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## TIME'S CHANGES.

THERE is always a risk of charitable institutions changing their character in the course of time, even beyond the necessary modifications that circumstances demand. The history of the Charity Commissioners is full of instances of the transference of funds left for specific purposes to other uses. It might be advanced with perfect truth that in some cases the spirit of the bequest has been violated, and doubts have arisen as to the future disposal of the gifts of donors. This uncertainty is calculated to have a deterrent effect upon the cause of charity, unless care is taken in the disposal of funds left for clearly defined objects. On the other hand, it must be admitted that many abuses have grown up with time that needed reform in accordance with the spirit of the age. Where these changes have been carried out in a reverent manner no one has a right to complain. Where, however, they have led to money that was left for one class being devoted to another, suspicion has been aroused and dissatisfaction expressed. Popular opinion has often been urged against the present method of the administration of Christ's Hospital, in the City of London. It is alleged that it has become a foundation school for the sons of the comparatively well-to-do, and that only those, or chiefly those, who could otherwise afford to educate their children, reap the advantage. How far that accusation is sustained it is not necessary now to consider; it exists, and forms a very important factor in considering the whole question. It is true that time and circumstances have developed a middle class in this country for whom little or no provision has been made when misfortune has overtaken them. This condition of things has been assigned as a reason for diverting funds left for educational purposes, but which had hitherto been devoted to the use of the very poor alone. The Church of England for many years past, and the Government of late years, have done a great deal to supersede the necessity of private benevolence in the matter of the education of the poor, and this fact has been taken into account in dealing with the charitable bequests of olden time. Admitting all that can be advanced in this respect, there is danger in disturbing the evident intentions of donors, unless it can be proved that abuses have so altered them as to demand reform.

Looking back to the time when Masonic Charities began to take a concrete form, it is quite clear that the knowledge of the poverty of some of the brethren was the main-spring of the action of the promoters, and their zeal was directed in making provision for those who were helpless. In 1812, Grand Lodge passed a resolution, providing for contributions, in the shape of a registration fee for every newly-made brother of five shillings in Lodges in London and Westminster, and of "two-and-sixpence in country, foreign, and military Lodges," in aid of the "Institution for clothing and educating the sons of deceased and indigent Ancient Freemasons." About five years after the union of the "Ancients" and "Moderns," the two funds devoted to the help of boys that had previously existed apart were amalgamated, and in a letter announcing that fact, dated

29th May 1817," and signed "F. C. Daniel," occurs the following very significant passage: "There are now upwards of forty promising boys imploring protection, and I am sorry to say some without a shoe; what is still more distressing, that unless we provide for them, they must remain in ignorance, linger through a life of wretchedness, without education or decent clothing, and exposed to the mercies of a wide world." These references indicate the character of the foundation of the Boys' Institution, and they should be borne in mind in dealing with its present condition. There is danger of forgetting old landmarks, of violating the spirit of the Charity. It is right that altered circumstances should be taken into account, and it may also be admitted that it is wise and prudent to move with the spirit of the times. But no change is warranted that is calculated to lessen the value of a fundamental principle. The Institution was founded for the poor, the indigent, the waifs, and the ignorant, and these still have the first claim. The qualifications of candidates, as laid down in the laws, are fenced round with protections more or less in consonance with the foundation of the Institution. It is almost superfluous to insist upon a certificate from a Lodge to which a brother belonged to the effect that at the time of his enrolment he was in a position to warrant such a step. His admission was proof that the Lodge was satisfied as to his means, and it is hardly likely that they would express a contrary opinion, to their own discredit, especially in a case where an object of Charity was involved. There is real force in the obligation that a Lodge shall certify that a brother's position has so changed in a pecuniary sense, or if dead, that his family are so reduced in circumstances, as to render his child a suitable candidate for the benefits of the Charity. Even this condition is wide, and is open to a very liberal interpretation; still, it goes upon the original lines, and recognises the broad fact that a candidate must need help before he can be admitted. The character of the claim, the degree of necessity, is left an open question, and an opportunity is afforded of bringing forward candidates who are not exactly poor, or without means, but whose claims rest upon the broad grounds that their fathers fulfilled all the conditions of the Craft, and that they or their friends, or both, were supporters of the Charities of the Order. Membership and subscription do not confer a right to any one of the Institutions of the Fraternity. One is a necessary condition, the other gives power and moral influence. The right to relief is based upon poverty, and those who are poor have the first claim, according to their necessities. That ground is unassailable, and when departed from charity loses its strength and beauty. When rules of admission were framed, the fact that there were degrees of claims was duly noted. There is a provision for admitting a candidate upon the payment of a fixed sum, supposing room can be conveniently found. This rule conclusively establishes the theory of preferential claims, and the basis of preference is beyond doubt.

