purpose, springing from the loftiest and purest motives. Thus it is that men feel themselves "at home" in their Lodges more thoroughly than anywhere else in the world, save and excepting their own domestic circle. Even there the influence of Masonry is exercised and felt, for true Masons cannot be selfish, or monopolise the life-giving impulses which are stirred into action by the precepts taught in Lodge. They are bound to carry home to wife

and child, and to relative and friend, the calm and elevating influences which are born of the labours in which they have been employed ; and thus, in a domestic as well as a social sense, the Craft is a marvellous factor of human happiness and enjoyment. The benevolent aspects of the Craft are known to, and acknowledged by, all who have any knowledge of the subject at all. But there is a peculiar width and comprehensiveness about Masonic charity which none can fathom except those who have carefully watched its inner working amongst the brethren of the Order ; nor even then can its extent be approximately gauged. The kindly sympathies, the compassionate acts of men who "do good by stealth" and would "blush to find it fame," can never be told ; and it is merely upon the public and avowed munificence of the Craft that the world can form an opinion. And even here Masons have much of which to be justly very proud, for the Institutions of which we boast are amongst the grandest and best of their kind in the universe, and the manner in which they are supported and managed compares favourably with any of the splendid monuments of philanthropy and benevolence of which happily in this country we possess so large a number. Both personally, therefore, and publicly, the sublime Order of which we rejoice to be members is pursuing a work upon which even an envious world can but look with admiration. The former, as we have said, cannot be estimated, for who can tell what acts of generosity and true brotherly charity are exercised by men towards their poorer fellows who, from unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune, have been reduced to the lowest depths of poverty and distress ? Every now and then a case in point finds its way to the surface, just as a diamond might do amidst the soil, or a nugget amongst the quartz, under the hands of a digger ; but it is not always so. We believe there is a vast amount of charity and timely help administered round and about us every day which can never be, nor is it intended to be, known, and which has its reward only in the Grand Lodge above. It is, however, a comfort and a satisfaction to all who belong to such an organisation to know and feel how vast a work of human love and sympathy is being carried on, and that each in his own sphere has the opportunity of adding to the happiness of others, and thus fulfilling the trust accepted when the privileges and responsibilities of the Craft were conferred upon them.

The March meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), John L. Mather, A. J. Duff-Filer, Joyce Murray, C. F. Matier, George Cooper, H. H. Welch, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), H. Massey, Donald M. Dewar, James Moon, A. F. Godson, C. H. Webb, A. E. Gladwell, F. Adlard, H. Venn, C. F. Hogard, E. Baxter, W. Maple, G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, and F. Binckes (Secretary). There was only one petition before the Committee, and after examination and consideration it was deferred for further enquiry. Bro. Binckes reported that in accordance with the resolution come to at the last meeting £1,000 had been invested in India Four per Cent. Debenture Stock. The Committee then adjourned.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., has been presented with a testimonial, by several of his employés, on the occasion of his making them associates of the Young Men's Christian Association, and in recognition of the great interest he has always taken in their welfare. After warmly thanking them, Bro. Marshall said he had been the recipient of many testimonials, but none had given him greater pleasure than this, as it afforded proof that there was something more than the mere question of capital and labour existing between himself and his employés.

On Wednesday evening the members of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, held their audit meeting, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, under the presidency of Brother J. Roberts. A very satisfactory account of the Lodge was reported. The installation of Bro. G. Schadler as W.M. will take place at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday, the 22nd inst.

## THE NEW GRAND TREASURER.

As will be seen from our report elsewhere of Wednesday's meeting, the members of Grand Lodge, in the exercise of their undoubted right, elected a new Grand Treasurer in the person of Brother J. Derby Allcroft, and have thus set aside the rule they have hitherto imposed on themselves of annually re-electing a brother who has been once chosen to fill that high office. We trust our readers will not fall into the error of assuming that Grand Lodge has adopted this change of policy from any lack of respect for Brother Colonel Creton, or any feeling of dissatisfaction with the very able services he has rendered as Grand Treasurer. Colonel Creton's name is synonymous among Craftsmen with energy and ability and the strictest sense of duty. During his three years' tenure of the Grand Treasurership he earned for himself the respect of brethren of every rank, and we are convinced that it is only from a feeling of justice to other distinguished Craftsmen that Colonel Creton's claims to re-election have in this instance been overlooked, and a new Grand Treasurer chosen in his stead. It must be remembered that, besides that of Grand Master, this is the only office in G.L. in filling which the members of Grand Lodge have any voice. There must necessarily be many worthy aspirants for so rare a distinction, and the regular re-election of the same brother is tantamount to the regular exclusion of all others from the attainment of an office which the Constitutions have placed within their reach. As for Colonel Creton's successor, Brother J. Derby Allcroft, whom we heartily congratulate on his election, he is a Mason of long standing, and has passed the chair of two Lodges. He is well known for his support of our Institutions, and as an ex-member of Parliament, and the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, is both socially and by experience well qualified for the post. We wish him success in his new duties.

## Obituary.

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## BRO. W. G. HARRISON, Q.C., G. SENIOR DEACON.

THE news of the unexpected death of Bro. W. G. Harrison, one of the G. Senior Deacons of England, and a distinguished member of the legal profession, will be received with the most poignant regret, not only among his brethren of the mystic tie, but likewise by his fellow barristers. Bro. Harrison, who died on Monday, at the comparatively early age of fifty-six, was initiated in the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, in 1865, and became its W.M. in 1872. He was also a joining member and P.M. of the Lodge No. 631, Taplow, Bucks, and one of the founders of the Parthenon Lodge, No. 1826, Egham, Surrey. He was exalted in the Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 9, was appointed its Scribe E. in 1873, and filled the office of M.E.Z. in the years 1876, 1877. He was perfected in St. George's Chapter of Rose Croix in 1874, and was appointed its M.W.S. last year, and in 1877 received the 30° in the A. and A. Rite. Last year our M.W. Grand Master appointed him a Grand Senior Deacon, and a few days later he was invested Grand 1st Assist. Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Of his standing and reputation as a barrister we may gather some idea from the remarks made by Mr. Justice Stephen in the Court of Queen's Bench on Wednesday. "I wish to say a word," said his lordship, "upon a subject which has very deeply affected me, and, I have no doubt, many other members of the profession—I mean the death of Mr. W. G. Harrison. I have known him personally for probably a longer time than almost any other member, either of the Bench or of the Bar. He was a friend of not much less than forty years' standing. I do not think that a more honourable or a more amiable man ever practised in these courts. He possessed very apt abilities, and they were set off rather, perhaps, than diminished by some harmless eccentricities which endeared him to those who knew him. The profession has sustained a great loss by his death, which was as unexpected as it was sad."

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## MASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As you have invited opinions on the subject of Temperance in Masonry, I should just like to say that the matter has elicited some little comment in my own Lodge, with the result that a majority of the brethren consider the innovation undesirable. There is as much individual liberty now as there ever could be in the matter of drinks; and to introduce the question of total abstinence at all in our Masonic gatherings is to impute excess, which does not exist in our Lodges. I very much question if there is as much liberty allowed by the "hydropots" to others, as moderate and sensible men are invariably found to extend to them. I am certain that I have sat by men who, because they were teetotalers, held themselves up with a satisfied complacency perfectly despicable, as if, forsooth, there was any credit in being a teetotaler. A man abstains from spirits or malt either because they do not agree with his constitution, or because he wishes to conquer a habit which might have been gaining too firm a hold of him. Such an individual is to be commended by all right thinking persons; and no one, I am sure, would be found to poke fun at such a man for his courage and common sense. But in very many cases, when an old toper takes the pledge, and fixes a shred of blue ribbon in his button hole, he struts about in his new-born sobriety as though he were suddenly transfigured—a walking pattern for all others to copy. Not only so, but because he has been so "mercifully preserved," and "brought to his right mind," he must insist upon others following his example, under the penalty, if they do not, of incurring displeasure, and his opinion that they are so sunken in iniquity as to be irreclaimable. Out upon such canting humbugs. I am afraid, if this principle is once admitted into our Lodges, there may be a parade of this sort, though I hope not of so marked a character as among some other gatherings. Temperance is already one of our watchwords, and is pretty well carried out in practice. To substitute for it "teetotalism" would be to bring the Order down to an undesirable level with a Good Templar platform, on which the milksops try and ape some of the forms of Masonry, overdone with an excess of regalia and harmless mummeries. Surely, men of thought and sense can be trusted with the regulation of their own actions; and, much as any of us may abominate a sot, most of us have an equal detestation of a "goody-goody," who, because his brain is too weak to stand a glass of wine himself, would force his "principles" down the throats of everybody else, whether they like it or not. Such an idea is by no means palatable, and will not, I am sure, be favoured much in my own, or any other, Lodge.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

1st March 1883.

