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## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE ballot paper for the Girls' School Election, to take place on Saturday, the 14th proximo, discloses a state of affairs which may be described as most satisfactory. Of the twenty-eight candidates recorded thereon, as seeking to be admitted to a participation in the benefits of the Institution, no less than twenty-two can be immediately admitted, so that there will only remain six at the close of the day's poll who will have to be sent away as unsuccessful. Doubtless it would be better in many ways, if these six disappointments could be prevented, and all the candidates now before the Craft could be taken on without the trouble and anxiety of an election, but we must not forget that it is by adopting such a course in the more immediate past that the list of candidates now seeking to be admitted to the Girls' School has been reduced to so small a number, and, however much we may wish to help all who need it, we must not be continually increasing the number of claimants on the funds merely because a very small addition will enable us to admit all. These small additions speedily resolve themselves into a large total, and in the end we shall find it necessary to reduce the numbers. There are many other arguments which might be brought forward why it would not be good policy to take all the candidates on next month, but we have so often spoken on both sides of the question, that it is hardly necessary to do so again. Having decided that an election is desirable, we shall now devote our attention to our usual brief survey of the several cases, though, as usual, we must leave it to the friends of the various candidates to make known to the Craft any particular claims which their protégés have for special consideration; for ourselves, we can only form a general opinion.

There are three candidates on the list about whose success there should be no doubt—we allude to the three who are parentless—No. 12, Ethel C. Hippey, No. 20, Blanche B. Garner, and No. 27, Angela G. Shervill. With these there can be no question as to urgency; a family with neither father nor mother must at all times create sympathy, particularly so among Masons, when the children are the offspring of a deceased brother. We hope that every voter who is not personally interested in one or other of the remaining twenty-five cases will assure himself that these three are certain of success, before taking any other into consideration. It would perhaps be invidious to make any comparison as regards these three, we shall therefore take them in the order in which they stand on the list. No. 12, E. C. Hippey, is one of four children of a late member of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxfordshire, left to the care of friends; she has made one previous application, on which occasion she had 667 votes recorded on her behalf, a number which will, we think, have to be considerably exceeded next month to secure a place. Nos. 20 and 27 are each first applications; the former, B. A. Garner, being one of a family of six, and the latter, A. G. Shervill, one of four who are left parentless. They are both London cases, and we trust will each receive sufficient support to place them in the School.

Of the remaining cases eleven are second applications,

and fourteen first. No. 11, Maud P. Keily, heads the list so far as number of votes brought forward is concerned, her total from October last being 1762. She is one of two children now dependent on a widowed mother, whose husband, during his lifetime, appears to have taken considerable interest in the Charities and general welfare of the Order. Next comes No. 1, Ethel A. Hill, who brings forward 1565 votes as the result of the last poll; she is one of three children left to the care of their mother. Her father was a member of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, London. No. 5, Florence Mason, daughter of a late member of the Independence Lodge, No. 721, Cheshire, is one of five children left dependent; she has 1388 votes brought forward, and possesses special claims for the coming election from the fact that it will be the last at which she can take a part, in consequence of the age limit. We are pleased to find this is the only "last application" case on the present list, and must confess it had escaped our notice, or we should have included it among the cases first deserving of notice. We trust that the success of this girl will be assured. No. 4, Frances A. Prebble, follows, with a total of 1255 votes to the good; here also a good Province is accredited with the case, the father having belonged to the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Kent, doubtless sufficient support will be forthcoming to secure a place for her among the "successful." Kate Stokes, No. 6, has 978 votes in hand; she is a member of a large family left to the care of a widowed mother, who, let us hope, will ere long be relieved of the charge of this daughter. The father of No. 8, Florence M. G. Willcox, is still living, and is left, we are told, with the care of her and one other child. Doubtless, there are good reasons why his daughter should be admitted to the benefits of the Institution, and it may be very hard on him to have to draw particular attention to her case, but we again urge that, under such circumstances as his, some fuller information should be given by the authorities than is here supplied. Unfortunately, very many brethren are placed in a similar position to Brother Willcox, so far as being left with a family of motherless children is concerned; and we therefore think that the additional particulars we have long asked for in such cases should be given in the ballot papers. It must not be imagined that we have any fault to find with the case of Florence Willcox in particular: it is the class of candidates of which she is a member of which we write, and on the present occasion our remarks will equally apply to No. 3, Ellen Hayes, who will be mentioned later on. Bro. Willcox is accredited to the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Somersetshire, and has already polled 782 votes on behalf of this daughter. No. 9, Isabella McLeod (Hants and Isle of Wight), brings forward 541 votes, she and one other child are now dependent on the mother, her father having died in 1881. No. 7, Florence M. Beavon, comes to us from abroad, her father having been a member of the St. Andrew Lodge, No. 500, Madras. She only secured 264 votes at the last contest, and, as one of four fatherless children, now appeals for further aid: it is to be hoped the appeal will not be in vain. No. 3, Ellen Hayes, is another Hampshire case, and is the girl already referred to as having her father still alive. He is left with this girl and

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

four other children ; but what claims he has on his brother Masons we are unable to say—she polled 214 votes last October. No. 10, Minnie Woodward, is another foreign case, her father having been a member of the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar; she is one of six fatherless children, and goes to the poll on the present occasion with 110 votes in hand. No. 2, Kate Wortley, closes the list of second application cases; she is one of five children now dependent on a widowed mother, the father having been a member of Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham, and an Officer in Provincial Grand Lodge. She has only 67 votes brought forward, but her case is, we feel sure, in good hands—the brethren of the North will not let a deserving orphan be sent away as unsuccessful if it lies in their power to prevent it.

Two of the first application cases have already been disposed of, and of the remainder, No. 15, Elizabeth Midgley, and No. 26, G. A. I. Musgrave, perhaps call for first attention, from the fact that they are members of the largest families, each forming one of seven dependent on widowed mothers. The former hails from West Yorks, the latter from Middlesex. No. 17, Jane Smith (Kent), No. 21, Helen Grabham (West Lancashire), and No. 24, Ada E. Fearon (Cumberland and Westmoreland), follow very closely, each of their mothers having families of six dependent on them. Fortunately, they are all accredited to good Provinces, and stand a fair chance of succeeding. The father of No. 21 (Grabham), as a dramatic author, and member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, should find a large body of supporters among the followers of his profession, who are well known as among the most benevolent. Let us hope the daughter of their old comrade will be especially favoured on this occasion. No. 23, Emily G. Carruthers, also from Cumberland, is one of five fatherless children; while No. 13, Jane W. Hutchings; 14, Florence H. Trotman; and 22, Helen M. Henshaw, all of London, each form one of families of four similarly circumstanced. No. 18, Annie L. Ochsenshein (London), and No. 25, Sylvia M. Haworth (West Lancashire), come next, as members of families of three, followed by No. 16, Mildred A. Weighton (London), one of two fatherless children. The two remaining cases are, No. 19, Edith M. Bates, and No. 28, Caroline L. Weare, the former a London case, the latter a Leicestershire one. Each of these girls are the only children left to the care of their widowed mothers; and, strange to say, the fathers of each moved in the same sphere during their lifetime, the one having been an hotel manager, the other an hotel keeper. Although they now occupy the last place on our list, we hope after the election they may have risen to that point they are entitled to on their merits.

We shall next week devote attention to the Boys' List, which, as usual, is a far more difficult undertaking than the one now brought to a conclusion.

### THE RECENT MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

THERE are certain matters in connection with the recent meeting of Grand Lodge which, in our judgment, appear to call for some comment. In describing the agenda paper, we suggested with reference to the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, that, as its erasure had been voted at the December Communication, and its reinstatement as a working Lodge was to be proposed on Wednesday, the 7th inst., it would be more business-like if some one moved the non-confirmation of so much of the December minutes as concerned the erasure of the Lodge in question. In the event of such motion being carried, there would be no erasure of the Bulwer Lodge necessary, and, as a consequence, no reinstatement of it in its old position. As the case stands now, Grand Lodge has voted the erasure of a Lodge, and within a few minutes after, speaking, of course, comparatively, has ruled that it shall be permitted to retain its place on the roll, and continue its labours. This may be an amusing way of treating a subject of some importance, but no one will be so bold as to declare it business-like.

But however silly such a proceeding may appear to the reader, it is comparatively of little moment by the side of the new doctrine which carried the day by so large a majority as to the Treasurership of Grand Lodge. There is no doubt the course adopted was an innovation, and, as

such, was calculated to excite a strong sense of opposition on the part of those who prefer abiding by the old method or prescription. But it seems to us that, in the circumstances, this innovation was one which, in the course of time, and when the present feeling of irritation has had an opportunity of subsiding, will find favour with the general body of the Craft. The Grand Treasurership, as it was anterior to the election of Colonel Creaton, was a post to which very heavy responsibilities were attached. The brother appointed to fulfil its duties required time and experience in order to perfect himself in his duties, and, consequently it would have been an injustice to have suggested a change of Treasurer just when the brother had had time to settle himself down to the performance of his functions and was fully conversant with whatever he was likely to be called upon to do. The case is different now. The Grand Treasurership is as much an honorary distinction conferred on some meritorious brother as is a Grand Wardenship or Grand Deaconship. As regards business, it is a mere sinecure, the affixing of his signature to cheques being about the sole duty the Grand Treasurer is ever called upon to perform. Formerly, it was a business office, or, to speak more euphuistically, a position of great responsibility. Now it is an ornamental office, to which any brother who has deserved well of the Craft may justifiably aspire to be elected. The suggestion, therefore, that the Grand Treasurership should no longer be regarded as a life appointment during good behaviour was a very sensible one, especially as it is the only appointment, save that of Grand Master, in which Grand Lodge has any voice, and consequently, affords the only opportunity for the Craft generally, through its representatives, to honour one whom it is anxious to honour. As to the election of any brother to the position so worthily filled during the past four years by Colonel Creaton being calculated to show a diminution of respect, even in the slightest degree, for that esteemed and estimable Grand Officer, we cannot bring ourselves to seriously regard any such suggestion. Colonel Creaton's services are too well known, and too generally respected by his brethren to need any such plea on his behalf. But because he has acquitted himself well, that offers no substantial reason why some other brother should not be chosen to fulfil his duties, being, as they are, of a merely honorary, or, we may even venture to say, ornamental character. We congratulate Brother Allcroft on his election, not because he has been chosen in preference to Colonel Creaton, but because we believe he will reflect some portion of the honour just conferred on him by Grand Lodge. We sympathise with Bro. Colonel Creaton in his rejection, not so much because he has been superseded in his office of Grand Treasurer, but because his cause has been advocated by friends who insisted on making his election a kind of personal test of merit. At the same time, we feel it our duty to protest against the unseemly interjections of many members of Grand Lodge when Brother Philbrick expressed himself as being in favour of the re-election of Colonel Creaton. Such conduct was conspicuously un-Masonic, and, though we do not agree with the views he expressed, we loyally concede to him, what we claim for ourselves, the right of expressing our opinion in open Lodge.

We are always gratified in being able to announce the establishment of new Associations in connection with our Charitable Institutions. The members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, meeting at Brother Meekham's, the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N., last month formed a Masonic Benevolent Association, and shares to the number of seventy have already been subscribed for. It is within the last few days that we specially referred to the large sums of money being raised by energetic Craftsmen in connection with these Associations, and we look forward to the brethren of the Royal Standard making a goodly contribution in support of the Festivals of the Scholastic Institutions during the present year.