Last week reference was made to two cases, one of a boy named Collingwood, who had been admitted to the School, and subsequently removed after protest against his election on the ground that his mother was in possession of a considerable sum of money; the other of a boy

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named Herring, who was elected last month, who, it is represented, will be entitled to receive at the age of twenty-one over £1000, some state £1800. The same objections that were forthcoming with regard to Collingwood are urged in the case of Herring, and it is difficult to see upon what grounds they can be satisfactorily met. Bro. Herring, the father of the boy, may have been all that a Freemason should be; his friends may have been liberal supporters of the Charities. All this may be perfectly true, and yet it does not justify appropriating a place in the Boys' School to one who is provided for in another way, who can afford and ought to pay for his own food, clothing and education. If a home is sought for the lad, and the Freemasons' School is considered the best, let application be made for admission upon payment, according to the rules, and the case will be dealt with as circumstances permit. The Quarterly Court would have to retrace their steps and to admit that they had made a mistake. No doubt it will be difficult to get them to do this, but it is a duty incumbent upon them. Their course is clear, they have no alternative but to declare the election void. The spirit of the Institution, of charity itself, rebels against their judgment in the case of the boy Herring, and common sense as well as common justice demand reparation. It is not easy to understand people who would accept crutches when they can walk alone, and it does not speak well for the friends of this boy who would use a charity while wealth belonging to him is allowed to accumulate. Such a feeling arises from a perverted sense of claim, an assumption that something is bought when subscriptions are paid, and that what is required is to obtain a certain number of votes, and then all conditions have been satisfied. The whole difficulty has arisen out of this mistaken idea. The admission of the boy as a candidate in the first instance was a blunder; it was felt to have been such, and the question was raised at the Quarterly Court, when out of a Board of over fifty brethren there was only a very small majority in favour of the motion for admission. The existence of such a difference of opinion is suggestive of doubt, and when the whole facts are considered, the action of the minority will command the assent of all who desire the righteous and intelligent application of charity. Let the case be put fairly and its nakedness becomes not only apparent but startling. Here is a boy with something like £600 at the present time, most likely more, entirely in his own right, with no claims present or prospective upon it; here is another one, it may be of a large family, with only a poor widowed mother to look to. Both are sons of worthy Masons: the Dives of the case is admitted to the fruits of charity, while the poor dispirited Lazarus is sent empty away. This is no exaggerated picture; it is true to life and experience. It is no answer to say that both had the same chance so far as the body of selection was concerned, and that inequalities arise out of circumstances which neither they nor any one else can control. While this is true in letter, it is false in spirit. Both were admitted apparently upon equal conditions, but how can two persons be said to be equal in a contest in which money is essential, when one is rich and the other poor? Yet that is just the equality upon which the boy Herring was admitted in the struggle as compared with some who have failed. No doubt the inequalities of this world are great and inexplicable, but that is a reason why the utmost care should be taken not to increase or intensify them. Herring's case ought never to have been brought forward at all, and it was a gross abuse of true charity to admit him as a candidate. He has been elected upon a wrong issue, and justice, nay humanity, demands that he should be removed and his place filled by a real object of charity.

#### HOW MASONIC HISTORY IS TAUGHT.

WE have remarked on more than one occasion, that one of the most serious evils with which the Craft of Freemasonry is afflicted is the extraordinary facility evinced by many of its most devoted adherents in seriously regarding the personages and events of the ages long gone as constituting a very important part of its history. Grave and reverend authors have not hesitated to make its origin coëval with the origin of Time itself, while all, or nearly all, the most illustrious personages of antiquity have had assigned to them the chief places in its development. To