FREEDOM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There may be some brethren who will ridicule the idea of mixing up total abstinence with Freemasonry, although I am not quite sure that there is not "something in it" worth a little quiet thought. I can remember the old time when we used to meet as happily and fraternally as we do now, and enjoy our "refreshment" after labour with much less of the fuss and show that have of recent years become so common amongst Masons. I am in favour of the old substantial joints and simple fare, which I consider far preferable to the varied and intricate courses which I am certain a great many brethren never see on their own tables, and which swallow up a great proportion of the Lodge funds. There is something a little amusing in seeing a tradesman or a clerk flashing his swallowtail coat and white tie once a month, and plodding through what must be to him a gigantic menu, much to his own personal discomfort. There is too much of this "stuck-up-ed-ness" amongst Masons now-a-days, which might be modified a good deal. After all, however, as you say, it is all a matter of individual fancy. If my greengrocer or pork butcher likes to "tug up," as I have heard him call it, to go in for a rôcheré banquet, let him; and I, as a brother, will be glad to see him enjoying himself in his own fashion. But I often smile to see men indulging in sparkling wines who never taste such beverages from Lodge meeting to Lodge meeting, and who would be far more comfortable and at home with their bitter beer or rum punch. It is "fashionable" now to attend Lodge in dress suits and to drink champagne. Let those do so who like it; I do not. I stick to my frock coat, and drink my toasts in the beverages I always use at home, and I never find my neighbours at the banquet table object, or pass remarks. There is this to be said about the matter; if there were considerably less spent in getting up the banquets, far too expensively varied and profuse for ordinary stomachs, there would be equal satisfaction given, and the Lodge funds would not so often be impoverished. I know a Lodge where the staple fare after Lodge is rare-bit and rum punch; and a jolly Lodge it is, too. There are teetotalers amongst them, who enjoy their long pipes over mugs of well-made and fragrant Mocha. Why not? Better that than nine out of ten of our modern banquets, where half the company are like fish out of water in dress clothes which they only wear once a month, drinking wines they are equally unaccustomed to, and going through

a stiff and starchy post-prandial process which they only half enjoy. If a man calls for a glass of ale, he is withered up by the waiters for being vulgar; if he asks for a non-intoxicating beverage, he is dubbed a weak-minded brother by some who do not see, eye to eye, with him! It is the very fact that our Lodge banquets are too elaborate that destroys much of the freedom that is so enjoyable, that makes men feel they cannot "do as they like," but must conform to example. How it is to be remedied I cannot say. Of course, we could not dream of any introduction of "teetotal advocacy" so-called; we can get plenty of that anywhere, and it is not wanted in Lodge. But if our dinners were less costly and formal, the brethren would enjoy them just as much; there would be more free and easy amenity, and there would be a very judicious curtailment of the expenses of the fourth degree. What do you think?

I remain, yours fraternally,

AN OLD MASON.

2nd March 1883.

#### TOASTS AND TEA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"I looks towards you." We have jogged along together, my boy, for a good many years, meeting both in Lodge and out of it, with a hearty good will, and always with a cheery smile for one another. But, Brother mine, no longer can I smile upon you over the sparkling wine cup, and drink thine health in "orthodox," for I have caught the blue fever, and am of the ranks now of the "army" good and pure. Henceforth, I drink to thine health in tea. You know where my shop is, and I send you a sample half pound to try. Get the brethren to give this teetotal idea a lift: it will give an impetus to business. It won't be "Trading on Masonry," you know, and you and I can do a quiet tête-à-tête over the "orthodox" whenever we please. In giving you this advice, do not write me down a

HYPOCRITE.

#### MASONRY AND DRINK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While considering the subject of Temperance in Freemasonry, would it not be well to give a little attention to the practice, which is far too common, of drinking and smoking in Lodges of Instruction? I have attended several lately at which it has been the rule to sit with pewter pots and glasses before the brethren, while the atmosphere of the Lodge-room has been dense with tobacco smoke. I confess I am a moderate drinker, and like my pipe or cigar with any one; but I must say it seems a little out of place to sip and puff away whilst the solemn ritual of Freemasonry is being rehearsed. It is no great hardship at an ordinary business meeting, or a concert or lecture, to set these little luxuries aside for a couple of hours; and I cannot see why the rule should not apply to Lodges of Instruction, where the exercises of the brethren are of a serious character, to say the least. The brethren would learn their parts just as well, and enjoy with greater zest the friendly glass and pipe as "refreshment after labour." I am sorry to say that on more than one occasion I have seen brethren in Lodges of Instruction decidedly "muzzy" and incapable of taking their share of the work intelligently; and I have no hesitation in saying that when they find the potency of John Barleycorn has been taking liberties with them, they should keep away from Lodge. It is not too much to say some Lodges of Instruction at public-houses appear to have been set going mainly for the "good of the house," or the brother who happens to be the landlord, and who is thus helped on by perhaps sincere, but not over discreet, disciples of the Craft. Whether this is correct or desirable is open to strong question, but certainly it does not meet with the views of,

Yours very fraternally,

VIGIL.

Another concert was given on Tuesday at the Royal National Hospital, Ventnor, and was even more successful than the one we noticed some time since. The programme was, as before, of a mixed character, and included a reading by Mr. Cruse, which was much applauded, and a recitation, "The death of Montrose," by Mr. Siebert, who, when invited to repeat it, gave in its place "Dr. Edith." The musical part of the entertainment included instrumental solos and duets, songs, and glees. Dr. Coghill's daughter, Miss Daisy Coghill, played a pianoforte solo with great taste. A couple of duets for violin and pianoforte, by Mr. and Miss Westerveld, elicited well-deserved applause, the second one—Gavotte "Stephaine"—being demanded. Mr. H. Colman, who has a good tenor voice, sang "The Old Brigade" most effectively and Mr. Higgins made a great hit with "Dear me! is that possible?" Both these gentlemen were called upon to repeat their performances, and gracefully accepted the invitation. Miss Orchard acquitted herself well in the familiar song "Where the bee sucks," and Dr. Robertson's "Blow high, blow low," was rendered in excellent style. The other numbers were also well given, particularly the glee—"O hush thee, my baby."