### FUNERALS.

Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON,  
COFFIN MAKERS & UNDERTAKERS,  
17 NEWCASTLE STREET, STRAND, W.C.  
And at 30 FOREST HILL ROAD, PECKHAM RYE, S.E.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,  
No. 1507.

"It is the hope of reward that sweetens labour," is an axiom frequently brought to our notice in Masonic Lodges, but it is equally well recognised amongst us that all who work do not get full reward for their exertions. However this may be, when we find that the services of a zealous brother are appreciated, and so far as in them lies, are recognised by those with whom he may be associated, it is an exceedingly pleasant duty that devolves upon us when we are called upon to chronicle the proceedings. On Friday last, the 9th instant, we attended at the Holborn Restaurant, where the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction had assembled to celebrate their Annual Banquet. The chair was taken by Bro. Henry Stiles W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who was well supported by a representative gathering from several Lodges, who had attended to do honour to the occasion. After a well served repast had been done justice to, and grace said, the W.M. rose and gave the comprehensive toast—Loyalty to the Throne, and Devotion to the Craft. The Preceptor, Bro. W. Mason Stiles, proposed the health of his brother, the president of the evening, modestly referring to his many qualities, and testifying to the interest with which he watched the working of the Lodge of Instruction. After this compliment had been acknowledged, Bro. W. Mason Stiles rose to propose a toast which—he stated—had been purposely kept out of the printed list. It was the health of the Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, Bro. E. Storr, who during the time he had occupied that position, had endeared himself to the members. Bro. W. M. Stiles, in making the presentation, made some happy remarks regarding Bro. Storr, to whom he said the Members of the Lodge of Instruction were much indebted for his zeal and energy. Nothing was a trouble to him; he was ever willing to do his best for the Lodge. Recently he (Bro. Storr) had taken to himself a wife, and the members had deemed the occasion a fitting opportunity to make him a presentation, as a token of their appreciation of his labours. Bro Stiles then formally made the presentation, which took the shape of a handsome pianoforte; and for those who desire a full and detailed account of the said gift, we feel we cannot do better than give the description as furnished us by our esteemed Bro. John Weston, of the firm Mornington and Weston, of Camden Town, who supplied the instrument:—A seven octave iron cottage grand walnut pianoforte, Barrwood fall, incised and gilt panelled front, with sconces, carved truss legs, iron front frame, with trichord tenor and treble." Bro. Edwin Storr, who was completely overpowered by the unexpected honour that had been done him, regretted that words failed him to adequately respond for the kind and very flattering manner in which the toast of his health had been received. It was indeed a red letter day for him when he entered the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Since his appointment as Secretary, he had done his best for the Lodge, but the great success which they had experienced was due, he thought, to each individual member. The handsome present he had received that evening had so completely taken him by surprise that he could hardly find words to express his thanks. He hoped that his scantiness of utterance would be taken, not as meaning that his gratitude was slight, but really as implying that his feeling of thankfulness was too great for words. There were several other toasts given during the evening, and some interesting facts were elicited. The Lodge of Instruction had, during the twelve months, given out of its accumulated funds five guineas to each of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, while a sum of no less than £500 had been realised during the last three years by the Charitable Association in connection with the Lodge. The evening's proceedings were concluded with some capital songs and musical selections. Among the company present were Bros. Lewis Solomon W.M. 1732 S.W., E. E. Barrett-Kidder I.P.M. 12 J.W., C. J. Scales P.M. 1507 Treasurer, E. Storr S.D. 167 Secretary, G. W. Knight, G. Clark jun., A. Simner, F. Ashton, F. W. Sillis, H. Dickey, J. W. Ager, J. C. Smith (who presided at the pianoforte), R. W. Fraser, A. Harman, T. M. Ormiston, M. Little, J. W. Tubby, E. C. Botley, and the following Visitors:—Bros. F. Adlard P.M. 7, Jno. Weston Past Master 1602, W. R. Heasman Past Master 1437, R. W. Galer 1366, C. Weeden 813, E. Mayo 1732, R. Roper 1507, E. Secker 179, G. Dickinson 1681, R. Dormer 1507, T. Moody 1507, G. F. Moses 1017, Paul Storr, F. A. Kelly 1524, W. W. Morgan Senior Warden 211.

The pianoforte bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. Edwin Storr, S.D. 167, by the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, on his Marriage, and in appreciation of his valued services as Secretary."

Bro. Tito Mattei announces a Grand Evening Concert at St. James's Hall for Saturday evening the 12th May, at 8.30. On that occasion he will be assisted by some of the most talented artistes of the day. The beneficiaire's musical ability is well known and appreciated, and those who desire to obtain tickets can procure them from Bro. Mattei, 46 Carlton Hill, N.W.

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

LEANDER SWIMMING CLUB.

THE annual distribution of prizes and entertainment in connection with this prosperous young club, which was started with the object of promoting the art of swimming amongst young men engaged in the City and suburbs, took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., in the Lecture Hall, Park Road, Peckham, and the event was attended with the most gratifying success. There was a large and appreciative audience, under the presidency of the Rev. H. Knee, who, in awarding the prizes gained in the various competitions during the last season, adverted to the importance and advantage of such clubs, as the means of enabling young persons to acquire the very useful art of swimming. The awards were then distributed, in the following order of merit:—H. Bennett (four prizes—an Albert chain, opera glasses, claret jug, and medal); H. Broughton (three—a watch album, and Maltese cross); R. W. Webb (three—batter cooler, album, and two volumes); George Barnes (two—album and medal); J. Doward (two—cup and timepiece); C. Thornton (two—album and watch); Henry Mayhew (silver pencil case), G. Coffin (candlestick), A. Lambert (silver pencil case), E. Harris (album). The entertainment opened with a pianoforte solo—"Danse Napolitaine" (Sydney Smith), brilliantly played by Miss Ada Turner, who in the second part gave Kube's Selection from "Patience" in equally creditable manner, and won a substantial tribute of appreciation. This young lady combines with careful study a nicety of touch which gives promise of more than ordinary ability, and her efforts on this occasion were deservedly acknowledged. Mr. Henry Verrall was encored after singing Godfrey Marks' familiar song, "Sailing," and substituted "Cherry Ripe." In these, as in "The Powder Monkey," later on, he was warmly received. Mr. Alfred R. Turner recited "The Vulgar Little Boy," and "Faithless Sally Brown," with much natural humour, and succeeded in provoking genuine merriment; and a couple of recitations, "The Bridal Wine Cup," and "Beautiful Snow," were also given by Miss Richardson. The gem of the evening was unquestionably the singing of Miss Rose Moss, L.A.M. (gold medalist), who was heartily encored after singing Balfe's "I'm but a simple Peasant Maid," for which she substituted "I've just had a letter." In the second part she sang, in excellent voice, Roeckel's "Little April Fool," for which she was again rewarded with an undeniable encore. Mr. G. W. Osborn sang Blumenthal's "My Queen," and Stephen Adams's "The Little Hero," for the latter of which he was encored, and sang "Twilight," remarkably well. Mr. George North (buffo) sang Moore's "Three Comical Ghosts," and the ever amusing "Awful Little Scrub," which were both well received; and the complement of the programme was made up by a pleasing duet by Messrs. G. W. Osborn and H. Verrall, who sang the "Larboard Watch," in capital style. Miss Ada Turner lent valuable assistance as accompanist on the pianoforte; and the entertainment was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. C. J. Perceval was called to the chair, and the following brethren were also present, viz.:—Bros. T. W. Bush, James Brett, G. Bolton, W. Marsh, C. H. Webb, John Bulmer, W. H. Goodall, G. P. Festa, John L. Mather, A. H. Tattershall, C. A. Cottebrune, C. G. Dille, G. L. Moore, W. F. Nettleship, Thomas Cubitt, and E. C. Massey. After the confirmation of the previous minutes, and the reading of the Warden's Report, the Secretary reported that three annuitants had died since the last meeting. Bro. Terry reported that since the Festival on the previous Wednesday, when the result announced was £13,043 ls, with nine lists to come in, two lists had been received, which raised the amount to £13,141 10s. A moiety of her late husband's annuity was granted to Mrs. T. A. Watts, the widow of Brother Watts, whose death was reported at last meeting, the proofs of her age and the date of her marriage showing that she was entitled to the same under the Rules, and a cheque for the first quarter's payment was signed. Bro. Terry reported that a cheque for £10s 10s, in aid of the Funds of the Institution, had been received from the Felix Lodge (Scotch Constitution) of Aden, and stated that this was the first instance of a donation having been received from a Lodge under a foreign Constitution.

The rehearsal of the installation ceremony, which was announced to take place on Tuesday next, the 20th inst., at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, has been unavoidably postponed.

The meetings of the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, will for the future be held at the Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, on Monday evenings, at seven o'clock, commencing on Monday next, the 19th inst. Bro. H. J. Cant, J.W. 1816, is the Secretary, and Bro. C. H. Webb, 1607 and 174, is the Preceptor.

## ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., the Annual General Meeting of the friends and supporters of the Royal National Life-boat Institution was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, London, His Grace the Duke of Northumberland P.C. D.C.L., in the chair. There were present, amongst others, Edward Birkbeck, Esq. M.P., Sir Edward Perrott, Bart., Admiral Phillimore, L. T. Cayo Esq., The Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., Colonel Fitzroy Clayton, George Palmer Esq., Rev. F. L. Moysey, Capt. Herbert Perrott, Colonel Iredell, Eugene F. Noel Esq., Rev. Theophilus Echalaz, R. M. Ballantyne Esq., Colonel E. H. Parkes, Ion T. Hamilton Esq., M.P., Admiral Kennedy C.B., The Rt. Hon. Earl of Courtown, W. H. Lyall Esq., M.A., W. H. Harton Esq., Vice-Admiral G. S. Hand, C.B., Colonel Colville, Admiral Ward, Capt. The Hon. F. Maude, R.N., Charles Clayton Esq., and Admiral Sir Claude Buckle, K.C.B.

The President, in opening the proceedings said, that during the past year the Institution had gone on increasing, not only in efficiency, but in public favour, and he believed the report would fully justify the statement. The Institution was one that required no advertisement, because every tempest that swept our shores was an advertisement of its operations. The noise of the storm proclaimed the utility of the Institution, and called to mind the efforts it had successfully made to meet the fury of the tempest. The Life-boat services during the year had been most severe, and many lives had been saved in the face of the most fearful danger. He was sorry to say that Mr Thomas Chapman, the esteemed Chairman of the Institution, had, in consequence of ill-health, been compelled to resign that office. So great had been the services rendered by that gentleman, that it would be a great responsibility for any one who followed him in that position; yet he believed the choice had fallen on a gentleman who would fully justify the event, viz., Mr. Edward Birkbeck, M.P. In conclusion, he might say that the support received from the public during the year was in the same proportion as in previous years, and he must express his belief that there was no institution in England which had so deep a root in the hearts of the nation as the Royal National Life-boat Institution. He believed the sentiment would find an echo in the bosom of every one present.