a certain extent, perhaps, there is no very grave objection to this course. As a system of morality, intended to elevate and improve mankind, to unite together all sorts and conditions of men by the sacred bonds of love, Freemasonry may, without any serious strain on the imagination, be said to have existed from the very beginning. When men began to form themselves into communities, a certain code of morals, by which the conduct of each member towards his fellow members should be regulated, became a necessity. The principles on which this code was established were pretty much the same as those which constitute our system of Freemasonry; and those who had a hand in formulating or amending, from time to time, this moral code may be said to have been imbued with the principles which we brethren of the mystic tie are bound to profess. It is in this sense, but in no other, that the founders and exponents of the different schools of philosophy, be they of eastern or western origin, may be said to have had a hand in establishing and propounding our Masonic system. Their systems of philosophy were in fact so many systems of morality, and we are justified, therefore, in claiming them as of us, but in general terms only. To go further, and assign to them severally some particular rôle in the erection of our Masonic structure is to involve ourselves in endless and well-merited ridicule, and it is because so many of our writers on Freemasonry have adopted this course that the world laughs so mercilessly at our claims to immemorial antiquity.

We confess to having experienced the hope that with the more matter-of-fact researches of these latter years, we had seen the last of this highly imaginative style of dealing with the history of the Craft. It seems, however, that we have been somewhat too hopeful in our anticipations. We have before us a pamphlet by Bro. John Yarker, on "Speculative Freemasonry," which he describes as an "Historical Lecture upon the origin of Craft and High Grade Freemasonry, and showing the great antiquity of the combined system." As an illustration of the extent to which an intelligent man may allow his imagination to run riot, this pamphlet is certainly a curiosity; as an effort at historical exposition it must be set down as one of the most conspicuous of failures. The writer begins by lamenting "the sad want of authentic knowledge which exists amongst brethren of all ranks and degrees;" but when he adds, a little further on, that "if in Masonry there is one thing more certain than another, it is that these so-called Higher Mysteries," to which in the interval he has referred, "which a Craft Grand Lodge has no knowledge of, and cannot, therefore, be requested to patronise by recognition—have a better and more authentic history than Craft Masonry," we must take the liberty of assuring him, with all due deference, that he is even more conspicuous by his "sad want of authentic knowledge" than the brethren to whose ignorance he began by so plaintively referring.

Having gravely delivered himself of this preamble, Bro. Yarker at once addresses himself to the subject matter of his lecture, and tells the audience before whom it was delivered, that he will "indicate" to them "first, the history of Operative Masonry, and deal tenderly with it; second, the descent of the High Grades, and show their immense antiquity; third, the cause of the amalgamation of the two systems, and the period of its occurrence; constituting in effect the derivation and descent of Freemasonry as we now have it." It will be imagined that, having thus formally stated the points he is desirous of "indicating," Bro. Yarker at once sets himself to the task of demonstrating their truth by means of arguments based on premisses which are beyond dispute. He does nothing of the kind. In "dealing tenderly" with the history of Operative Masonry he begins by saying—"I do not entirely hold with those good brethren who express this opinion"—namely "that Craft Masonry as a ceremonial system had no existence before the year 1722, and that it is practising certain mysteries on the erroneous assumption that they are very ancient"—but he adds, "I do assert that our existing Craft and High Grade Mysteries, as a matter of antiquity, must stand or fall together, and it is actually the Superior Mysteries which have at various times during the last 5,000 years given off and organised numerous Craft Associations." This is nothing else than assertion, plain and unequivocal, but what the reader, who is not content with a mere superficial exposition of the subject he is interested in, requires, is some sort of reasonable argument in favour of the proposition, and this argument is not forthcoming.