#### WALBROOK WARD CLUB.

WE had the pleasure, on Monday evening, of participating in the very enjoyable festivities attending the anniversary dinner of this club, which was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. S. Price. There was a very numerous company present, including many brethren, and the proceedings were throughout of a very animated and pleasant description. A capital repast was served, reflecting the utmost credit on the resources of this extensive and well-known hotel, and all the arrangements were such as to afford every satisfaction to the guests. After dinner the loyal and patriotic toasts were given, Capt. Harrison responding for the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces. The Chairman then proposed the Aldermen and Common Councilmen of the Ward, alluding to the excellent manner in which they were represented by their worthy Alderman, Sir James Clarke Lawrence, Bart., M.P., their deputy, Mr. Fry, Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., and other members. The toast was heartily received, and Mr. Deputy Fry, responded in genial terms, in which he said that any measure which the Government might propose, which would have the effect of destroying, or even weakening, the influence of the City, should have his most earnest opposition. He felt sure the citizens believed they had been well served, and that any alteration, such as had been suggested by the Government, would not be for their benefit, but would certainly be to their great disadvantage. Mr. Wright gave the health of the Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the Walbrook Club, speaking in eulogistic terms of the admirable manner in which these gentlemen discharged the duties of their respective offices. Mr. J. R. W. Luck Treasurer, and Mr. W. E. Baxter Hon. Secretary replied, the latter gentleman remarking that the Club, which was instituted for the purposes of friendly and neighbourly intercourse, now numbered 132 members. The Chairman then proposed Prosperity to the Inhabitants of the Ward of Walbrook, the toast being acknowledged by Mr. White, the oldest inhabitant of the Ward. Mr. J. R. Luck gave the health of the Chairman, who responded; and Professor Pritchard acknowledged the toast of the Visitors, proposed by Mr. Edwards. The last toast was "The Pretty Maids, the Happy Wives, and the Buxom Widows of Walbrook," proposed in felicitous language by Mr. Smart, and gallantly responded to by Mr. Landale. During the evening an admirable selection of music was given by Miss Edith Ruthven, Mr. H. S. Ewen, and Mr. M. Powis Bale, with Mr. J. T. Musgrave at the pianoforte. Miss Ruthven sang "The Banks of Allan Water," and Taunton's "My Love is so fair," in charming manner, and her efforts were rewarded by genuine expressions of appreciation. She was in excellent voice, and her singing was a decided acquisition to the pleasures of the assembly. Mr. H. S. Ewen gave "the Tar's Farewell" and "Sailing," both popular songs and admirably rendered. Mr. M. Powis Bale was equally successful in "Old Memories," and several other pieces were sung with pleasing effect. In connection with the club and ward several interesting events have taken place during the week. It will be recollect that at the wardmote on St. Thomas's Day, it was resolved that a testimonial should be presented to Mr. H. E. Murrell, as a mark of respect, and in recognition of his services as a representative of the ward in the Court of Common Council during the long period of 32 years. We believe it was intended to make the presentation at this dinner, but Mr. Murrell's health was such as would not permit of his attending, and the testimonial has been on view during the week at the offices of Mr. Scobell, No. 1 Walbrook. It consists of a set of handsome silver gilt centre-pieces for the table, the largest of which bears the inscription:

"Presented to Henry Edward Murrell, Esq., by the Ward of Walbrook, as a token of personal esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as a member of the Court of Common Council for a period of 32 years. December 21st, 1882."

Accompanying the gift is an address, beautifully illuminated in gold and colours, and enclosed in a massive gilt frame, the work having been artistically executed by Messrs Witherby and Co., law stationers, of Newman's Court, Cornhill. The text runs as follows:—

Walbrook Ward. At a wardmote, held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, before the Right Worshipful Sir James Clarke Lawrence, Bart., M.P., Alderman of the said Ward, on Thursday, the 21st day of December 1882, it was unanimously resolved "That this wardmote receive with great regret the resignation of their tried representative, Mr. Henry Edward Murrell, and take the present opportunity of recording their high esteem of the services rendered by him, and for which they tender him their hearty thanks." (Signed) James Clarke Lawrence Alderman, John Child Ward Clerk.

Some time ago the members of the club subscribed for the purchase of two handsome "loving cups" which were duly presented to the club. A surplus of funds, however, remained, and with this money two massive silver gavels, for the vice-chairmen, were procured, to match that which had been presented recently by Mr. Murrell for the chairman. These "pieces of family plate" were used on Monday evening, and taken altogether the affair was one round of congratulation and success.

DANCING.—To Those Who Have Never Learnt to Dance.—Bro. and Mrs. JACQUES WYNMANN receive daily, and undertake to teach ladies and gentlemen, who have never had the slightest previous knowledge or instruction, to go through every fashionable ball-dance in a few easy lessons. Private lessons any hour. Morning and evening classes.

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## SOUTHGATE LODGE, No. 1950.

A MOST successful meeting of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, 1st March, at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate. The Lodge was opened at 4:30, when the minutes of previous meeting and of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were then taken for Mr. Samuel Stretch jun., and for Mr. Whare (Bandmaster of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys); the result being unanimously in their favour. The former gentlemen was most impressively initiated by the W.M., Bro. R. P. Forge. Bro. F. H. Tibbitts was then presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S., in the presence of a large number of P.M.'s, the ceremony and addresses being perfectly and solemnly rendered by Bro. Forge, all present listening with rapt attention. Bro. Tibbitts appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. F. Hancock S.W., E. Woodman J.W., F. Matthews S.D., R. Butcher J.D., Cooper I.G. Bro. Tibbitts then initiated Mr. Whare, the second candidate, named above. An excellent banquet followed, and the speeches were interspersed with a choice selection of music by Bros. T. Tremere and F. Cozens, Miss Maria Lynton, and Miss Grace Godolphin. After a lengthened evening, the brethren departed, highly pleased with the success of the first anniversary meeting of their Lodge. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. Rothschild P.M. 1188 1677, Eldridge 167, Byng 902, Gilham 1632, Hollis 167, Osborn 1602, Meekham 119 1288, Rhodes 1524, Snook 1693, Brickdale M.C. 1623, Millar 1567, Humphreys W.M. 167, Salmon 177, Swinyard 1695, Hall W.M. 1693, Jordan 141, Sprake 813, Bellis S.W. 1901, Norton P.M. 969, Busby 147, Wall 860, Murray 66, Goddard 1135, Livingston P.M. 1385, Williams J.W. 1275, Holditch 172, and many others.

## ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge, which is mainly composed of the chief officers of the Corporation of the City of London and their friends, was held on Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when Bro. H. Wildey Wright, Barrister-at-Law, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Frank Green, C.C., I.P.M., L. F. Littell P.M., Major T. Davies Sewell S.W., C. W. Bowley J.W., Richard J. Pawley Treasurer, Joseph L. Turner, C.O., Secretary, Henry Wright S.D., J. Perkins I.G., H. Squire Steward, G. P. Goldney (City Remembrancer), E. T. R. Wilde, Edward Jex, C.C., J. H. Smith, Frank S. Jackson, Henry Clarke, A. B. Church Tyler, &c. Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and there being no work before the Lodge it was adjourned at an early hour, the customary banquet being dispensed with, in consequence of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge being held on the same evening.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—On Tuesday, 6th instant, at Brother Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Shadler W.M., Mann S.W., Haynes J.W., Moss Preceptor, Clements Secretary, Saint S.D., Walker J.D., Harris I.G.; also Brothers Roberts, Deleew, Akkerman, Klingenstein, &c., &c. Lodge opened in due form and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Akkerman candidate. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Klingenstein, after interrogation, was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge closed to first, and after the admittance of a new member was adjourned till Tuesday next. This Lodge of Instruction confines itself, almost entirely, to the working of ceremonies. Brethren specially interested in such will do well to attend. The members have an excellent Preceptor in Bro. D. Moss. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Tuesday, 20th instant, when it is hoped that a good many of the brethren will assemble. This Lodge of Instruction meets all the year round, on Tuesday evenings, at seven o'clock.

**United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.**—Meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell S.E., on Friday, 2nd inst. Bros. Stokes W.M., Thurston P.M. S.W., Styles J.W., Phillips S.D., Bate J.D., Dick I.G., Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Poore Secretary, Cotton, Smith, and others. Lodge was worked in the first degree, with sections and explanations. It was arranged that the Fifteen Sections should be worked on the 30th inst., Bro. James Stevens being elected W.M. for that occasion. Bro. F. Thurston was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—At the regular meeting held on Tuesday last, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, there were present—Bros. Smyth W.M., Glass S.W., T. Clark J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Wardell S.D., Christian J.D., Cushing I.G., Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor. After the due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Bigg candidate. Brother Christian worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Brother W. W. Morgan then read a paper on "Women in Freemasonry," for which he acknowledged his indebtedness to Bro. T. B. Whythead, of York. The brethren expressed their gratification for the instruction this able paper conveyed, and in acknowledging the vote of thanks that was passed for his exertions, Brother Morgan expressed a hope that similar papers might be more frequently introduced at these gatherings. This suggestion was concurred in by all present. The annual festival of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on 20th proximo.

## LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

A REGULAR meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Free-masons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields. Bros. Benjamin W.M., Martin as S.W., Bean J.W., Albert P.G.P. Secretary, Lyon Treasurer, Botibol S.D., Wall J.D., Dewsnap I.G., Van Noorden Organist, Dodson P.M. M.C., Alexander A.M.C., Wynman Steward; P.M.'s Myers, Lazarus, Levy, Dodson, Roberts, L. Alexander. Visitors—Smith 933, Buttock 545, Bladen 1839, Rogers 901, Beer 180, Lyon 185, Sax 1017, Jewell 1559, Lindsay Sloper 1017, Preston 1319, Parkin 1319. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. There was no ceremonial business on the agenda paper. Bro. Lazarus proposed, and H. M. Levy seconded, that in future, on supper nights, the sum of 5s shall be charged for Visitors. Messrs. Isaacs, Davis and Blaiberg were proposed for initiation. Bro. Botibol was invested with the collar of S.D., he, through indisposition, not having been present on the installation night. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, superintended by Brother Dawkins. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. E. P. Albert responding for the Grand Officers. The toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund was responded to by Bro. L. Alexander P.M. P.P., who gave an account of the origin of the Fund, which now amounted to about £900. Bro. L. M. Myers proposed the health of the W.M. The proposition for candidates that night would give the W.M. an opportunity of showing what he is capable of doing on the next occasion. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Myers for his kind remarks; anything he could do to serve them, and any work they might call upon him to perform, he would only be too happy to do. Bros. Smith 933 and W. S. Lyon 185 responded for the Visitors. Bro. L. M. Myers I.P.M. acknowledged the compliment paid the Past Masters. Several other toasts followed; and the evening's proceedings were of a truly harmonious character.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. Cook W.M., Ashton S.W., Marks J.W., Pearoy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Lorkin Treasurer, Venning S.D., Galer J.D., Gibbs I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, Weeden, Mackey, Richardson, Dixie; Wolf, Hatch, Carr, Rhodes, Spencer, &c. Lodge was opened; and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rhodes answered the questions leading to the second degree; he was entrusted and in due course the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The ceremonies were conducted by the W.M. in a careful manner. Bro. Ashton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the able manner he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction; after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

## ZETLAND LODGE, No. 511.

THE regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 7th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Bros. Blum W.M., Earney S.W., Shieman J.W., Barfield Treasurer, Read P.M. Sec., Locke J.D., Fisher I.G., Side P.M. A.W.S.; P.M.'s Avery, Whittick, Game, Elborne, and Ward. Visitors—Twyman S.W. 184, Dukeson 1681, Painter 1891, Scott 177, Sutherland 201, Witherilt 1681, Dickson 861, J. Richardson 1001, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Richardson, Reilly and Kraus were passed to the second degree. Messrs. Kauffman and Coleman were initiated into the Order. Both ceremonies were ably worked by the W.M., all the Officers were equally perfect. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. F. Clemow. The W.M. proposed, in general terms, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts and adverted to the election of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. Bro. Read Past Master said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master; they were all pleased with his working; it was a difficult thing for a native of another land to master our language, but Brother Blum had done so very satisfactorily. The W.M. in reply expressed his gratitude to Bro. Read for the manner in which he had spoken, and the reception the brethren had given to the toast. His earnest desire was to promote the welfare of the Lodge. The toast of the Initiates was next on the list; they had been fortunate in having two brethren introduced that evening. The W.M. was sure they would be a credit to the Order. Bro. Avery sang the E.A. Song, and then Bros. Coleman and Kauffmann severally responded. For the toast of the Visitors Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 and G.D. Sutherland 201 responded. In responding for the Past Masters, whose services were eloquently descended on by the W.M., Brother Barfield, as Treasurer, was pleased to say the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. For thirty years he might say it had gone on prospering, and hoped it would continue so to do. Brother Read said he regretted the absence of the I.P.M. Bro. Williams, through indisposition. He was proud to say that Bro. Barfield and he had taken up to the Benevolent Festival the sum of one hundred guineas; he hoped to be able to do as well on another occasion. After the toast of the Wardens and Officers, that of the Tyler was given, and this concluded a very agreeable evening. Bros. Alborn, Shieman, Avery, Kraus, Sticklen, Scott, contributed to the harmony, and Bro. Read gave the Charge of Kasassin in a very edifying manner.

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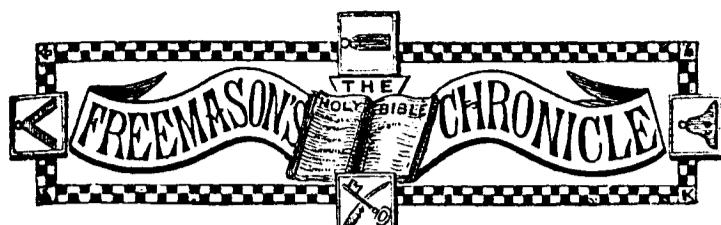
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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YORK COLLEGE.

THE annual meeting of this College was held in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Saturday, the 24th ult., when there was a large attendance of members, amongst them being Fratres T. B. Whytehead Hon. IX Chief Adept of Yorkshire, J. S. Cumberland Hon. VIII Suffragan, J. W. Woodhall Prov. Treasurer, Rev. W. C. Lukis Deputy, and T. J. Wilkinson Secretary. In the absence of Frater Maffey the Celebrant, in Australia, Bro. J. S. Cumberland, a Past Celebrant, worked the ceremonies, the ancients' chairs being filled by Fratres S. Middleton, J. Todd, J. M. Meek, and T. M. Barron. Frater C. L. Mason acted as Conductor of Novices, in the absence of Frater Moore, whilst Frater C. R. Fry was in his place as Guardian, Frater A. T. B. Turner as Herald, and Frater T. Trevor as Torch Bearer. In addition to these there were Fratres J. F. Taylor, George Ayre, G. Simpson, and M. Maddison. The minutes having been confirmed, a successful ballot was taken for Brother J. S. Walton P.M. 1357, of Northallerton, after which Bros. J. L. Atherton, James Moncks, C. Palliser, and A. Fraser, aspirants previously accepted, were admitted and duly received into the grade of Zelator with the full ceremonies. The Chief Adept then proceeded to give the annual address as follows: W. Suffragan and Fratres, I think we may be said to be living in the golden age of Freemasonry. There has never been a time when the Order could claim to have been making more rapid progress, when it has been able to enumerate amongst its members men of more eminence, or when the true study of Freemasonry, its history and its objects, has engrossed more of the time and attention of its leading members than in this year of grace 1883. Freemasonry has proved itself a very salamander amongst those societies that have from time to time engaged the love and attention of mankind. Having apparently its purely speculative origin at some period during the seventeenth century, it has stood the test of evil report and good report, through the generations that have since passed away, until now, when we find it more flourishing than ever, handed down to us from our fathers, a precious inheritance which it will be our joy and our duty to hand down to our sons in the same purity which characterised its principles and workings when we and our fathers first experienced the light of its godlike teachings. Other societies have come and gone, other institutions have flashed like meteors across the pathway of progress of civilised society, but the lamp of Freemasonry has steadily burned, cherished lovingly by generations of good, worthy, and distinguished brethren, until its fire, kindled at the early altars of brotherly love, relief, and truth, burns in this age with a lustre and brilliancy that would have gladdened the hearts of those who, in less enlightened days, toilfully struggled, an obscure and humble band, against the prejudices of ignorance and the jeers of folly. I have used the word "godlike" in regard to our glorious old Craft, for surely there is something very much akin to what is Divine in the teachings of such an Order. Based on the contents of the Volume of the Sacred Law, it shares with that marvellous book in the halo of light which modern science and latter-day research have thrown around those venerable pages that give authority to our Masonic assemblies. Other works, whose reputations have at one period been high, have sunk down into obscurity and neglect for no other reason than that the light of truth and the investigations of modern science have exposed their weaknesses and their fallacies and robbed them of their authoritative value, but in the case of our "unerring standard" age has only served to mellow its precepts, and beautify its poetical imagery with the hoary garland of antiquity, whilst its perfect harmony with all that modern philosophy can prove is no less remarkable than the subtlety and intricacy of knowledge which it displays with the innermost workings of the human heart. And so it is with Freemasonry. Whilst other organisations and societies have arisen, flourished, made their mark in history, and finally decayed and disappeared, Freemasonry has continued to grow and make steady progress. The rude shocks of opposition, and the occasional neglect, even of its own sons, has served but to root it more firmly in its position. It has been able to stand the severe test of that electric light of modern inquiry which will insist upon a why and a wherefore for the existence of everything that is, and it now stands a living triumph of principles that are eternal as that Great Architect on whose beneficent laws they have been originally based. And what, Fratres, can we do as individuals to uphold, maintain, and promote this grand Institution, and to assist, as Masons, in consolidating its walls and contributing to the welfare and happiness of its members? In the first place, we can all do what every Mason is expected, and in honour and in duty is bound to do, from the moment when he enters the portals of the society. We can, to the utmost of our power carry out in our daily lives the principles and the tenets that are so early taught us in our Masonic career. This is the least that we can do; but if we all did this and carried out our obligations in their entirety, would it not be competent for Freemasons to work such a reformation in our social system as would leaven the whole world? I am sure of it. But we are met to-day not as novices in Masonry. I hope that every member of this College has gained sufficient knowledge to render it quite unnecessary for anything to be