The annual report which was then read to the meeting, stated that since the last Annual Meeting nine new Life-boats had been placed on the coasts of the British Isles, there now being 273 Life-boats under the management of the Society. During the past year its Life-boats had saved *seven hundred and forty-one* persons from wrecked vessels, nearly the whole of them under perilous circumstances. The storms of the past winter had been very violent and destructive to life and property, but happily the Life-boat men had performed on those occasions most gallant services. The Life-boats had also helped to rescue 23 vessels from destruction. For those services, and for saving 143 lives by fishing boats and other means, 11 Silver Medals and Clasps, 19 votes of thanks inscribed on vellum, and £3,134 had been granted. The number of lives saved since the establishment of the Institution, either by its Life-boats or by special exertions for which it had granted rewards, was 29,608. The Committee cordially acknowledged the continued co-operation of the Local Branch Committees and their Honorary Secretaries, and the Coast Guard, boatmen and fishermen. Many very liberal donations and legacies received during the past year were gratefully acknowledged. The total amount of the donations, subscriptions, and dividends received during that period had been £43,117, and the expenditure had amounted to £36,746. The items of receipt and expenditure were fully detailed in the financial statement laid before the meeting, audited, as usual, by Mr. Lovelock, Public Accountant. The report concluded by stating that the organisation of the Institution was never more complete and active than at the present time; and thus the Committee were prompted afresh, and with unshaken confidence, to appeal for continued and increasing support to an Institution which, with God's blessing, had been, and is productive of such manifestly gratifying results in the cause of humanity, and whose work will ever be needed so long as British trade and commerce endure.

The Earl of Courtown moved the adoption of the report. He adverted to the fact that on the Continent there were now various Life-boat Societies in existence on the model of the National Life-boat Institution of England, which had rendered good service in the preservation of life from shipwreck.

Mr. R. M. Ballantyne seconded the resolution, and said that the moral influence of the Institution on the nation was very great, and was proved by the great variety of subscriptions which came in from all parts. He believed the Society was the means of drawing out the good feelings and philanthropy of the nation in a remarkable degree, and he wished it every success.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Ion T. Hamilton, M.P., moved the second resolution:—

"That this meeting, appreciating the invaluable services of the National Life-boat Institution in the philanthropic work of saving human lives, congratulates the Managing Committee on the continued prosperity and success which have rewarded their exertions, and which it trusts the Institution may long continue to merit and achieve."

He said that the storms on the coast of his native country, Ireland, were severe and dreadful, and many lives were saved there by the Society's boats. It was true they were surrounded by the "melancholy ocean," but they had as well the Life-boats with their gallant crews ever ready when danger arose, and that fact gave them a confidence they could never otherwise enjoy.

Capt. The Hon. Francis Maude, R.N., seconded the resolution, and congratulated the Institution on its continued success and prosperity.

Mr. F. J. Robinson moved, and Colonel Iredell seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Committees of the Parent and Branch

Institutions for their continued earnest and active co-operation, which was responded to by Mr. Birkbeck, M.P., who paid a tribute of deep respect and esteem to the late Chairman, Mr. Chapman, and said that it was a matter for congratulation that everything connected with the Life-boat work was in such a state of efficiency.

The next resolution:—

"That this Meeting testifies afresh to the skill and indomitable spirit that continue to distinguish the Coxswains and Crews of the Life-boats, whose noble exertions were the means of saving no less than *seven hundred and forty-one* lives during the past year."

was moved by Admiral Phillimore, who pointed out that all the contributions of the public and the appliances of the Institution would be of no avail without the gallant crews to man the boats. The resolution was seconded by Colonel Fitzroy Clayton, and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Edward Birkbeck, seconded by Sir Edward Perrott, Bart., a cordial vote of thanks was given to the noble Chairman for presiding, and the proceedings terminated.

## Obituary.

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I am afraid I have allowed this letter to run to an unconscionable length, and though there are other points I should like to submit, I will refrain from inflicting them on you and your readers. No new Lodge need have the slightest doubt about receiving hearty good wishes from all Craftsmen, but the proceedings in connection with the Wolseley Lodge have been, in my humble judgment, a mistake throughout. It was tantamount to casting a slight on the Craft, when it was announced as a Temperance Lodge, as though temperance were a virtue unknown to or unrespected by Masons. It was a great mistake to puff far and wide the association of Lord Wolseley's name with the Lodge; I do not wish to suggest any thing un-masonic, but censorious people might say it was done to make capital—I do not mean of course, pecuniary capital—out of the connection; but the crowning mistake of all is the issue of this circular of invitation, as though the Lodge were touting for outside encouragement of its so-called "temperance" principles.

I enclose my card, and remain,

Fraternally yours,

A PROVINCIAL BROTHER.

## THE LATE FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

15th March 1883.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR,—Will you kindly correct an error which appeared amongst the list of Stewards of the recent Festival?

Bros. Walton and Crosby, representing Lodge No. 1588, are placed under the heading of East Lancashire. It should be West Lancashire.

Your kindness in permitting this correction to appear will be much esteemed by,

Yours fraternally,

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## MASONRY AND DRINK.

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## ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., the Annual General Meeting of the friends and supporters of the Royal National Life-boat Institution was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, London, His Grace the Duke of Northumberland P.C. D.C.L., in the chair. There were present, amongst others, Edward Birkbeck, Esq. M.P., Sir Edward Perrott, Bart., Admiral Phillimore, L. T. Cave Esq., The Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., Colonel Fitzroy Clayton, George Palmer Esq., Rev. F. L. Moysey, Capt. Herbert Perrott, Colonel Iredell, Eugene F. Noel Esq., Rev. Theophilus Echalaz, R. M. Ballantyne Esq., Colonel E. H. Parkes, Ion T. Hamilton Esq., M.P., Admiral Kennedy C.B., The Rt. Hon. Earl of Courtown, W. H. Lyall Esq., M.A., W. H. Harton Esq., Vice-Admiral G. S. Hand, C.B., Colonel Colville, Admiral Ward, Capt. The Hon. F. Maude, R.N., Charles Clayton Esq., and Admiral Sir Claude Buckle, K.C.B.

The President, in opening the proceedings said, that during the past year the Institution had gone on increasing, not only in efficiency, but in public favour, and he believed the report would fully justify the statement. The Institution was one that required no advertisement, because every tempest that swept our shores was an advertisement of its operations. The noise of the storm proclaimed the utility of the Institution, and called to mind the efforts it had successfully made to meet the fury of the tempest. The Life-boat services during the year had been most severe, and many lives had been saved in the face of the most fearful danger. He was sorry to say that Mr Thomas Chapman, the esteemed Chairman of the Institution, had, in consequence of ill-health, been compelled to resign that office. So great had been the services rendered by that gentleman, that it would be a great responsibility for any one who followed him in that position; yet he believed the choice had fallen on a gentleman who would fully justify the event, viz., Mr. Edward Birkbeck, M.P. In conclusion, he might say that the support received from the public during the year was in the same proportion as in previous years, and he must express his belief that there was no institution in England which had so deep a root in the hearts of the nation as the Royal National Life-boat Institution. He believed the sentiment would find an echo in the bosom of every one present.

The annual report which was then read to the meeting, stated that since the last Annual Meeting nine new Life-boats had been placed on the coasts of the British Isles, there now being 273 Life-boats under the management of the Society. During the past year its Life-boats had saved *seven hundred and forty-one* persons from wrecked vessels, nearly the whole of them under perilous circumstances. The storms of the past winter had been very violent and destructive to life and property, but happily the Life-boat men had performed on those occasions most gallant services. The Life-boats had also helped to rescue 23 vessels from destruction. For those services, and for saving 143 lives by fishing boats and other means, 11 Silver Medals and Clasps, 19 votes of thanks inscribed on vellum, and £3,134 had been granted. The number of lives saved since the establishment of the Institution, either by its Life-boats or by special exertions for which it had granted rewards, was 29,608. The Committee cordially acknowledged the continued co-operation of the Local Branch Committees and their Honorary Secretaries, and the Coast Guard, boatmen and fishermen. Many very liberal donations and legacies received during the past year were gratefully acknowledged. The total amount of the donations, subscriptions, and dividends received during that period had been £43,117, and the expenditure had amounted to £36,746. The items of receipt and expenditure were fully detailed in the financial statement laid before the meeting, audited, as usual, by Mr. Lovelock, Public Accountant. The report concluded by stating that the organisation of the Institution was never more complete and active than at the present time; and thus the Committee were prompted afresh, and with unshaken confidence, to appeal for continued and increasing support to an Institution which, with God's blessing, had been, and is productive of such manifestly gratifying results in the cause of humanity, and whose work will ever be needed so long as British trade and commerce endure.

The Earl of Courtown moved the adoption of the report. He adverted to the fact that on the Continent there were now various Life-boat Societies in existence on the model of the National Life-boat Institution of England, which had rendered good service in the preservation of life from shipwreck.

Mr. R. M. Ballantyne seconded the resolution, and said that the moral influence of the Institution on the nation was very great, and was proved by the great variety of subscriptions which came in from all parts. He believed the Society was the means of drawing out the good feelings and philanthropy of the nation in a remarkable degree, and he wished it every success.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Ion T. Hamilton, M.P., moved the second resolution:—

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Mr. F. J. Robinson moved, and Colonel Iredell seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Committees of the Parent and Branch

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The next resolution:—

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and practice. In replying to this objection it is open to me to adopt either one of two courses. I may deny it *in toto*, on the ground that, as one-third of the national revenue is derived from the consumption of alcoholic liquors, teetotalism is a question of politics, seeing that politics must necessarily include the fiscal arrangements required for the government of the country. If, on the other hand, I concede that teetotalism is purely a social question affecting public morals, it is open to me to retort that, even in such case, its discussion, or any attempt at disseminating its principles in open Lodge or at Lodge banquets, must inevitably partake of a controversial character. It is for this reason, and not because they are in themselves objectionable, that the discussion of religious and political questions is forbidden in our Lodges, and it is on this ground that I most decidedly set my face against a Masonic Lodge being made a medium for the teaching of social principles to which I am altogether opposed.

But why this flourish of trumpets in announcing that the Wolseley Lodge will be conducted on "temperance" principles? Is it because our Lodges are notoriously hotbeds of intemperance, and that our Lodge banquets are neither more or less than a series of drunken orgies, which are a disgrace to our boasted civilisation? Every one knows this is absolutely untrue, and the mere suggestion that temperance is conspicuous by its absence from our Lodge gatherings is an insult to the whole Masonic community. Again, if Bros. A, B, and C, who are not teetotalers, accept the invitation, and each pays his guinea towards the banquet, will they be denied their "modest quencher," because an apostle of teetotalism in the person of the W.M. is in the chair, and sundry of his disciples are at the festive board? If they are so denied, the teetotal doctrine is being forced upon them, while, if an exception is made in their favour, and the wine is forthcoming, then the temperance—that is, teetotal—principles, about which all this fuss is being made, are being lost sight of. The Wolseley Lodge will be like any other Masonic Lodge, and the members of which, and visitors to which, are at liberty to drink wine or not, as it suits them. It will be suggested that none but teetotalers should accept the invitation, or if they do, that they have no right to accept anything else than is included in the menu. Then, why is a guinea charged for a ticket? My experience of a banquet is that where wine is included the charge ranges, according to the locality in which the meeting is held, from about fifteen shillings to a guinea and upwards; but where it is not included, the price is about six shillings or three half crowns. If I am here met by the rejoinder—Though there will be no costly wines to undermine your physical and moral constitution, the cuisine will be of the most *récherché* description. In that case I ask, what becomes of these boasted temperance principles. It is morally wrong for a man to incur an immoderate expenditure where the banquet includes meat and wine, and morally wrong where it consists of meat only, the lighter drinks, of tea, coffee, and effervescing beverages, being common to both?