Passing on a little further we light upon the following passage: "But the great middle-age builders were the Society of Knights Templar; another High Grade secret system of the middle or warrior caste, preserved in the degrees of our Senate. It is not very improbable, on the face of what I shall advance to you, that these, in or about the 12th century, gave off the Craft organisation of the Operative Masonry claiming from Solomon's Temple. This supposition is strengthened by the fact that the Templars, in A.D. 1118, acquired the site of Solomon's Temple, and that adjacent thereto existed a High Grade rite of Mahomedan warriors who sought occult knowledge, with an organised system of seven secret degrees, afterwards increased to nine, under the prestige of King Solomon, of whose magical powers they have astonishing legends. I allude to the secret doctrine of the House of Wisdom, which originated the somewhat unenviable society of Assassins, corresponding in its doctrines to the 'Elu' degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, which we have rejected as immoral and unworthy of our own." This passage contains sundry assertions, as for instance that "the great middle-age builders were the Society of Knights Templar," which was "another High Grade secret system of the middle or warrior caste"; that "the Templars, in A.D. 1118, acquired the site of Solomon's Temple"; that adjacent thereto existed "a High Grade Rite of Mahomedan Warriors," but nothing whatever is advanced from which we may judge of their value. However, this matters but little, as one at least of them is, to the best of knowledge and belief, capable of disproof. It is not a fact—so at least, we have always understood—that "the Templars, in A.D. 1118, acquired the site of Solomon's Temple." The year in question, or the next to it, is held to be the year in which the Order of the Temple was founded, and Baldwin II., King of Jerusalem, assigned the Knights a part of his palace for their quarters, to which the Abbot and Canons of the Church and Convent of the Temple, which stood adjoining, added another building for keeping their arms, and hence their name of Templars. Shall we venture so far as to say, quoting Latin by way of variety, "*ex uno disce omnes.*" At all events, even Brother Yarker, with all his audacity of assumption, does not seem quite at his ease in respect of his statements. He begins his next paragraph with the highly significant words, "At any rate," which we take to imply, whether the middle-age builders were or were not Knights Templar; whether they did or did not "give off the Craft organisation of the Operative Masonry claiming from Solomon's Temple"; whether they did or did not in A.D. 1118 "acquire the site of Solomon's Temple"; and whether there did or did not exist adjacent thereto—that is the site of the Temple—"a High Grade Rite of Mahomedan Warriors," "at any rate," that is, whether these are or are not facts, "from this period there came down the stream of centuries such a Society as Operative Freemasonry was before the year 1700; but its ceremonies, even in the same country, were not uniform," a statement he illustrates by the Companionship in France, while as regards Britain, he suggests the probability of our Craft Masonry having had "the legend of the Hiram system in a much more meagre and unpolished form than now exists" before the year 1723. And he sums up the case of Operative Masonry thus curtly: "In other words, the British Operative or Craft Masons have left no record that they had an esoteric Mystery before the formation of the Grand Lodge at London. So much, for better or worse, is all that can be said for Craft Masonry." It is, in one sense, to be regretted that Bro. Yarker exhausted his powers of exposition as regards this branch of his subject in the course of a few paragraphs, but our regret is the less distressing, because, owing no doubt to the limited time at his disposal, he has been able to do little else than advance statements wholly unsupported by evidence of any kind whatsoever, much less by evidence possessing anything like trustworthiness.

In dealing with the second portion of his lecture, Bro. Yarker displays the same qualities. He boldly tells his audience that "in all the most ancient nations—Chinese, Babylonian, Egyptian, Indian, Persian—there existed, and still exists, a certain secret School of Wisdom, which in all lands had certain degrees, with obligations of secrecy, and ceremonial rites with tokens and words; they were either of seven or nine degrees, and the members, then and still, affiliate with distant Rites;" the latter point he illustrates in his own case as having, like "many modern Craft