said to him of the elementary duties of every brother. We are, as it were, re-organised in this Rosicrucian Society, not in any antagonistic spirit to any other society or system, but simply under an additional or special bond of union, by means of which we desire to link together Masons of age, standing, and experience for a special and specific purpose. What our object is, you know full well. It is thoroughly in accordance with the spirit of the Masonic age. This is a time, as I have already said, when knowledge grows apace, and the knowledge of Freemasonry, amongst other branches of study, is extending its researches into long hidden paths. Freemasonry has always had about it a strong literary flavour. Elias Ashmole and many of the very earliest of its disciples were men of high attainments in literature. And from his day down to the present we find men of ability and scholarly attainments content to work through the early drudgery of the Craft, and subsequently adorning our ranks as rulers and teachers. Dr. Stnely, whose Masonic connections have been so learnedly and carefully investigated by our eminent brother, your present Deputy and my late Suffragan, was himself a man of great learning and laborious habits, and from his day, the day of the southern revival of Freemasonry down to the present decade, we may trace a long succession of men of parts and attainments such as Anderson, Preston, Crucifix, Oliver, and others, who all, according to the means at their disposal and the knowledge of facts that they possessed, toiled in the paths of Masonic literature. It is true that, until comparatively a recent period, Masons were content to receive and accept as data statements that we now know to have been completely at variance with facts, but Freemasons were not singular in this respect. We need only refer to works on archaeology and natural science contemporary with those obsolete histories of Masonry, to discover that men of light and leading in science entertained theories, and arrived at consequent conclusions that to us appear almost childish in their absurdity. And as other sciences have advanced, so has Freemasonry with equal strides. A generation of Masons that declines the myths and wayward fancies of Preston and Oliver has trained up a new school of Craft historians, and with the logical historical analyses of Bro. Gould, the unremitting assiduity and mental grasp of Bro. Woodford, the patient statistical labours of Bro. Hugham, and the careful and scholarly publications of Bro. Murray Lyon, we find ourselves in the happy position of having found an almost royal road to Masonic knowledge. This is therefore pre-eminently a time when a society such as ours should find congenial spirits and an appropriate field for its labours. Our objects are the elucidation of Masonic history and archaeology, and in working in this direction, we know that we are aiding in a great and an important work. Our labours may not be productive of vast results but as in the Brahminical story the granite is worn away in the course of ages by the light yet constant touch of the angel's robe, so no problem can resist for ever the patient attacks of perseverance and persistency. I have more than once pointed out the direction in which members of this College can assist in the elucidation of Masonic history. Our Frater Lukis has set us all a worthy example of what may be done in this way, and has brought some most valuable facts to light by the exercise of his scholarly activity. And the very fact that every now and then new scraps of information are brought to light, and fresh theories are broached regarding our Order and its descent, proves how much there is yet left to discover. All of us have not the leisure we should like for these pursuits, but it is wonderful how much may be effected in stray and spare moments by those whose hearts are in the work. The mines of Masonic lore are as yet but little explored, and it is certain that there must still be in existence manuscript allusions and references to early Freemasonry, that if discovered would materially aid us in the construction of such a detailed history of our Order as would be its crowning triumph in this century. On occasions of these meetings I should be very glad if more members would prepare papers and bring with them Masonic relics of all kinds in order that we might all have the benefit of investigating their peculiarities. Our society is certain to be strong and useful in proportion to the work that we perform, and members would find much more pleasure and encouragement in attendance at our meetings if they always found something, however trifling, offered for their intellectual and Masonic benefit. Thus far the York College has enrolled upon its books many of the most intelligent brethren in the county and the north of England, and I hope it will continue to gather in members who enter not for the sake (as they may perhaps vainly suppose) of obtaining another degree, but from a really intelligent desire to aid in the effort to do something for the literature of the Order, and to become a working element in a Society that has for its objects the glory of God, the good of mankind, and the promotion of scientific Freemasonry. If this is the case the College cannot fail to prosper and to be of sterling value, but if we should lose sight of our true *raison d'être* and become a mere social club of Masons, we shall not deserve a continuance of that success which has thus far attended our efforts. Let us all unite in an honest endeavour to work in the directions I have indicated, and our reward will surely follow. Fratres, I thank you for your attention. The election of Officers was proceeded with, and Frater C. L. Mason V was elected Celebrant, and Frater J. S. Cumberland VII was re-elected Treasurer. It was arranged to hold the next meeting of the College at Leeds, on the 23rd of May. Letters of apology for absence were read from the following members:—Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, W. Lawton, W. Rowley, M. Millington, T. W. Holmes, E. T. Clark, Rev. J. Blake, C. G. L. Kipling, W. Paley, C. S. Lane, W. Harrison, S. Wilson, and R. W. Moore. At the close of the meeting the members met at high tea, and spent a pleasant evening, in the course of which Fra. Cumberland exhibited his valuable collection of old Masonic jewels, which was much admired.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor (Alderman Knight) presided, on Thursday evening, at the "public supping" of the boys at Christ's Hospital (Blue Coat School). There was a very large attendance.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, in the absence of the Prince of Wales. General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey acted as D.G.M., Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorset as Past G.M.; and among the Grand Officers present were:—Bros. Rev. T. Cochrane Grand Chaplain, Lieut.-Colore Creton Grand Treasurer, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Captain Beswick-Royds G.J.D., Sir Albert Woods Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. T. Pigott A.G.D.C., J. Messent G.S.B., H. S. Allpass Grand Standard Bearer, William Cusins Grand Organist, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, W. R. Wood Grand Pursuivant, L. F. Littell Assistant Grand Pursuivant, General J. W. Lanrie Grand Master Nova Scotia, H. D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Ambrose W. Hall, J. Studholme Brownrigg, R. J. Simpson, H. A. Pickard, J. E. Cox, C. W. Arnold P.G.C.'s; J. S. Peirce, J. H. Scott, Capt. Phillips, J. M. Case, W. B. F. Powell, B. Baker, H. Dumas, F. Richardson, J. P. Leith, H. Maudsley, R. W. Stewart, P. De Lande Long, C. W. C. Hutton, R. Grey, T. Fenn, R. Bird, J. A. Rucker, Lieut.-Colonel Somerville-Burney, J. Glaisher P.G.D.'s; J. L. Thomas, G. Burt, Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C.'s; C. Greenwood, G. Lambert, A. J. Duff Filer, W. P. Nettleship, Joshua Nuné P.G.S.B.'s; C. E. Willing P.G. Organist; W. Clarke, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Wright, James Klench, E. P. Albert, and Jas Brett P.G.P.'s. A large number of Lodges were represented, amongst others being the Aldersgate 1657, Alliance 1827, Belgrave 749, Creton 1791, Canterbury 1635, Cosmopolitan 917, Fortitude 131, Islington 1471, Lion and Lamb 192, Mizpah 1671, Montague Guest 1900, Neptune 22, Phoenix 173, Strand 1987, St. Mary Abbotts 1974, Tranquillity 185, Temple 101, and The Great City. After opening, Brother Raymond Thrupp proposed the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. His Royal Highness had now reigned over the Craft for a period of eight years, and during that time Freemasonry had increased by leaps and bounds, no fewer than four hundred and seventy-eight new Lodges having been constituted. The brethren were all well aware of the deep interest the Grand Master had taken in the advancement and prosperity of the Craft, and the time and personal attention he devoted to the promotion of its best interests. Brother W. C. Beaumont seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried amidst loud applause, and Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed His Royal Highness as duly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons for the ensuing year. Brother G. J. McKay proposed the re-election of Colonel Creton as G. Treasurer, and said it would be indiscreet for Grand Lodge to change the office of Grand Treasurer year after year. The duties had been faithfully performed by Colonel Creton. Brother G. P. Britten seconded the resolution. Brother Alfred Staley W.M. 185 P.M. 1728 proposed Bro. J. Derby Allcroft 259 P.M. and Treasurer 1657. It was out of no disrespect to Colonel Creton that Brother Allcroft was brought forward, but as the collar of Grand Treasurer was the only collar the Craft had the power to vote it was the wish of some members of the Craft that this proposition should be put before them. Brother Richard A. Morgan W.M. 1671 seconded the motion, on the ground that with the exception of the collar of Grand Master this was the only collar it was in the hands of Grand Lodge to bestow. They felt it was right that this collar should not be given in perpetuity to any brother, but on the same principles as other offices were given in Grand Lodge, where brethren afterwards enjoyed Past Grand office. In proposing Brother Allcroft they did not do it in any spirit against the present Grand Treasurer, but only on the principle that they ought to exercise their right and not look on this collar as a perpetual one. Bro. Cantle supported the original motion, and said Col. Creton, by his persevering industry had endeared himself to every member of the Craft. He need not tell the brethren how hard Col. Creton had worked, or how much he had done for it, both as a Grand Officer and as a supporter of the different Institutions connected with the Order. There was no man who had done as much for Freemasonry as Colonel Creton, and while he occupied the position he now held he thought the least they could do was to mark their esteem and respect for him by placing him again in Grand Lodge as their Grand Treasurer. Bro. Brackstone Baker followed up these remarks by saying he could not conceive anything more mischievous in effect than as soon as a Grand Treasurer began to know his business that they should substitute another man for him. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. asked Grand Lodge to pause before it broke through traditions which—if traditions were worth anything at all, and were esteemed anywhere—were esteemed among the body of Freemasons. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson supported the amendment, which was carried by a large majority; whereupon Bro. Britten demanded a poll, but the Earl of Lathom ruled that it was quite unnecessary. On the motion of the Earl of Lathom, seconded by Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., it was unanimously resolved:—