I am afraid I have allowed this letter to run to an unconscionable length, and though there are other points I should like to submit, I will refrain from inflicting them on you and your readers. No new Lodge need have the slightest doubt about receiving hearty good wishes from all Craftsmen, but the proceedings in connection with the Wolseley Lodge have been, in my humble judgment, a mistake throughout. It was tantamount to casting a slight on the Craft, when it was announced as a Temperance Lodge, as though temperance were a virtue unknown to or unrespected by Masons. It was a great mistake to puff far and wide the association of Lord Wolseley's name with the Lodge; I do not wish to suggest any thing un-masonic, but censorious people might say it was done to make capital—I do not mean of course, pecuniary capital—out of the connection; but the crowning mistake of all is the issue of this circular of invitation, as though the Lodge were touting for outside encouragement of its so-called "temperance" principles.

I enclose my card, and remain,

Fraternally yours,

A PROVINCIAL BROTHER.

## THE LATE FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
15th March 1883.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR,—Will you kindly correct an error which appeared amongst the list of Stewards of the recent Festival?

Bros. Walton and Crosby, representing Lodge No. 1588, are placed under the heading of East Lancashire. It should be West Lancashire.

Your kindness in permitting this correction to appear will be much esteemed by,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

## MASONRY AND DRINK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to your issue of the 10th inst., will you allow me to state that a brother, who signs himself "FREEDOM," immediately after using the epithets "Hydropot, Milk-sep, and Goody-goody," in reference to men who are not of the same opinion as himself, does not appear to me to know the meaning of the philanthropic title he takes to himself. The part of his letter which runs "to introduce the question of total abstinence at all in our Masonic gatherings, is to impute excess, which does not exist in our Lodges," finds a complete answer in the letter from "VIGIL," who states having seen brethren in Lodges of Instruction decidedly

"muzzy." If that does not mean excess, perhaps "FREEDOM" will enlighten me what does? Any sensible man would allow a little for the enthusiasm of a new convert, and would not take it so to heart as our brother "FREEDOM" does, which seems to denote an interest which is not on the side of temperance. The assertion that Good Templars ape the forms of Masonry is false, and is not worthy the pen of a Mason, and shows, in regard to the excess of regalia, that "FREEDOM," knows nothing whatever about Good Templary, and therefore lays himself open to ridicule for writing on a subject of which he knows absolutely nothing.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

FAIR PLAY.

### THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You will probably receive many opinions respecting the recent election of Grand Treasurer, and the new departure, which it is called, of Grand Lodge in respect of what has become almost to be regarded as a permanent office. I think many of the brethren will agree with me, that now the ice is broken it should be distinctly understood that no brother shall retain the office of Grand Treasurer for more than one year, under any circumstances. If this was at once recognised, and it were a settled matter that the tenure of the office was an annual one, the idea would soon be fallen in with, and nobody could feel in any way aggrieved. It would be just the same, in point of fact, as the election of a Senior or Junior Warden in our ordinary Lodge work. And why should it be otherwise? The post is to some extent a nominal one, inasmuch as the permanent staff have practically to be responsible for the proper conduct of the business. Every honour has been shown to Colonel Creaton by re-electing him year after year, and there is not a member of the Craft who will begrudge him the high esteem he has earned for himself for those years of liberal and loyal service. But seeing the way in which the straw was blowing, it is a pity almost he did not himself propose his successor, in which case his retirement would have been still more graceful than it was under the circumstances. However, the fact that Colonel has retired with the heartiest good wishes of the brethren, and is too high spirited a gentleman, and has too much good sense to feel in the least slighted, because the Craft have decided that the office of Grand Treasurer shall not be a perpetual one. We all wish well for the new Treasurer, Bro. Allcroft, whom we all know, especially in the City of London, and feel sure he will go out at the end of his year with every credit, excellently deserved.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

GEO. SAXON.

16th March 1883.

The installation meeting of the Wallington Lodge took place on Thursday, when the outgoing Master, Bro. J. G. Horsey, installed his successor, Brother W. Pile. We purpose giving a full report next week.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been appointed a Field Marshal in the Prussian army, the bâton of his rank having been handed to His Royal Highness in person by the Emperor of Germany.

We have great pleasure in drawing attention to a prospectus we have just received from Bro. John A. Neeck, 9 Bundesstrasse, Hamburg. Bro. Neeck is a member of the Lodge "Zur Bruderkette," of Hamburg, and has been a member of the board of officers of the said Lodge for the last four years. He is an apt English scholar, and is desirous of receiving into his family—consisting, be it remarked, of only Madame Neeck and himself—one or more English young gentlemen—sons of Freemasons being assigned the preference—who may be desirous of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the German language, for either Mercantile or professional pursuits. Bro. Neeck has strong testimonials in his favour, and we have every confidence that he will loyally fulfil whatever duty he may be called upon to perform. If testimonials are needed on Bro. Neeck's behalf, they will be forthcoming, and will be found to include the following, namely:—

#### REFERENCES:

- F. Algar Esq., 11 & 12 Clements Lane, London, E.C.
- N. C. W. Krogsgaard Esq., 66 Wood Street, Woolwich, London.
- Bro. M. Corens, Oberlehrer, am Borgesh, Hamburg, Master of the Lodge "Zur Bruderkette."
- Bro. Ed. Förster, Oberlehrer, Uhlenhorst, Hamburg, Orator of the Lodge "Zur Bruderkette."
- Bro. W. Berendsohn, Bookseller, Alster-Arcaden, Hamburg, Deputy Master of the Lodge "Zur Bruderkette."
- Bro. M. Secker, Merchant, 66 Grindelberg, Hamburg.
- Bro. L. Auerbach, Dr. med., Behnstrasse 22, Altona, Junior Warden of the Lodge "Zur Bruderkette."
- Bro. F. Haassenstein, Leipzig.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE last meeting of the session of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 10th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and the following brethren were present:—Bros. W. F. Kibble W.M., F. T. C. Keeble S.W., W. Baber J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary, R. Fendick S.D., F. W. Potter J.D., J. T. Stenson I.G., H. Durrant M.C., G. Jenkins, E. H. Codicot, and H. T. Bertram Stewards; P.M.'s C. Taylor, James Stevens, Thomas Hamer, H. Thompson, J. Seex, W. Cook; also J. R. Huntley, T. W. Headon, J. R. Greening, H. F. Frost, J. K. Gwynne, E. S. Donaldson, C. J. Small, &c., and J. O. Carter P.P.S.D. Berks and Bucks. Lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Small having proved his proficiency as a candidate for promotion, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and he was impressively raised to that of M.M. Lodge was lowered to the first degree, and according to ancient custom the bye-laws were read *in extenso*, after which the next business was to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Keeble was unanimously voted to that office. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Keeble upon his election, and said he was quite sure that he was well qualified to discharge the duties of the chair to which the brethren had unanimously elected him, and he thought also that he might congratulate themselves on having so able a brother to preside over them. Bro. Keeble thanked the brethren for having so unanimously elected him as W.M.; he could assure them that no effort or exertion on his part should be wanting to give them satisfaction in the high office to which he had been called. Bro. Greening proposed that the usual jewel should be presented to the Worshipful Master (Bro. Kibble) on his retirement from the chair, and warmly eulogised the manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. Bro. Gwynne seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. The next business was the election of a Treasurer, and Bro. Headon was unanimously re-elected. Brother Hamer P.M. moved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Brother Headon for his able services, and for the uniform courtesy shown by him to every one during the period he had exercised the office of Treasurer, to the satisfaction of every member of the Lodge. Also for his able initiative of the proposal in Grand Lodge for the election of Brother John Derby Allcroft P.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge as Grand Treasurer; the services of Colonel Creaton, the present Grand Treasurer, being at the same time warmly eulogised, and the hope expressed that Brother Headon would supplement his services to the Craft in general by proposing at the next Quarterly Communication that the thanks of the Grand Lodge should be given to Colonel Creaton on his retirement from office. The motion was unanimously carried. Brother Headon returned thanks on his re-election; the position of Treasurer of a private Lodge was very different from that of Grand Treasurer, as one was most important, with very onerous and responsible duties, while the other was merely nominal. He was much obliged to the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and should have great pleasure in complying with their wishes, trusting that in the future he should discharge his duties to their satisfaction as he had done in the past. Brother Potter was re-elected Tyler, and the Almoners and Auditors were appointed. Brother Keeble S.W. and Worshipful Master elect said that he had a special motion to propose, and on a very special occasion, and that was "That a telegram be sent to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with the congratulations from the Lodge on the twentieth anniversary of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's wedding day," which was seconded by Brother H. Thompson P.M. and carried unanimously. It was accordingly despatched forthwith, and later in the evening a most gracious reply was received from Marlborough House, thanking the Lodge for their kindly remembrance of the event. Bro. Thompson after stating his regret that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, inquired of the Worshipful Master what had been done in respect of the Proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions, and the amendments which had been made thereto. He gathered from the reports of the meeting that the suggested amendments had been permitted to be referred to the Board of General Purposes without any comment in Grand Lodge, and could hardly imagine that so important a matter could have been so disposed of without some sort of safeguard having been suggested to prevent a final settlement of the new Constitutions by a small though important section of the Craft. He thought some means should be given to the Craft at large to see the changes proposed, before being called upon to consider them in Grand Lodge. The W.M. replied that the subject had not engaged his earnest attention, as he believed that members of the Craft who had greater experience in Grand Lodge affairs were carefully watching the proceedings connected with the proposed revision. He had no doubt that Bro. Stevens, who was present, could afford some information, and he would ask him to do so. Bro. Stevens P.M. said, that Bro. Thompson was quite correct in his inference, that the Grand Lodge had silently assented to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, that the amendments to the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions (some 800 in number) should be referred to them to consider and report upon. There could be no doubt that the task, undertaken in respect of the revision, was one of great magnitude, and that, so far as possible, the necessary debates, which must ensue in Grand Lodge before final settlement, should be shortened by anticipation as far as practicable. A great reliance was manifested that on this important subject the Board of General Purposes would act by each and all of the amendments which had been sent in, and, therefore, many members of Grand Lodge, and amongst them himself, considered it undesirable to interfere with the recommendation for reference, but it was pre-

gamed that no time would be lost in making the necessary report to Grand Lodge. The date fixed for the reception of amendments was the 25th of January last, and it was notified that a Special Grand Lodge would have been called during February, for discussion of the amendments, in respect of which he should, at the proper time, expect to be heard, particularly in respect of two at least, which in his opinion were required to prevent the elision of certain "landmarks" from the Ancient Constitutions, and which the draft of the revision excluded altogether. He trusted, and he had no doubt, the Board of General Purposes would not delay the business they had taken in hand, and that certainly before the period of the year when Masonic labour is presumed to slacken the special Grand Lodge and, if necessary, Grand Lodge will be held and the new Constitutions finally settled. If this were effected, the present Board would fairly earn not only the warmest thanks of the Craft for the achievement of a great work and a hearty recognition of their labours, but would abundantly justify the silence which has prevented the slightest delay with their recommendation for reference of the several amendments for their consideration. Bro. Stevens's remarks were cordially assented to, and Bro. Thompson expressed his thanks for the explanation and information he had received. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual loyal toasts were given, and the telegram from the Prince of Wales was received just after his health had been proposed, when the Worshipful Master again made reference to the happy event. The health of Bro. Keeble, W.M. elect, was proposed by the Worshipful Master and enthusiastically received, for which Bro. Keeble returned thanks. Bro. Taylor I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, which was suitably acknowledged. Songs were sung by Bros. Shaw, Donaldson, Bertram, Stevens, and others, and Bro. Stevens also gave a recitation, "The level and the square." A very pleasant evening was passed, and the brethren separated about ten o'clock in the true spirit of Masonry.

#### ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1766.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, when a considerable amount of business was transacted. The Lodge was opened by Brother E. Benjamin I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. A. Jones W.M., who shortly afterwards arrived and took the chair. The Officers present were:—Bros. L. Stean P.M., C. F. Barham P.M., A. A. Clement S.W., J. Funstone J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, J. Cox Secretary, E. Walker S.D., F. Matthews J.E., R. Drysdale I.G., G. C. Young Organist, H. J. Thrower D.C., L. A. Harrison W.S., E. T. Clark Assist. W.S., and J. Very Tyler. Members:—Bros. C. Deacon, E. A. Beckett, H. Waynforth, E. T. Henman, F. Meriton, S. Bennell, T. Douglass, W. Beasley, Dr. Holt, W. H. Brand, Jas. Roberts, W. Strickland, W. Jones and H. Josephs. Visitors:—Bros. G. W. Preston P.M. 861, G. Wade 1310, T. Cohen P.M. 192, J. Barker S.W. 860, S. Smith 193, G. J. Freeman 1613, T. Hill 813, P. Senecal P.M. 569, G. Edwards P.M. 1816. The Lodge having been advanced, the I.P.M. raised Bros. A. C. Critchfield, E. J. Rose, and E. T. Henman jun. The W.M. then passed Bros. Lovat, Fraser, and T. Weatherley to the F.C. degree. Mr J. W. Griffiths, having been duly elected, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Some other business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the harmony of the proceedings enhanced by songs and recitals by Bros. Deacon, Douglass, Henman, Benjamin, Strickland and others, ably accompanied by the Organist.

#### STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

THE first regular meeting was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Bros. Willing jun. W.M., Swanborough S.W., Stacey J.W., Stiles Secretary, Douglass S.D., Harris J.D., Madge I.G., Leon Asst. M.C., Buxton W.S., Hare Asst. W.S.; also Bros. Shaw, Dale, Foster, Harrison, Bourne, Bass, Jackson, May, Taylor, Ponton, Hartt, Horrocks, Fawkes, Green, Thiodon. Visitors—Bros. Mann P.M. 186, Coltart P.M. 749, Payne W.M. 933, Roach 49, Thompson 1614, Horrocks 1476, Woolf 72, Merchant 902, Kearney 1549, and Crowder 79. Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of emergency meeting, held 22nd February, were read and confirmed. The ballot was unanimously in favour of Bros. Frederick Jackson, Royal Savoy 1744, and Charles James Taylor, Asaph 1319, for joining, and Messrs. Moreton Jacob Green, Edward Bayfield Hartt, William Colin Archer and Edward Charles Ennis, as candidates for the privileges of the Order. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Wright Daniel Horrocks, Alfred Aspinall Thiodon, Oliver Fawkes, Moreton Jacob Green, and Edward Bayfield Hartt. Several propositions for initiation and joining having been handed in, Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and the after proceedings were of a thoroughly harmonious character.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—Held at Bro. Sarjeant's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on 7th inst. Bros. Serjeant W.M., Gieseke S.W., Legg J.W., Clark S.D., Patrick J.D., Stroud I.G., Andrews Preceptor, J. Millington Sec.; also Bros. Rowe, Leofflor, Claverley, Young, Wright, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Rowe answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cleverley acting as candidate. Bro. Rowe answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the third degree, and lowered to second degree. Bros. Young and Wright were elected members. Bro. Gieseke was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Clark gave an interesting Report of the Festival of the Old Peoples' Institution, and Lodge was closed.

**Polish National Lodge, No. 534.**—The fifth monthly meeting of the above Lodge took place on Thursday, 8th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Brother J. Lancaster W.M., supported by Bros. Smith S.W., Runtz J.W., Bieling S.D., Bryant J.D., Tongue I.G., and Davis Tyler; P.M.'s Jackson I.P.M., Jagielski, Aspinall, Nowakowski Treasurer, Paas Secretary. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Horatio Edrapt, Samuel Varley Simpson, John Johnson Dunn, and William Simpson Lincoln. This proving to be unanimous in their favour, they were in due course initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Brother Cooper was raised to the third degree, and Brother Nowakowski passed. Lodge then voted for the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. This proved to be unanimously in favour of Brother E. Smith S.W., who thanked the brethren for their kindness in a few appropriate remarks. Brother Nowakowski was again re-elected Treas., and Brother Banks, the son of an old Past Master of the Polish National Lodge, was elected Tyler. The Audit Committee was also appointed, consisting of Bros. Apsey, Runtz, and Nowakowski. A Past Master's jewel was voted for the Worshipful Master for the able way in which he had performed the duties during his year of office; and the special jewel of the Commander's White Eagle was also voted to him for the interest he had taken in introducing several new members into the Lodge, and having represented the brethren on two occasions, for the Schools and Old People. All other business being ended, Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the dining room. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Brother Jackson I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, calling attention to the amount of work that had been done by Brother Lancaster, he having had to perform six ceremonies that evening; he congratulated him on the recognition of his services by the brethren. Brother Lancaster replied, stating that it had been a great pleasure to him to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He thanked them for the handsome manner in which they recognised those services. He was sorry that it was the last time he should have the pleasure of presiding at the banquet table, but he should always be pleased to do anything he could for the advantage of the Lodge. He now had the pleasure of proposing the health of the Initiates, whom he felt quite sure would reflect honour upon the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors—Bros. Alfred 228, Tyler 1702, Newton 1503, Saegert 548, Brown 780, and Schartau 1549—was also given. This having been responded to, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the W.M. elect, Brother Smith; he did so with peculiar pleasure, they had worked side by side for some years, and had never had a word of unpleasantness. He wished Brother Smith a happy year of office, plenty of work, and plenty of initiates. Brother Smith on rising, stated that he was much gratified by the way the brethren had received the toast of his health. He would do everything in his power to add to the high position of the Polish National Lodge, and hoped he should be as well supported by the Officers during his year of office as the present W.M. had been. Several brethren added to the harmony during the evening.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—At the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday, 13th inst. Bros. Acworth W.M., Seward S.W., Green P.M. J.W., Fryers S.D., Porter J.D., Wells I.G.; also Bros. Wills, Clarke, Taylor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother Taylor candidate. Lodge was opened to the third, and resumed to the first degree. Brother Seward was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was decided to adjourn the Lodge for the Easter vacation, and the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 3rd April. Lodge was closed in due form.

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

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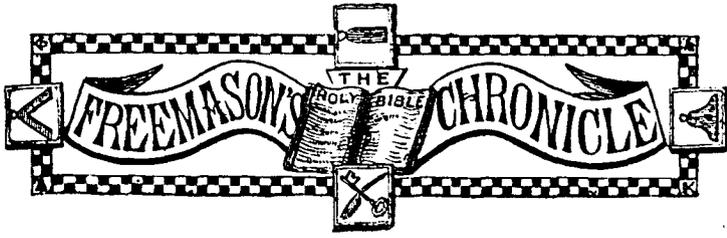
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### THE LORD MAYOR AND SHERIFF OF LONDON AT THE CLERKENWELL LODGE.

THE proceedings of the annual election meeting of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, on Saturday evening last, were invested with more than ordinary interest, from the fact that the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Knight) and Bro. Sheriff Savory had accepted invitations to be present. The brethren assembled at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, about four o'clock, when Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G.S.W. Herts, Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. John Tuck I.G. acting as S.W., J. J. Goode J.W., Rev. J. H. Rose Chaplain, G. A. Potter Treasurer, James Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution) Secretary, Henry Radcliffe P.M. 91, 858 P.G.S. Eng. S.D., Major Robert Rolfe J.D., J. E. Terry acting as I.G., H. Paget, W. Clarke, C. W. Scott, H. Jenner, R. W. Cole, W. J. Halford, Col. J. Lambert P.M. P.G.S.B., W. Wilkinson, F. Foster, T. M. Edwards, A. Walkley Tyler, and others. The Visitors included Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Alderman H. Knight P.M. Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34), Sheriff Joseph Savory Emulation 21. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, C. F. Hogard P.M. Israel 205 P.P.G. Supt. Works Essex, C. F. Matier P.M. Humphrey Chetham 645 P.P.G.W. Greece, Edward F. Storr P.M. Treasurer Neptune 22, Dr. J. W. Ramsay P.M. Prince of Wales 259, E. T. Edwards P.M. Crescent 788, E. Culver W.M. St. Mary's 63, W. J. C. Martin S.W. Union 127, James Arnold Athenæum 1491, H. W. Johnson 1491, B. Newstead J.W. St. Thomas 142, Seymour Smith Organist Crystal Palace 742, &c. Lodge having been advanced to the second degree, Bros. Charles W. Scott and Henry Jenner were passed as F.C.'s, the work being effectively rendered by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. At the close of the ceremony Lodge was resumed, and the brethren proceeded to the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ballot being unanimously in favour of Bro. T. Hastings Miller P.M. 904 1489 Past Provincial G. Organist Middlesex, who has ably officiated during the past year as Senior Warden of the Clerkenwell Lodge, but who was prevented, by indisposition, from being present on this occasion. Bro. G. A. Potter was re-elected as Treasurer, with thanks for his past services, and Bro. A. Walkley was re-appointed Tyler. Three brethren were also elected to form part of the Audit Committee. The arrival in state of Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriff Savory was the signal for a most enthusiastic and hearty welcome, and on the entrance of the distinguished Civic visitors into the Lodge room, they were greeted with Masonic honours. During the evening, Bro. Terry presented to the Lodge a beautifully bound copy of the bye-laws, engrossed on vellum, which was accepted with a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Colonel Radcliffe, seconded by Bro. Goode, and carried by acclamation. Business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren and visitors adjourned to a magnificently served banquet, the whole of the arrangements of which, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. W. Rowe, were such as to reflect the highest credit upon this high class hotel, and the proprietors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Dessert having been placed before the guests, the customary Loyal toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the Worshipful Master alluding to the deep interest taken in the Craft by the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and the rapid strides which Freemasonry has made since his Royal Highness's advent to power in it. In giving the health of our Masonic Rulers, he said he was sure those who had seen the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Deputy G. Master the Earl of Lathom, presiding over them in Grand Lodge, knew what excellent heads of the Craft they were. The Past and Present Grand Officers did all they possibly could to further the interests of the Craft at large. To-night they were favoured with the company of Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary of England, and a member of their own Lodge, and Bro. Lambert, Past G. Sword Bearer, whose names he would associate with the toast. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary, had written to say he should have been most happy to have been present that evening, but a prior engagement of long standing took him to Brighton. Bro. H. G. Buss, in responding said, obedient to the call of the W.M., he rose at once to reply to the toast which had been so kindly proposed; he did so because the Worshipful Master could not err. Still, on the present occasion there was present their excellent Brother Lambert, who was his senior in office, and who should have been called on first. He thanked them most heartily for the way in which the toast had been received. It was very well known that the two noblemen named admirably discharged the duties of their respective offices in Grand Lodge. They were held in high esteem in the Provinces over which they presided, as well as in their positions of Pro Grand Master and Deputy. On behalf of the rest of the Grand Officers, he said they were anxious and willing to perform their duties, and the acclamation with which their names were always received on occasions of this kind afforded evidence, if any were needed, of the appreciation in which their services were held by the brethren. If anything could possibly be adduced to satisfy the Craft at large that the M.W.G.M., in the exercise of his prerogative, made the best possible selection, it would be in the way in which the names of the Grand Officers were received from time to time. On his own behalf he thanked them most