Freemasons," become "connected with the Oriental Societies." But will Bro. Yarker condescend to tell us something more than that there "existed, and still exists, a certain secret School of Wisdom" in the most ancient nations—China, Egypt, India, Persia—we will excuse him in respect of Babylon, which no longer exists: and something more than that "they"—whatever "they" may be—we reeithor of "seven or nine degrees?" We never miss, if we can help it, an opportunity of gaining even the slightest insight into knowledge of so mysterious a character. We shall be only too glad to learn, if Bro. Yarker will graciously undertake the rôle of instructor, and shall be only too thankful for the minutest crumbs of information, provided, of course, there is any chance of their being supported by something like evidence. Then, as to the Oriental Societies with which Bro. Yarker has become connected, he tells us—and he ought to speak with some authority—"that they have many points in common with the secret Cabala of the Jews, which probably derives from the Schools of the Prophets, of which we find mention in the Jewish writings. They sought 10,000 years ago by arduous toil—and found it—the basis of religion, philosophy, and art; their faith was that of the proved religion, in which all the learned men of antiquity agreed." Further on we learn that "primitively, the first adepts were men profoundly versed in arts, science, and spiritual knowledge, who proceeded to enlarge their numbers by the admission of neophytes from neighbouring tribes. As their numbers increased they emigrated far and wide, and established Colleges amongst all nations, which, on the model of the first, went on increasing their numbers. Originally celibates, some of them married and returned to the world, and had progeny, who founded the left-handed system, or sorcery. They were the 'Sons of God who took to themselves wives of the daughters of men.'" And again, "there is a record at Rome which states that the Eleusinian Mysteries of Ceres and Dionysos had been established in Britain. Various communities of monks and fraternities of knights continued the practice of the Mysteries, and even at this day the Madonna of Rome is an exact copy of the much more ancient Isis of Egypt." Bro. Yarker says also, "That our present ceremonies are those of the ancients is proved by the paintings in Egyptian temples and tombs. That the ancient Mysteries had our Rose Croix ceremonies is proved by the language of the Sybils of the Temple, preserved in the Sybilline Oracles." Here again we have a series of assertions, and without being so bold as to contradict Bro. Yarker, we venture to ask him in all simplicity for something like proofs of the verity of his statements. We shall be content to believe in the antiquity of the so-called High Grade Mysteries when it is demonstrated to us beyond the possibility of doubt that they have not been fashioned so as to resemble the Mysteries which were practised in bygone ages. It is one thing to say that the High Grade ceremonies are the same with those of the Egyptian or any other ancient cult; it is another to affirm that they have been regularly carried down "the stream of centuries" from those who originated them to those who now possess and practise them. As belonging to the old school, we have the utmost veneration and respect for whatever can justly lay claim to an immemorial antiquity of origin, but we have a right to expect that the claim shall rest on justice. We do not want to be told that a Rite, which is, as it were, of yesterday's creation, is the direct lineal representative of those rites which were practised in the earliest ages and of which the world has some degree of knowledge. What we are desirous of learning is, how the lineal descent is traceable, so that we may be in a position to appraise the value of the claim which Bro. Yarker so energetically advances.

(To be continued.)

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed at the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, by Bro. James Terry P.P.S.G. Warden Norths and Hunts, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228 1278 1366, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Friday, 23rd instant, at 7:30 p.m. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. E. H. Sugg P.P.G.O. Surrey Secretary 1996. Craft Clothing to be worn. Brethren are invited to attend.



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## MUSIC AND FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Jupiter has spoken, and all that comes after is as the stage substitute for the awful thunder of nature. Henceforth be it known, upon the authority of an inspired article in your contemporary, that music is the sixth of the seven sciences "included in the curriculum of Masonry," and therefore, a professional concert on Installation, and even on other occasions, is the proper thing. The information is volunteered that the toast list is nearly always the same, and nothing fresh can be said either for or in reply to the toasts, therefore, professional artistes are required to hide the weakness of the brainless, the ignorant, and the garrulous, and to make three or four hours association endurable. Then the question is put—why should the rich man be debarred of his pleasures because the poor man may be tempted to follow his example? And, as a climax, this staggering query is advanced—what will become of the purveyors of luxuries if the rich do not buy them? This is a poser, and I give it up. I might humbly observe, however, that the purveyors in question are well able to take care of themselves. That is their business, for myself I may say that I am so struck with the wisdom of this modern Solon that my feelings are divided between admiration and shame—admiration, at the wonderful learning displayed, and shame, to think that I have dared to express my belief that the brethren of and visitors to a Lodge almost invariably possess sufficient musical talent to satisfy all reasonable requirements. I am so hardened as still to urge that it is not necessary to engage professional talent at all in order to secure an efficient and pleasant programme, which can be varied and altered to meet circumstances without the risk of giving offence to these gentlemen, some of whom stand up for their order with a pertinacity and insolence not pleasant to endure. It is not long since that a professional pianist refused to accompany a brother in the Entered Apprentice song, because of some slight he imagined had been put upon his professional brethren. My object is not to run a muck at professional musicians; as a rule they are jolly fellows, whose company I have very much enjoyed, and hope to enjoy again, under circumstances more favourable than usually prevail at Lodge banquets.