"That this Grand Lodge do contribute the sum of 100 guineas to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, towards the alleviation of the distress caused among the brethren under the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica by the late calamitous fire in Kingston, in that Island."

The following recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence were then confirmed:

A brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London	50	0	0
"    Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, Huddersfield	50	0	0
"    Airedale Lodge, No. 387, Shipley	-	50	0
"    Furness Lodge, No. 995, Ulverston	-	50	0
"    Doric Lodge, No. 933, London	-	50	0
"    Capper Lodge, No. 1076, London	-	50	0
"    Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, London	-	100	0
"    Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge	100	0	0
"    Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	-	100	0
A widow of a brother of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull	75	0	0

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the General Purposes Committee, presented the following Report:—"The Board of General Purposes have to state that the Grand Secretary having reported the reception of some 800 amendments to the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions submitted to Grand Lodge on the 9th September last, the Board of General Purposes recommend Grand Lodge to refer these amendments to the Board to consider and report on." To this was subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held 16th February, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5,409 1s 7d; in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £100. The Colonial Board reported that a letter had been received the day after the last Quarterly Communication from the W. Master of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, Egypt, reporting that the Lodge which had been in abeyance since the year 1874, had, owing to the return of some of its old members to Egypt, been now able to resume its work, the Board beg to recommend to Grand Lodge that the resolution for the erasure of the said Lodge passed at the last Quarterly Communication be rescinded, and that the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, be permitted to resume its labours. The report was adopted, as also was that of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1882. Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

From the *Portsmouth Times* we gather that at the regular Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, held on the evening of Thursday, the 1st inst., in Dublin, a letter was read from Lord Wolseley, asking for a duplicate certificate, which was granted. His lordship stated in his letter that he was, when in the 90th Foot, initiated in July 1854, in the Military Lodge (728) of Dublin, in company with Lord Ferrars, then a brother officer. His original master's certificate was lost when he was wrecked in the Transit; and a duplicate, obtained some time afterwards, was destroyed, with "all his goods and chattels," when the Pantheon was burned in 1874. He desired another certificate in view of the forthcoming opening of a new Lodge in Manchester, to be named after himself, and to be worked on temperance principles.

Last night (Friday) the annual ball of the City of London Bicycle Club was held, under the most successful auspices, at the Cannon Street Hotel.

Bro. Alderman Whitehead has retired from the chairmanship of the Forest Hill Liberal Association, on account of his many other public engagements.

Bro. Weist Hill, conductor of the Guildhall School of Music has sufficiently recovered from his severe indisposition as to be enabled to resume his duties.

The members of the Brixton, No. 1949, have formed a Masonic Charitable Association in connection with their Lodge of Instruction. At the preliminary meeting on Thursday evening last a strong working Committee was appointed, and a large number of shares were immediately subscribed for.

The second Anglo-French Ball was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Cosart, 291, who was assisted by a numerous body of stewards. The company numbered nearly 300. The Band, 17 in number, under the direction of Bro. Grove Ellis, No. 188, gave great satisfaction, the music selected being the most popular melodies of the day. Messrs. Old and Bontin acted as M.C.'s. The supper reflected great credit on M. Birlet. The toasts customary on these occasions were duly honoured.