heartily for inviting him to be present that evening. He was proud and grateful to them for having done so, and for the pleasure they had afforded him in meeting so many officers and Civic dignitaries on the occasion. Bro. George Lambert also returned thanks, and in doing so said the Past Grand Officers had in their day and generation done good suit and service to the Craft, and he did not believe for a moment they arrived at that position without having left their mark on Freemasonry. It was certainly a great honour to be a Grand Officer, and he esteemed it an honour done his Lodge to have had that apron conferred upon him. He referred to the work done by the Past Grand Officers on the various committees on which they were elected, and expressed his belief that they all did their duty in carrying out the objects they had in view, as though they had their heart and soul in the business to which they were called. He felt glad and proud to wear the purple; and to hear the encomiums passed upon the Grand Officers in every Lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land. That amply repaid them for any little trouble they might have taken in past years. In the temporary absence of the Worshipful Master, he would take the liberty of proposing a toast, which he felt sure would be acceptable to all present. He asked them to drink, with all the heartiness of which they were capable, the health of their esteemed Worshipful Master, who had been so indefatigable in his labours for the advancement of this Lodge in the Craft. He appealed to every brother around this table,—did they ever find a Master conduct his work as well as did Bro. Bowyer? Their Worshipful Master was out of the room now, and so he could speak more freely. He put it forward as a challenge that he never saw a Master discharge the office with such ability and suavity of manner as did Bro. Bowyer. They were much indebted to him for what he had done for this young Lodge, and their warmest thanks were due to him for his disinterested and unwearied exertions. They recollected that during the Mayoralty of Bro. Sir John Whitaker Ellis, he invited his Lordship and the then Sheriff (Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson) to attend their banquet; and they were favoured with the distinguished presence of the present Lord Mayor, and their good friend the Sheriff—though he was only as yet an initiate. He thanked Bro. Bowyer for having invited these gentlemen, and them for so kindly accepting the invitation. He asked the brethren to drink to the health of the Worshipful Master of the Clerkenwell Lodge; long might he live, and might the Lodge flourish. The Worshipful Master, who re-entered the room at this moment, was loudly cheered. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kind compliment they had paid him in his absence, and assured them it was a great pleasure to him to do anything to advance the interests of Freemasonry, as he had always done since he joined the Order. It was one of the proudest things in life to enjoy the esteem of our fellow-men, and he only hoped, whatever the future might be, he might lay claim to having tried to deserve the good opinion of those with whom he had been associated in the Craft. The Worshipful Master said there was one toast which he was certain they would all drink with especial pleasure and gratification that evening, it was the health of the two distinguished brethren who had honoured them with their presence—he referred to the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London and Sheriff Savory. He was quite sure all would join with him in expressing their sense of the honour done the Lodge, when they considered the multiplicity of engagements which the Lord Mayor and Sheriff had to fulfil in their public capacities. It was, therefore, very kind of them to set apart a few hours that evening, to do honour to the Clerkenwell Lodge. Both these gentlemen in their respective offices had won golden opinions from the citizens of London, and he was quite sure the brethren of this Lodge hailed their presence amongst them on this occasion with the utmost gratitude and pleasure. Bro. Seymour Smith here sang an exceedingly humorous composition, entitled "The Lord Mayor's Show," in which he delineated various characters in the crowd on Lord Mayor's Day, provoking hearty laughter. Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, who was received with prolonged applause, said, Unaccustomed as he was to public speaking, they would hardly expect him to say much to them to-night, because he was not in the habit of addressing large assemblies of his fellow-men, such as he saw now before him, being naturally of a retiring, bashful, and modest disposition; added to which, he was now asked to return thanks for a toast in a Freemasons' Lodge. They could imagine, better than he could describe, the nervousness which came over him, and almost incapacitated him for responding to the toast, which had been so ably proposed by their Worshipful Master. He thought he had got over that introductory part very well indeed. He could assure them rising to return thanks for his health, which had been so kindly proposed, he did so, feeling very much honoured that his fellow Craftsmen had been pleased to seek his society in various Lodges, thus giving him so many opportunities of going amongst them during his mayoralty. If time were at his disposal he believed there was not a Lodge which he should not have the pleasure of visiting, for they could scarcely credit the number of invitations he received, and which he could not now detail to them. He saw present a friend of his (Bro. E. F. Storr) who was most indefatigable in keeping him constantly reminded of his promise to attend a meeting of the Neptune, on the 29th of this month, and who seemed determined he should not have any loophole of getting out of enjoying the hospitality of that Lodge. He had no wish to get out of it, but it was impossible for him to engage himself positively so long beforehand. His first duty was to the City of London, and though he fully realised his duty to Freemasonry, he could not pledge himself to invitations which might interfere with his duty to the citizens. If he did so, he might find some public business which would imperatively demand his presence elsewhere, and thus it would not only be disappointing the brethren, but holding out hopes to them which he should be utterly unable to fulfil. That was his only reason for not accepting invitations to more Masonic Lodges than he did. He did not think they cared for a regular set speech on occasions of this kind, and referring to the capital song they had just heard about

the Lord Mayor's Show, he must say it was about the best fun in the world to go through the crowd on the 9th of November. He had been through a good many times, and the fun that went on, the remarks made by the bystanders, were enough to keep any one in a constant state of merriment. He did not know anything more witty than the remarks of a London crowd. They knew it was customary for the Aldermen, when they came into the procession, to have their beadles marching by the sides of their carriages. His being a big ward, he had two beadles, who wore old-fashioned, long cloaks, and as they were going along in the procession, some three or four years ago, the beadles walked along with very serious mien, and profound gravity, which it was their bounden duty to preserve. The weather was wet, and the roads were muddy; and one of the beadles, coming to a puddle which he could not very well get over, lifted the folds of his cloak, exposing his white-stockinged calves, when an old woman who was standing by, exclaimed, "Put down your clothes! you're getting a big gal, now! showin' yer legs like that; you ought to be ashamed of yourself!" It so tickled his fancy that, although the poor fellow was so confused he hardly knew which way to look, he was obliged to roll back in his seat, and indulge in a hearty laugh. He was sure the traditional origin, related in the song, of the practice of the Sword Bearer wearing a muff on his head on State occasions must be correct, though history was not quite explicit on the point why that official should wear so unique a hat. Referring immediately to the toast before them, he said this was a young Lodge, and they would forgive him if he said that in everything he had done in life he had held that if a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well. In some Lodges he went into there was a careless disregard of minor details, but he reminded them that all those little points which were introduced into Freemasonry at its inception had their peculiar meanings, and should always be considered in that light. Amongst those things was respect for our superiors, and obedience to those who are placed over us. Thus, whilst he highly appreciated the kindness of the Wor. Master, in placing him on the right, and his friend the Sheriff on the left of the chair, he must tell Bro. Bowyer he was only a humble Past Master, and therefore he had no right to sit above the many Grand Officers he saw around him. They ought to inculcate the principles of superiority, and although he had the honour of being Lord Mayor for the time being, his place in Lodge was amongst those of his own Masonic rank. He had visited many Freemasons' Lodges, but had never seen better working than that performed by the W.M. and Officers of the Clerkenwell Lodge. He spoke strongly on the necessity of inculcating the principles of respect for superiority of rank in Lodges, and concluded by again thanking them for the splendid hospitality they had extended towards himself and his excellent colleague, Sheriff Savory. He hoped their young Lodge would continue to prosper, and that it might become one of the time-honoured Lodges of the country. One thing he had heard with the greatest pleasure, and which reflected the greatest credit and satisfaction to all connected with it, namely, the very handsome contribution they had already made to the Masonic Charities. That they had begun so nobly to put into practice this most essential of all the virtues of Freemasonry spoke well for the future of the Lodge, and he trusted they might go on in an increasing degree to exemplify this most distinguishing characteristic of the Fraternity. Bro. Sheriff Savory, who was also most cordially received, said he thanked them very much for the kind way in which the W.M. had associated his name with that of the Lord Mayor, and the hearty reception which had been given to the toast of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. He could assure them that the sympathy and welcome ever accorded to that toast was always grateful to those who had accepted the arduous duties of the Shrievalty. Some of those duties were pleasant, whilst others were painful, so that while the office had its privileges it had also its responsibilities. It was encouraging to receive approval for the way in which they endeavoured to fulfil their duties; and he thanked the Lord Mayor for the kind expression of his confidence. He could assure his Lordship that he should study in the future, as he had done in the past, to "love, honour and obey" him. Among the many happy recollections of his year of office, there was none he should cherish with greater pleasure than his visit to the Clerkenwell Lodge, which he might add, was the first Lodge that had done him the honour to invite him to its festivities since he was initiated. He esteemed it a great privilege that during his year of office he had been permitted to become a Freemason. He felt deeply interested in the mysteries he had already learned, though he had get much more to become enlightened upon. He should do his utmost to be of service to the Craft, which might in some feeble way show the deep sense he entertained of the honour which had been conferred upon him. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, to whom, in the name of the Lodge, he extended a very hearty welcome, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Dr. Ramsay P.M., C. F. Matier P.M., and E. T. Edwards P.M. The toast was heartily received. Dr. Ramsay, in reply, expressed the gratification it afforded him to see the excellent work done in Lodge, and the equally satisfactory arrangements for the banquet. Everything was most judiciously carried out, and Bro. Bowyer seemed to be *facile princeps* in regard to Masonry itself. He should only be gilding refined gold to say more than simply that he was most deeply obliged to the brethren of this Lodge for the generous hospitality with which the Visitors had been received, and which was sincerely appreciated by them. Bros. C. F. Matier and Edwards also responded, the latter alluding at some length to the duties enjoined by the Craft, and so well explained in the charges delivered to them while passing through the several degrees. The W.M., in proposing the healths of the Treasurer and Secretary, observed that the former, though he was comparatively young in Masonry, yet they knew from his antecedents in other walks in life he would make not only a good Mason, but a worthy member of this Lodge. As to their Secretary, it would indeed be "gilding refined gold," to speak of the services he had rendered to the Craft. Bro. Terry knew better than any one else