I deny the postulate, that a Master of a Lodge has a right, even at his own expense, to indulge in costly luxuries; and I affirm that he commits an offence against both the letter and spirit of the Order when he permits the Lodge funds to be used for such a purpose, unless the members have a voice in determining the matter. Even then I contend that the indulgence in luxuries, especially of totally unnecessary ones, is forbidden by the genius of Freemasonry; it excites an unworthy desire of emulation; and gives rise to spurious pretensions and unjust inequalities when the expenditure comes wholly or partly out of the pocket of the Worshipful Master. Set and elaborate concerts waste time as well as substance. I believe I am within the mark when I say that the entertainment that gave rise to this discussion involved an outlay of at least £20, and as about one hundred brethren were present, that was four shillings a head for music. The concert was dear at the price; besides, it prevented friendly chat, strangled speeches, and obstructed the full exercise of those courtesies that ought to form so pleasant a part of the proceedings. In fact, it was a luxurious debauch, a wanton waste, and an exhibition of the pride of the purse.

In the article to which I am referring occurs the following sentence: "It is not the man of large fortune who is to be condemned for spending freely of his superfluous moneys, but the man who pinches or impoverishes himself in order to make a display." As an abstract theory this is very true; in practice it is a failure. Take any ordinary Lodge, and it will be found that while the few have an excess of means, the many are limited by prudence and circumstances to a modest outlay. One of the former, when he comes to the chair, gets up a grand display, to which he invites a number of friends. He creates a favourable impression altogether independent of his Lodge work or character as a Mason, and it may be in defiance of both. Show in the world often goes for real worth, and I have yet to learn that it has lost its effect even in Freemasonry. The successor of the rich brother may be a poor man. He has the example of his predecessor before him; the prestige (P) of the Lodge must be kept up; and, in fact, he must walk in the path made for him whether he likes it or not. Cases like this are constantly occurring, and the only alternative a poor brother has is either to assert the superiority of good working, vindicate the moral teaching of the Craft, and as a consequence be accounted mean; or he must "pinch or impoverish himself in order to make a display." The force of example for good or evil cannot be questioned, and it is as effective in Masonry as in anything else.

Then we are treated to the following trite and specious argument: "The rigid economist may urge that all expenditure which is not absolutely necessary is a mistake, because it affords a direct encouragement to luxury on the part of those who are unable to afford it. In other words, A, who has £2,000 a year, is not to buy the luxuries he can afford because B, with an income of £500, may outrun the constable." It is not what a man can, but what he ought, to afford. A member of the Masonic body is bound by its teaching, and this is all in favour of prudence, temperance, and charity. It distinctly enforces the lesson of the responsibility of one brother to another, and emphatically condemns anything that would be calculated to

injure him. But take the worldly view of the subject, and the position is not improved. Supposing two men were placed thus—one with £2,000 a year and the other with nothing, would the former be justified in indulging in luxuries while the latter was virtually starving? Such contrasts are too common, and I put the matter in an extreme form because it is the logical outcome of the reasoning referred to. It will not do to say—oh! but such a case could not happen. It is one of the most striking and lamentable facts in history that one of the chief causes of revolution has been the neglect of the poor by the rich, who were doing "what they liked with their own," only to store up a host of troubles that were sure to overwhelm them at some time or other. It is equally true that one of the main causes of the decay of nations is luxury. I am not a Socialist, and only introduce these facts to show the responsibility of men of wealth. They cannot shirk the obligations that the possession of wealth imposes with impunity, and certainly they cannot abjure the teaching of the Craft, and ought not to introduce practices that are very likely to prove stumbling-blocks to others.

It does not follow because of the views I have advanced that there should be no enjoyment of luxuries. They play their part in the economy of life, and where reasonably indulged in, no just complaint can be urged. To assume, as the writer of the article referred to does, that because I object to luxurious expenditure in Lodges, therefore I am hostile to all luxuries, is simply begging the question, and is one of those tricks of argument calculated to catch the ear of the groundling. I protest against any such assumption, and I believe I have made out good reasons for the belief I hold.

One word as to the application of charity. It is a good thing to establish Schools and an Asylum, it is right to extend the help thus afforded for some who cannot go into either. I have not one word to say against these Institutions; on the contrary, I wish them God speed. But there are other means for the exercise of the spirit of brotherly kindness, and other needs that these Institutions furnish. How many brethren are there seeking employment, who would be glad of a helping hand, and how little in this respect is done by the Brotherhood? How many brethren are warmly recognised in Lodge and passed by in the streets with absolute indifference? To make use of the fact of your being a Masou when seeking assistance or employment is regarded as "bad form," and to resent the distinction that is set up between brethren in and out of the Lodge, especially in cases where the length of the purse alone constitutes the difference, is looked upon as an impertinence. If the rich brother wants work, if his heart beats true to the demands that can fairly be made upon him, there are plenty of ways of spending his money without wasting it upon professional singers and sumptuous banquets, and one of these is the luxury of doing good.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

I.P.M.