The Report of the Directors of the Crystal Palace District Company which will be presented at the Ordinary General Meeting on Friday next, the 16th instant, presents some very satisfactory features. We are informed, among other things, that the new gasholder is not only complete, but has been worked for a period sufficiently long to be thoroughly tested. Its capacity is 1,604,000 cubic feet, and the cost of erection and fitting only £17,608 12s 8d, or at the rate of £10 19s 1d per 1,000 cubic feet of capacity. The Gas Examinations of the parishes supplied by the Company as to the illuminating power of the gas continue to be satisfactory, while the price, which has been reduced to 3s 2d per 1,000 cubic feet during the present quarter, will be reduced to 3s 1d from and after Lady Day. Among the

recommendations of the Directors are that the Secretary (Bro. Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C.) should receive an increment of salary amounting to £50, and that the following Dividends, for the half-year to 31st December last, shall be declared, namely : " 5 per cent. on the Preference Stock ; 7 per cent. on the Ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock ; 10 per cent. on the Ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock ; and 7 per cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Shares ; all less Income Tax," the total thus to be paid amounting to £11,482 12s 1d. The total authorised Capital of the Company is £400,000, of which £313,294 has been paid up. As to coals and residual products there were in store on 31st December last of the former 5,939 tons, and among the latter 1,175 dozens of 4-bushel sacks of coke, 71,079 gallons of tar, and 70,084 gallons of ammoniacal liquor, and 52 tons of sulphate of ammonia. The gas remaining in stock at the close of the year was 1,373,000 cubic feet. The capital account shows total receipts amounting to £313,294, and expenditure £290,641 18s, leaving a balance of £22,652 2s. The revenue account shows receipts from all sources to the extent of £61,151 3s 10d, of which £45,584 3s 10d is for gas rental, and £15,468 3s 8d for residual products sold : expenditure £45,793 17s 9d, leaving a balance to profit and loss of £15,357 6s 1d. The profit and loss account shows a balance of net profit to be carried to next half-year's account, subject to half-year's Dividends as recommended above, amounting to £19,007 17s 5d. The Directors, of whom Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson P.G.D. is Chairman, are to be congratulated on having it in their power to present to the Shareholders so satisfactory a picture.

We regret that, through an oversight, we omitted Bro. Allen's list as Steward for the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet, amounting to £30 12s 6d, from the return of Hertfordshire. We have, however, in our analysis given credit for the sum not specifically, but for swelling the total, £233 4s, for that Province. We also gave Brother Festa's list for Lodge No. 1900 as £156 9s. Our esteemed brother will, no doubt, kindly note that we state it properly as £160 in our notes for this week.

We hear from Ireland that Brother Field, who was lately the subject of a murderous attack, in connection with the Irish outrages, has so far recovered from the effects that he was able, on Wednesday, to attend the duties of the Masonic Lodge of which he is a member. He met with a most cordial reception.

The meetings for the improvement of Companions in knowledge of the Ritual of the Royal Arch degree, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, every Thursday evening, continue to be well attended. On the 1st instant Comp. Gregory occupied the chair of Z., Osborn H., and Pearcey J.; R. Bird S.N., Sheffield P.S. A very profitable and instructive evening was the result.

Bros. Ritter and Clifford, of the Guildhall Tavern, proprietors of the late Corporation barge, the " Maria Wood," announce that it will be moored near the winning post, at Mortlake, on Thursday, the 15th inst., the day of the University Boat Race. There will be a military band on board, and cabins will be set apart for the ladies.

The members of the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction will hold their annual supper at the Canonbury Tavern, Islington, on Monday, the 19th inst.

Miss Lingard's great success in " Camille," at the Gaiety Theatre, a fortnight ago, has induced the management to announce " La Dame aux Camélias," for a Matinée on Tuesday next, the 13th inst. Miss Lingard is an actress of considerable power and vigour, and if she remains in London as a leading lady, which there is every probability of her doing, she will be a fair exchange for Miss Ellen Terry, who is to visit New York during the present year, in company with Mr. Irving.

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered, and Compared with the Old Edition. London : Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stampos. One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.—(Advt.).

## IRREGULAR MASONRY-

### FROM THE 3rd TO THE 32nd DEGREE IN ONE NIGHT.

NEW HAVEN, Ct., 21st February 1883.—Great indignation prevails among higher degree Masons here and elsewhere in the State because of the doings of an irregular Masonic organisation that has been conferring degrees up to the 33rd, despite the fact that it is not recognised by the highest Masonic authority in the land. The irregular organisation is headed by five advanced Masons who were recently expelled from the Supreme Council to which they belonged, because they had assumed power that did not pertain to them. These Quinnipiac bodies, as they are called, started in New York state a year or two ago, and soon gained a foothold in this city, and then spread to Massachusetts. Said a prominent Mason here to day : " They confer the degrees from the 3rd to the 32nd in an evening or two for about fifteen dollars, while to go through the regular bodies takes about two months, and costs one hundred dollars. I don't know why these seceders are acting as they are, except that some have grievances against the regularly constituted authority. Others want to get the higher degrees as cheaply and quickly as they can, and others, again, see no hope of gaining the coveted 33rd degree by remaining with us, and so they branched out and formed this organisation. We recognise them so far as the three blue Lodge degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow craft and Master Mason are concerned, but after that the Quinnipiac bodies go on and confer degrees on their own hook, that are recognised by no true Masons. In Massachusetts, however, the G. Lodge of the state has declared that any one who shall have anything to do with those Quinnipiac bodies shall forfeit all the rights and privileges of a Mason, which would throw the member out of the Blue Lodge. We shall come to that yet here, and in New York. These bogus bodies are recognised by no Supreme Council at all, while our bodies are fully recognised by the twenty-two Supreme Councils in the world." The speaker went on to say that Masons young in the Order should be warned against joining these bodies. Upon inquiry, however, the reporter learned that quite a number of men prominent as citizens, if not as Freemasons, had become identified with the Quinnipiac bodies, and that they were constantly growing, notwithstanding the anathemas of the so-called regular bodies.—*Boston Herald*.

### BALL OF THE ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

THE Annual Ball of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 2nd instant, at Grosvenor Hall, Buckingham Palace-road, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. E. Powell, and an efficient Board of Stewards. Bros. Beckham Secretary, J. Galt Fisher I.P.M., Slatterley P.M., S. Jones P.M., W. E. Moorman, J. Purnell, C. Tayler S.W., W. Vincent P.M., A. A. Johnson, and Chilcott. The attendance was all that could be desired, while the room was beautifully decorated. By dispensation, the brethren were permitted to wear Masonic clothing; accordingly, a glittering array of jewels denoted that several of those present had attained high Masonic honours. The band was under the direction of Bro. Seaton. Bro. Chilcott ably officiated as M.C. An excellent supper was supplied by Bro. S. Raven. Bro. Powell proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. Bro. Fisher said although toasts were not the order of the evening, they could not separate without drinking the health of the W.M., who had ably presided over them. Bro. Powell, in reply, was pleased to see so many Masons, non Masons, and ladies grace their festive board. The Stewards were greatly indebted to them for their presence. He trusted they were pleased with the entertainment they had participated in. He would now ask the members of the Lodge to drink to the health of the Visitors and the Ladies, and would call on the youngest Officer of the Lodge, Bro. Egbert Hooper, to respond. After the toast had been acknowledged, dancing was resumed, and the enjoyment sustained till the small hours had departed. According to time-honoured custom the proceedings were brought to an end with Sir Roger de Coverley.

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TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir.—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

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.

## 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, 10th MARCH.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
176—Caveat, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.  
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicestershire

## MONDAY, 12th MARCH.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields  
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, A date, 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.)  
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.  
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street  
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield  
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate  
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)  
1489—Marquess of Piplon, Pembury Tavern, Amherst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
1507—Methusalem, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey  
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—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand  
1693—King Island, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth  
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport  
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham  
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby  
557—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
797—Hanley, Harley Hall, Dartmouth  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Moukwearmouth, Durham  
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea  
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1438—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds  
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York  
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-the-Sea  
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick  
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington  
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.  
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 13th MARCH.