the duties of Secretary of a Lodge, and always admirably carried out whatever he undertook. Bro. G. A. Potter said he had endeavoured to discharge his duties faithfully in the office of Treasurer. Unfortunately, it might be he had had no scope for displaying any financial ability, they had kept him so well supplied with funds; the kindness he had received at the hands of the Lodge would ever be engrafted on his memory. Bro. James Terry said, like the right hon. brother who began, "Unaccustomed as I am," he rose to address a few words to this assembly. A Secretary was an individual whom everybody could kick. If anything went wrong, it was, "Oh! that's the Secretary!" If something was not exactly in accordance with the wishes of the W.M. or some other brother, it was, "That Secretary has made an omission!" He only wished they had paid Secretaries. They might rely upon it that an honorary office was a mistake in life. If they paid a man only a pound a year, they could get rid of him by paying him his pound; but if they paid him nothing, and he gave his best services to the Lodge, of course they could kick him, for he was their own Secretary. Their very esteemed friend the initiate said one of the happiest features of his Shrievalty would be to do something to mark his career in Freemasonry. He would give Bro. Savory an idea, and ventured to suggest to him taking up a Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution. If he did not make his mark in Freemasonry he (the speaker) was no true prophet. He could have wished that Bro. Savory had been a Steward at the anniversary festival, last week, when they had Stewards equally young in Freemasonry. They all recollected a member of the Court of Common Council, Brother H. B. Marshall, who, although seven days old in Masonry, presented him with a cheque for £100 "from an Entered Apprentice." There was a splendid example of charity for him to emulate. As Secretary of this Lodge, he had endeavoured to do his duty, since its formation, and his future conduct should prove the interest he felt in the Lodge. It was named after his mother parish, where he was born, educated, vaccinated, married, and where many things had happened to him—too numerous to mention. For twelve months they had worked most harmoniously together, without any difficulty, and he hoped they might do the same in the coming year. The Worshipful Master then gave the Officers of the Lodge, in doing which he expressed regret at the absence of their S.W. and W.M. elect—Bro. Miller—who had gone on a two months' tour on the Continent for the benefit of his health. They all wished him a complete and speedy restoration, and return to his duties in the Lodge. In their J.W. they had a hard working man in everything he undertook in public life. Bro. Radcliffe was capable of performing almost anything in Freemasonry; and Major Rolfe was also a good working Officer. Bro. Tuck had discharged the duties of S.W. to-night, and the whole of the Officers were deserving of all praise. The Officers having severally responded, the list was brought to a fitting termination with the Tyler's toast. The proceedings were interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Paget, Seymour Smith, &c., and a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was passed.

#### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

**A** REGULAR meeting of this old established and excellent working Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 12th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a goodly muster of the brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. James Smith W.M. Lodge was opened about six o'clock with the usual formalities, the W.M. being supported by Bros. John E. Fells I.P.M., Walter Wood S.W., William Cnibitt J.W., J. Shackell P.M. Secretary, W. Saint S.D., F. Silvester J.D., G. P. Nightingale I.G., B. D. Kershaw P.M., G. F. S. Warne P.M., F. B. Bonney P.M., Bedford Lemere P.M., H. T. Reed P.M., F. J. Heale, J. Gilderslene, J. J. Craske, J. G. Desane, W. M. Covell, S. Smither (acting as W.S.), T. D. Clare, J. H. Bayley, W. C. Grounds, T. Thurgood, G. Masters, E. Kiddell, J. Grundy, E. W. Pithian, J. Collins, A. Jay, F. H. Clemow, H. Morris, E. H. Walden, W. Rickell, and G. L. Reinhardt Tyler. Among the Visitors were Bros. George G. Symmons P.M. 45, G. L. Saunders 1257, and H. Kemp 1776. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, when Bros. J. H. Bayley and J. F. Clare were raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, who worked the ceremony in a most efficient manner, and delivered the charges most impressively. Some routine business was disposed of, and the Lodge closed in form, after which the brethren sat down to a banquet provided in a style for which Brother Clemow, of this reputed City hotel, has long been proverbial. At the conclusion of a very excellent repast, the ordinary profatory toasts were introduced, the W.M. paying a well deserved tribute to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Present and Past Grand Officers, for the manner in which they had discharged their responsibilities to the Craft, and the zeal with which they promoted its true interests. Bro. Fells, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said the brethren had selected a good and true Mason to preside over the deliberations of the Lodge during the year, and he was perfectly certain Bro. Smith would acquit himself to their satisfaction in the position in which they had placed him. From the working they had seen on this and other occasions, they had reason to be pleased with the choice they had made, and which augured well for a successful and prosperous year for the Lodge of Confidence. The Worshipful Master, who was very cordially received, said he thanked them most heartily for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received on this as on former occasions. He had ever felt that Freemasonry was a reality, and had it not been so, he should not have stuck to it as he had done. His experience taught him that in Freemasonry there were principles inculcated for the guidance of their daily practical life. Indeed, he almost began to think he must have been born a Mason, for the principles were so adapted to his constitution that he felt he could hardly run away from them. He hoped he might continue to live as he had lived, only a better and a brighter Mason.

Since he had occupied the chair, he had felt the responsibilities of the position, and he had found that if the work was to be done at all well, the heart must be in it. He had endeavoured to throw his whole heart into that work, and he hoped no brother would ever aspire to the chair unless he felt that Freemasonry was a reality. He thanked them right heartily for the cordial support they had given him since his accession to the chair, and for the continued support which they had manifested that evening. In turn, he proposed the health of the Past Masters, who were a noble army—the backbone of the Lodge of Confidence. He was glad to see so many of them present on this occasion, and took the opportunity of thanking them for the very valuable assistance they had given him during his term of office. Bro. F. B. Bonney said it was a pleasant duty to respond on behalf of the Past Masters of this Lodge, whose small services had been alluded to in such appreciative language by the Worshipful Master. He trusted Brother Smith might have a thoroughly good year in every respect, that success and harmony might reign supreme, and that he might have a goodly number of recruits. Bros. B. D. Kershaw and H. T. Reed also responded, the latter observing that the Past Masters had done good suit and service to the Lodge in times past; and he sincerely hoped they deserved the encomiums that had been passed upon by them by the W. Master. They were all anxious to do what they could to promote the welfare of the Lodge, which they held in the most profound regard. Bro. Smith had struck a key-note when he referred to the reality of Freemasonry. If it were not real, it ought to be. It was real in one way, at all events, when they considered that in one year alone a sum exceeding £42,000 had been collected for the support of the three grand Masonic Institutions, of which they were all so justly proud. That was something real, and a very strong point to prove the reality of the system. It was one thing for a man to say it was this, that, or the other, but when the brethren had put their hands into their pockets to the tune of nearly £50,000 in one year, that was a tangible sign of their active interest in the principles they professed. He hoped they would still further exemplify the reality of Freemasonry by taking it into their places of business, and their homes; by endeavouring to live in unity and brotherly love, and uprightly towards all men. The tenets of Freemasonry were very grand, inciting them to deeds such as made life noble and honourable—just and true in their dealings, and upright and true in every respect. They should remember that it was not sufficient to practice those precepts only in the Lodge-room; they should take Freemasonry with them into the world, and show that it was something more than a mere name. When they had learned the beautiful lessons imparted in the ritual, let them go outside and practise them. Bro. Fells added a few words, acknowledging the encomiums which had fallen from the lips of the Worshipful Master, and which he trusted the Past Masters might try and deserve. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Visitors, regretted they were so few in number that evening; as they were always pleased to meet a goodly number of visitors, both in the Lodge-room and at the festive board. However, on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge of Confidence he extended to them a very hearty welcome. Bro. George Symmons P.M. could only say it was a great pleasure to meet the brethren of this Lodge, and he fully appreciated the expressions the Worshipful Master had used in proposing the toast. He was very pleased to visit an old Lodge like this, and was proud to see that Freemasonry was increasing and improving. They read some curious facts in the old Masonic records, and must admit that things were very different in the olden times to what they are in the present day. Freemasonry had proved itself to be of a real and enduring nature, and its principles would be fully maintained until the end of time. Bro. H. Kemp also briefly acknowledged the compliment paid to the Visitors, and expressed the satisfaction it had afforded him at seeing such admirable working in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of the Officers of the Lodge, in doing which he prided himself that the Lodge of Confidence could boast of some of the best Officers he had ever known. They were up to their work in every particular, and he believed each had his heart thoroughly in Masonry. From the admirable manner in which they had discharged their duties that evening, he was satisfied that for years to come the Confidence Lodge bade fair to have the most competent workers in the chair. Bro. Wood was extremely obliged for the manner in which the toast of the Officers of the Lodge had been proposed, and said it would be his endeavour, and that of every other Officer, to merit the flattering terms in which they had been spoken of that evening. They were comparatively young in Masonry, but they hoped the efforts they had already made, and which had been rewarded by their having been placed in the positions they respectively occupied, would be continued until they arrived at the goal which all Masons sought to reach at some stage of Masonic life—the governance of their Lodge for a short time. He was sure the example set by those who had been in the chair, which Brother Smith filled with so much credit to himself and honour to the Lodge, left nothing to be desired on their part; and if they did not learn the lessons and repeat them faithfully, it would not be for want of competent instruction afforded them. He might hope that the accessory to the ordinary duties of a Master of a Lodge, which Brother Smith had carried to a successful issue, namely the representation of the Lodge at one of the Masonic Festivals, might be carried out with equal, if not superior, success by every one who was invested with a collar. He considered the Charities attached to Freemasonry were its distinguishing pride and the brightest jewel in its crown. A brother had referred to the enormous sum of £42,000 being raised for the support of these Institutions in one year; it was indeed highly creditable to the Craft. These institutions deserved the support of every Mason, be his position what it might. At the present time, when the value of money was decreasing, on account of the enormous amount of luxury introduced into civilised life during the last few years—for a man could at one time have lived upon a tithe of what was necessary now to keep up a respectable position in society—he said that to be able to devote so large a

sum to the support of those who, by an unfortunate turn of the wheel had got upon the lowest spokes, who formerly occupied the highest, was the greatest credit to the members of the Craft generally, and it was an ample excuse, if indeed such were wanted for the existence of the brotherhood of Freemasonry that they did so much to help others who were in distress. But although these societies seemed to be established on a safe and sound foundation, it was necessary that redoubled efforts should be employed if they would meet the claims that were made upon them. He was very sorry to find that among the members of the Craft there should have been such a reverse of fortune that at the next election for the Benevolent Institution there were no fewer than 120 candidates, and only 57 vacancies, so that two out of every three must necessarily be unsuccessful. He thought it would be to the advantage of the Craft if the funds were placed in such a position as twelve months ago was the case with the Girls' School, when the Committee was enabled, without an election, to place every one of its candidates within the walls of that Institution. But old age was coming fast upon the brotherhood, and although Freemasonry was well supported, it was unable to provide homes for all who sought its shelter, or to confer annuities on those upon whom old age and distress had fallen prematurely, through no fault of their own, and who were placed in a position which compelled them reluctantly to seek the benefits of those Institutions which were provided by the bounty of the Craft. He hoped the example set by the Lodge of supporting the Benevolent Institution this year would be followed by all the brethren, not only by standing as Stewards, but by contributing to the lists of others, and so enabling the Institution to be placed in a still more secure position than it occupied at present. The Girls' School was the most fortunate, and the Boys' came next; but the old men and women, into whose ranks they all must one day come, though he hoped not as applicants for charity, were deserving of their warmest consideration. He hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would not call them till they had fulfilled their duty; but while they were here let them do all they possibly could for the cause of Charity, so that Freemasonry might still hold its pre-eminent position amongst the benevolent institutions of the world. Bro. W. Cubitt in returning thanks said he had been a member of the Lodge of Confidence for eleven years, and although hitherto he had no desire to take office, lately he had been most anxious to do so. It would be his most earnest study to work himself up in the various degrees, so that when he at length reached the chair he might be able satisfactorily to discharge the duties of that high and responsible position. Bro. W. Saint said no one could appreciate more than he did the assistance and attention he had received from the Officers of the Lodge, who had encouraged him to take the position he now held. He trusted he had so far profited by their instruction as to satisfy the brethren, for it was the association with the Officers and initiation into the working of Masonic duties that impelled him to use every exertion in his power to make himself a fit and proper person to fill the chair, should he ever attain to it. Bro. Nightingale endorsed the sentiments expressed by his brother Officers with regard to the Charities; seeing the large number of deserving applicants for the benefits of the Institutions compared with the small number of vacancies, there ought to be an effort made to strengthen the hands of the executive, and thus enable them to enlarge the sphere of their usefulness and beneficence. Bro. H. Morris also briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the list was concluded with the Tyler's toast. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with some excellent songs and recitations, amongst the latter of which "The Charge of the Light Brigade," by Bro. Smither, was much appreciated.

#### PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

THERE was a good muster of members of the ancient Craft on Thursday, the 9th inst., to witness the Installation of the W.M. Bro. W. M. Outridge. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by Bro. Palsgrave W.M. Subsequently the retiring W.M. Bro. R. W. Beale was presented by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in token of the members' appreciation of his valuable services to the Lodge, and of the able manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as under:—Bros. R. W. Beale I.P.M., H. P. Holley S.W., F. H. de Rheims J.W., H. Treadingham Treasurer, J. Thackara Secretary, W. E. Bond Assistant Secretary, Cowd S.D., G. E. Cousins J.D., W. Shotter I.G., Meredith and Ray M.C.'s, G. Pearman Organist, G. Bevis and Hill Stewards. At the banquet, which was served by Brother W. Maybour, of Portsea, the usual toasts were given. Bro. R. J. Rastrick P.G. Treas. responded for the Prov. G.M. and his Officers.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Fredk. J. Hentsch W.M., W. W. Morgan S.W., T. H. Peirce J.W., Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, H. Martin S.D., E. Thring J.D., Thos. Crapper I.G., A. Withers P.M. M.C., Alfred Green P.M. W.S., E. L. Pembroke Organist, and C. T. Speight Tyler. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Brothers Bennett, Lindfield and Goodall, candidates for raising, were examined and entrusted. These brethren then retired, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree. The candidates were severally readmitted, and raised to the sublime degree, the W.M. conducting the work in an eminently satisfactory way. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, and other matters of business having received attention, was closed, and the meeting adjourned till the second Tuesday in April.

## 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, 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.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 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

## MONDAY, 19th MARCH.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Stroag Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pombarry Tavern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 M.M. 1—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W

- 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 331—Phoenix Public Room Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge  
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.  
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congrebury.  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Carterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth  
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Atterton, Lancaster  
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 K.T. 1—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.  
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 20th MARCH.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 72—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,  
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 554—Yarborough Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
 1448—Mount Edgerly, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1632—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 1695—New Finsbury Park  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 8.30  
 R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.  
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
 R.A. 255—11s, Greyhound, Richmond  
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burn'ey  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.  
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
 667—A. Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangeini  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 1670—Prince Arthur, 10 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1612—West Middlesex, Tree Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1764—Eleonor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.  
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley  
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland  
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

## WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.  
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 15—Kest, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)  
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 223—United Strangers, Prince Albert, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 539—The Tolerant, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 869—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 969—Maybury, Mans of Court Hotel, W.C.  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1289—The Tolerant, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1392—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town  
 1400—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1401—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1600—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1620—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1673—Laagton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn  
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1791—Creation, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street  
 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. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street  
 M.M. 131—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 M.M. 189—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
 176—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 248—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.  
 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport  
 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 367—Airedale, Masonic Hall Westgate, Shipley  
 423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
 451—Sun Herald, Town Hall, Burslem  
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
 550—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 597—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 683—Lace, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 755—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno  
 753—The Tolerant, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 816—Royal Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 874—Holmedale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 933—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffild, Yorks  
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

- 1139—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1318—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
 1246—Holte, Hotel, Aston  
 1391—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse  
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1443—Salem Town Hall, Devon  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite  
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex  
 R.A. 209—Stortford, Chequers Inn, E'shop's Stortford.  
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel Aylesbury  
 R.A. 632—Harmony, Trowbridge  
 R.A. 1060—Marmon, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth

## THURSDAY, 22nd MARCH.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Colledge-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-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.)  
 1158—Southern Star, Phoenix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kensington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)  
 1668—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road  
 1860—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond  
 M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecrough, near Manchester  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cresbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1892—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

## FRIDAY, 23rd MARCH.

- 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 24th MARCH.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Ster, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1361—Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1679—Henry Muggersidge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Wednesday last, Bro. Gieseke W.M., Patrick S.W., Young J.W., Clark S.D., Sergeant J.D., Leoffler I.G., Millington Secretary; also Bro. Rowe, Wright, Andrews. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Brother Rowe candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Brother Clark. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Gieseke answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gieseke candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Patrick was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.**—A meeting was held on Monday evening, 5th instant, at Brother McDiarmid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough- junction. Bro. Sherring W.M., Wood S.W., Banks J.W., McKinlay Secretary, Harvey S.D., Price J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Wesley I.G.; also Bro. Stevens P.M., Brown, Perkins, &c. The business comprised the working of the second and third sections of the first lecture, and the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Perkins as candidate. A ballot took place, which is the second since the Lodge was formed, when Bro. Long, of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, was the successful member. Previous to the brethren separating, the usual harmony meeting was held. This Lodge works under the Preceptorship of Bro. Johnson, a careful expounder of the ritual, and visitors always receive a cordial welcome.

On Monday last, Bro. Wood W.M., Banks S.W., Harvey J.W., McDiarmid Treasurer, McKinlay Secretary, Westley S.D., Johnson Preceptor, Hood J.D., Carnock I.G.; Bro. Bellis, Sherring, Taffs, Littlewood, Warren, Martin, Hampton, Chambers, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bellis candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Bellis worked the first, and Bro. Sherring the second section of the lecture.

**Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.**—The last meeting of the second session of the above Lodge was held on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. The attendance of the brethren was good. Present—Bro. Taplin W.M., Brooks S.W., Nicholson J.W., Bailey S.D., Fleming J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler, Coombes P.M. Preceptor, and others. After the usual formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Rowles (W.M. elect of the mother Lodge) being the candidate. Bro. Brooks S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. There being £5 5s in hand, a ballot was taken under Rule 3 of the Lodge, which provides "that the subscribing members who may have attended or subscribed to at least two-thirds of the meetings during the accumulation of the sum shall be entitled to participate in the ballot, while any member who may previously have obtained a ballot through this Lodge of Instruction shall not be eligible to participate in the succeeding ballots until all the subscribing members have become Life Subscribers to one or more of the Charities." Brother Brooks Secretary reported that the following were eligible, viz.—Bro. Cotton, Phillips, Nicholson, Rowles, Taplin, and Brooks. The Worshipful Master conducted the ballot, assisted by his Deacons, when it was drawn in favour of Bro. Brooks Secretary. This finished the business of the second session, which, altogether, has been very satisfactory. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, 3rd September.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. There were present Bro. Glass W.M., Christian S.W., Begg J.W., Bunker S.D., Gray J.D., Hassell I.G., Carr Secretary, Wardell P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bro. Ames, Smyth, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ames candidate. Bro. Smyth offered himself as candidate for passing, and was interrogated. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Smyth was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was called off, and resumed its Masonic duties by Bro. Christian giving the lecture on tracing board. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hassell was elected a member. Bro. Christian was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 14th instant. Bro. R. Dowsett W.M., Blackwell I.P.M., W. Bidley S.W., Hawkes J.W., Ivey P.M. Secretary, Hickie Organist, Prickett S.D., Ravenscroft J.D., Rhind I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bro. W. Ferguson, F. J. Palley, B. C. Hurley; Bro. Bailey, Coates, Slaughter, Weatherhead, Knight, Creed, Greenaway, Sands. Visitors—Bro. Withers J.W. 414, Tarrant 1158, F. J. Ferguson W.M. 414. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. James Sparrow, who was elected. Bro. B. W. Bennett, a candidate for passing to the second degree, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the first degree, was entrusted and retired. Bro. Bennett was admitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. gave the charge in the second degree most correctly. The Lodge was closed to the first degree. The Secretary announced he had received a letter from the Provincial Grand Secretary, enquiring to which of the Charities the vote of five guineas was to be appropriated. The I.P.M. moved that the sum be given to the R.M.I.G., and added to the list of the W.M., who would represent the Lodge at the next Festival of that Institution. The I.P.M. also gave notice of motion, "That the sum of ten guineas from the funds of this Lodge be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M." The W.M. returned thanks for the kindness of the brethren, and expressed the hope that his list would be equal to those of his predecessors. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned.

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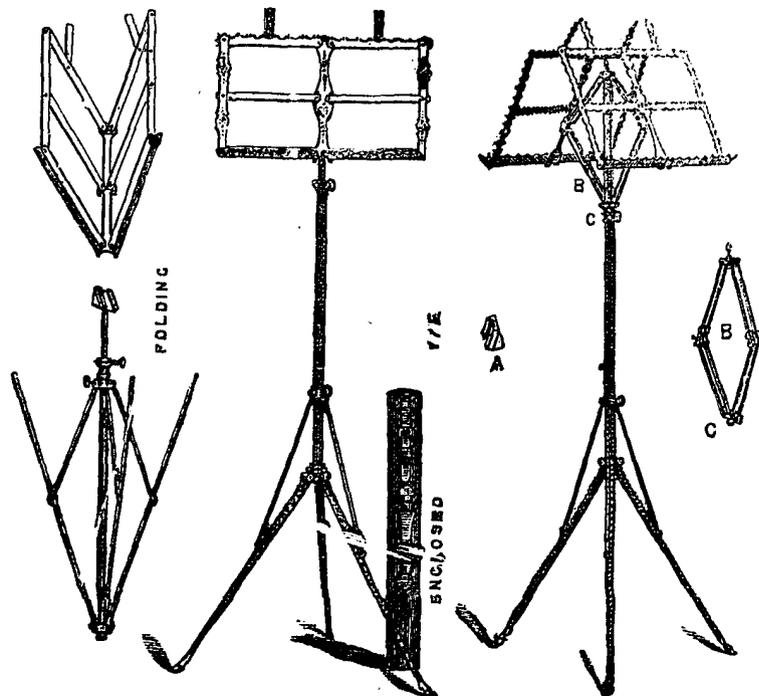
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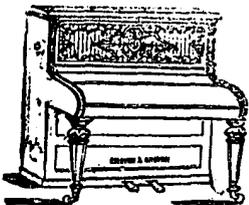
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