## "POOR CANDIDATES AND THE VOTING SYSTEM."

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR,—May I ask the favour of your thanking WATCHMAN for his kind and courteous criticism of my letter, but with regard to the remedy suggested, respecting the Voting System, judging from his reply, I fancy that I cannot have expressed myself with sufficient clearness. My idea was that all the cases should, as now, first pass before the School Committee, and secondly before a Committee composed of a representative of Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales and those of Vice-Patrons or Vice-Presidents, or of both, who had time to devote to the subject, to consider upon, and select from the candidates chosen by the School Committee, the number corresponding to vacancies, of those cases considered most urgent; and thirdly the cases of these secondly selected candidates to be submitted, through balloting papers, to all subscribers, &c., for their votes. All canvassing, except by private friends, and borrowing, to be prohibited, and a fair proportion of the expense which would have been incurred in public canvassing, &c. to be given as an entrance fee to the Institution. Candidates not chosen to stand over for next Election. This would, I think, produce a concentration of votes for candidates in most immediate want of aid, and also spare the remaining candidates the anxiety, loss of time, and expense consequent upon competing at so many elections.

I do not comprehend how any private influence could be brought to bear upon those having the Presentations under this system, any more than is at present the case, for it is evident that admission now depends much on the exertions of influential friends. I do not offer this explanation as a recommendation of my plan, because, as I before remarked, I do not understand the working of the matter, but simply because WATCHMAN appears to have misunderstood my idea. Thanking you for your kindness in bringing the subject before the numerous readers of your valuable paper.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours truly and obliged,

THE MOTHER OF A CANDIDATE.

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE first meeting for the present season of this old-established Lodge took place on Thursday, 8th November, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, with Bro. E. T. Smith as W.M., who was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. J. J. Runtz S.W., J. Bieling J.W., Bryant S.D., Tongue J.D., F. Gosden I.G., and Banks Tyler; Bros. Lancaster I.P.M. and P.M.'s Dr. Jagielski, Dr. Jackson, Rath, Paas Secretary, and Nowakowski Treasurer. The business of the evening consisted in receiving the report of the Committee which had been appointed to consult upon certain matters respecting the welfare of the Lodge. The W.M. performed the ceremony of raising in favour of three brethren, and passed Bro. Davenport to the second, in a most impressive manner. Two gentlemen were proposed in open Lodge as candidates for the next meeting. All other business being ended, Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren retired to the banquetting room, where, after due attention had been paid to the fourth degree, grace was sung, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received attention. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, namely, Bros. John Grist Eccleston 1624, W. Saegert P.M. Wellington 548, James Phillips Union 127, J. H. Hudepohl Royal Leopold 1669, and Thomas Gittens P.M. Foochow, Grand Lodge China. The latter brother in responding said it afforded him very great pleasure to be again at the Polish National Lodge on his return from China; he had been present at Lodges held in China, New Zealand, and Australia, but he had not seen the work better performed in these than it had been done by the W.M. on the present occasion. The Officers had also done well. Bro. Gittens also thanked the members for the hospitality that had been shown to him, and hoped he might be enabled to pay them another visit on a future occasion. Bro. Saegert also replied: he alluded to the masterly manner in which the W.M. had performed his duties. Bro. Lancaster I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., who on rising to respond was received with continued cheering. Bro. Smith returned thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which he had been received, and also for the very hearty manner in which the toast of his health had been responded to. It had always appeared to him to be hard work to conduct a Lodge meeting properly; but now he was in the chair it appeared to be doubly so. However, he assured the brethren he had done his best, and if they were satisfied his greatest ambition had been attained. He would always use every endeavour to keep up the prestige of the Polish National Lodge, but he felt he could only carry that out with assistance from his Officers. He hoped they would continue to do their duty in the same satisfactory manner. Graceful allusion was also made to the P.M.'s who were present, and the toast having been responded to, the brethren separated, after having spent a very pleasant and instructive evening.