- 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street  
46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street  
111—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City  
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)  
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel  
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1198—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 1269—Staphope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1414—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Turney-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Talington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
1602—Sir Hugh Meddallion, Crown and Wolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
1669—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1747—Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.  
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
106—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne (Inst.)  
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone  
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton  
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
606—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Welshesbury  
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sideup  
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster  
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport  
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge  
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
1250—Gilbert Greenhal, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington  
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey  
1465—Ockenden Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex  
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmaddox  
1545—Bailedon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Bailedon  
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1678—Torbridge, Masonic Hall, Torbridge  
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.  
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth  
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
R.A. 245—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3

- 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
72—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.  
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
183—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadmill-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Cowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
539—La Tolerante, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
820—Lily, Greyhound, Richmond  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Dick's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8  
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
1475—Peckham, 10 Old Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea  
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct  
1791—Cretton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
1922—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. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Lancham Hotel, W.  
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham  
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
231—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster  
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
483—Symmetry, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Würwick  
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
759—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.  
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.  
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.  
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
1209—Lewis, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
1399—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction)  
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford  
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1582—Llanidloes, Towythorn Arms, Llanidloes  
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
R.A. 21—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple  
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton

R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch  
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.  
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

## THURSDAY, 15th MARCH.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.  
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
109—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)  
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood  
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
1278—Burtt Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park  
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton  
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)  
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)  
1723—Temple Bar, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.  
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill.  
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road  
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell  
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Taver., Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)  
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Da'ston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)  
42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
342—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.  
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1209—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
1432—Titzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry  
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton  
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton  
R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester  
R.A. 204—Caledonia, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden  
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

## FRIDAY, 16th MARCH.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.  
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
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)  
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
K.T. 48—Kemey's Tyne, 33 Golden Square, W.  
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound, Richmond  
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
1098—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
1844—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury  
R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich  
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.  
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 17th MARCH.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)

- 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
1624—McEleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.  
Sierra Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street  
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow  
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.**—The rapidly increasing popularity of this young Lodge of Instruction was again manifested on Wednesday last, when there was a numerous muster, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, under the presidency of Bro. J. Morgan W.M. He was supported by Bros. Eedle as S.W., Harvey J.W., Woolley S.D., Thomas J.D., Wimble I.G., J. Rotheroe Sec., W. Martin P.M. Preceptor, Amphlett, Ledger W.M. 1561, Alfred Pusey, S. Lampen, Morland, McChristie, Noyce, Conldrey, Bellis, Anderson, Burnett J.W. Selwyn Lodge 1901, Barker P.M. 1632, Stockport, Bardsley P.M. 322, Metcalfe P.M., &c. Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, special applause being elicited by the announcement that Bro. Anderson had kindly presented a box, in which to preserve the furniture belonging to the Lodge of Instruction. Special reference was also made to the visit of Bro. J. Driscoll, P.M. of the United Mariners' Lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation at the last meeting, in the presence of a very large assemblage of brethren and visitors. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the Worshipful Master, with Bro. Bardsley P.M. as candidate, Bro. W. Martin assisting with his wonted ability as Preceptor. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Rotheroe, and the Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the first section worked by Bro. Bellis, with Bro. Lever acting as Preceptor in the room of Bro. Martin, who had been obliged to leave. The working was well carried on throughout, and gave evidence of an earnest desire on the part of all present to attain proficiency. Lodge having been resumed, Bros. Burnett 1901, Barker P.M. 1532, and Bardsley P.M. were admitted members, and Bro. Amphlett was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The brethren severally acknowledged the compliments paid them, Bro. Barker saying he could not allow the opportunity to pass without congratulating the members of this young Lodge of Instruction upon the progress it had already made, and the advantage it was likely to prove to Masons residing in this district. He had been particularly pleased with the working he had witnessed. It was his own working, which for many years had been used in his own Lodge, and he could therefore appreciate the accurate and intelligent rendering of it by the brethren present. He promised to attend as frequently as possible, feeling assured that most excellent instruction would be imparted there. Bro. Burnett followed, with a few remarks of similar import; and Bro. Bardsley said it had given him a considerable amount of pleasure to have been elected a member of this very excellent Lodge. He had received a great deal of instruction that evening. He alluded to the lack of such means of Masonic practice and edification in the Provinces, and spoke of the advantages which were to be derived from Lodges of Instruction generally, and particularly when they were presided over by such efficient Officers as they had that night. Bro. Eedle was then unanimously elected W.M. for next Wednesday evening, when it was announced that Bro. Nicol, W.M. of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, would (by permission) work the installation ceremony. Bro. Rotheroe announced that the Fifteen Sections will be worked here on the last Wednesday evening in the month, when he hoped to see a large attendance of brethren. Visitors are most cordially welcomed at this Lodge of Instruction, which is held at the Lugard, every Wednesday evening, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

**New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.**—This successful Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 28th ultimo, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Bro. J. C. Smith A.M.C. 1744 presiding as W.M., supported by Bros. James Hemming M.C. 1287 S.W., F. W. Sillis M.C. 1744 J.W., Stiles P.M. 1507 acting Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Martin S.D., Marks J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Solomon 1732, Smith 813, Priestly 659, Dixie 453, Goldney 1702, Edwards 1107, E. Barrett-Kidder 12, Ashton 1507, Oldham 1365, Dixie 453, Saunders 1507, Bevan 749, Flack 1306, Stevenson 813, Marx 957, Cox 753, Loriug 171, Weeden 813, Carter 615, Potter 813, Gyer 861, Sheffield 413, Fluck 1538, Colepepper 1687, Laughton 1839. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to work the sections of the three lectures, assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Knight, Perl, Solomon, Edwards, Sillis, Larchin, Ager. Second Lecture—Fenner, Hemming, Gush, Martin, Fox. Third Lecture—Edmonds, Storr, Emblin. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and several of the above named brethren were proposed and elected as members; after which Brother Fenner proposed and Brother Weeden seconded that honorary membership of the Lodge be conferred upon Bros. Smith the W.M., Hemming S.W., Sillis J.W., and Stiles acting Preceptor, which was unanimously carried. It was proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the brethren who had so ably assisted in the working of the sections, to which Brother Edwin Storr responded. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form. The interest shown in this Lodge on all occasions is sufficient recommendation for Craftsmen to pay it a visit.

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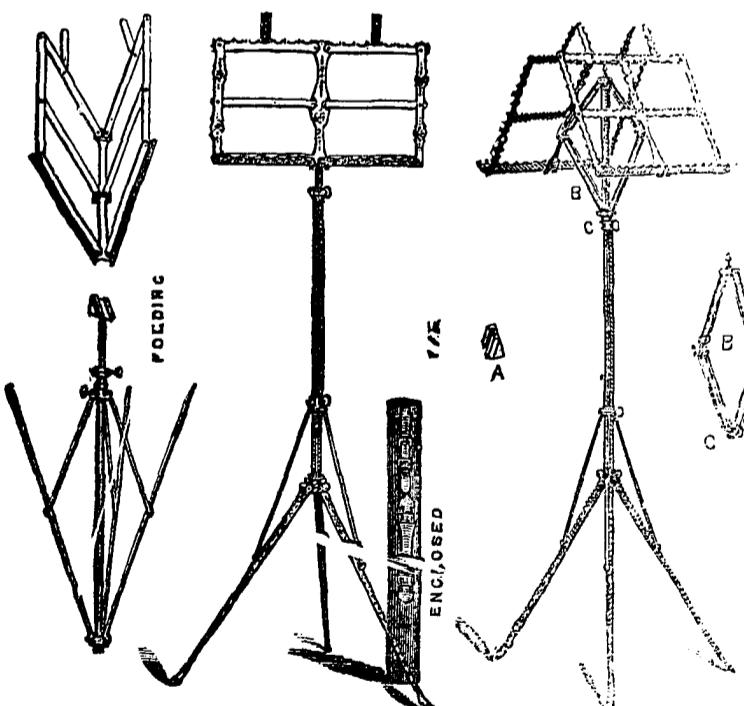
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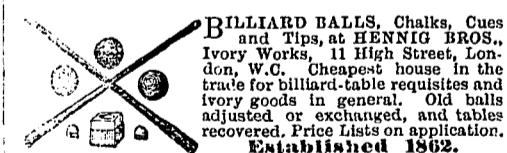
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