## ARBORETUM LODGE, DERBY, No. 731.

THIS Lodge held an emergency meeting on Thursday, 8th November, the only business set forth on the Circular being "A Lecture by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., London, Explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree." Lodge was called for six p.m. at the Masonic Hall, and was opened by the W.M. The following brethren, amongst others, were present, viz.: Bros. J. Bland W.M., C. Webster S.W., James Copestick J.W., Edgar Horne M.D., A. Woodiwiss jun. J.D., J. W. Brigg Organist, Thomas Day M.C., Severn Taylor I.G., John Walker Steward, E. Holden Tyler; P.M.'s G. T. Wright, J. C. Merry, J. Brown, A. Frayer, W. Whittaker Treasurer, J. Taylor; Willie Helps, A. Tyler, W. Forman, J. Melrose, W. Knight, J. Ascott, &c. The Visitors were Bros. E. R. Ward P.M. 253, A. Ogden 787, E. Belfield W.M. 802, W. Butterfield W.M. C. D. Hart S.W. 1085, and James Stevens 720, 1216, 1426 P.M. P.Z. The Acting Secretary read the Circular convening the Emergency Meeting, after which the W.M. in a few words introduced Bro. Stevens to the brethren assembled, and called upon him to proceed with his lecture. Judging by the close attention paid to the lecturer, it was evident the Visitors and brethren of the Lodge were deeply interested, and all seemed surprised that the time had sped so quickly, when Bro. Stevens brought his admirable lecture to a close. The Senior Past Master, Bro. G. T. Wright, on rising to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, expressed the great gratification he had received, and he had no doubt the brethren of the Arboretum Lodge would take heed of the various differences and discrepancies which had been pointed out by the lecturer, and adopt such alterations as might be deemed the best. He was glad, however, to note that their working ran very closely to that which had been so ably explained by Bro. Stevens. The proposition was seconded by Bro. John Brown P.M., who, as Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, said he had no doubt the brethren would discuss the various differences at the next meeting of that Lodge. The Worshipful Master supported the vote of thanks, which on being put was carried unanimously. Bro. Stevens, in reply, assured the W.M. and brethren of the pleasure it had given him to meet so prosperous a Lodge as 731, and to deliver his lecture at Derby. He thought that clever and distinguished as the London brethren might be, and were, some of them might learn useful lessons by visiting Provincial Lodges. Refreshment followed labour, and the W.M., on rising to give the first toast, thought it advisable to depart from the usual custom and announce that a formal toast list would be dispensed with. He, therefore, gave the Queen and the Craft, and, in a few words, the health of their distinguished visitor Bro. James Stevens, which was suitably responded to. The only other toasts were the Worshipful Master by Bro. Stevens, and the Visitors by Bro. W. Whittaker P.M. Treasurer, to which the W.M. briefly replied, as did

also Bros. E. R. Ward P.M. 253 and Bro. Ogden 787. There being a large number of musical brethren present, a most enjoyable evening was spent, Bro. Stevens causing great pleasure by reciting "The Three Great Lights," and "The Level and the Square." The brethren then separated, well satisfied with the entire proceedings.

## LODGE OF ASAPH, No. 1319.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and was numerously attended by members and Visitors. The chairs were filled as follows:—Bros. John Maclean W.M., F. Delavante S.W., C. E. Tinney J.W., C. Coote Treas., J. M. Chamberlain P.M. Secretary, H. Ashley S.D., Kent J.D., Lestocq M.C., H. Tinney I.G., Egerton Organist, W. Smith Steward, Meyer Lutz I.P.M.; P.M.'s E. Swanborough, Jekyll P.G.O., J. Weaver, Wellard, G. Buckland. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Col. Shadwell Clerke G. Secretary, W. Day 1949, P. T. Duff 33, Dr. Dunn 39, T. Squire 1633, Randolph 1373, Stevens 901, H. Massey P.M. 1928, E. Garden 949, A. Edwards 1328, E. Stanislaus 721, Lindsay 1531, C. Stevens S.W. 1793, Adams 738, R. Cumming 1677, Stone 704, C. Bere 211, Hobby 1531, E. J. Rawle 765, Brander 1563, Goodchild 1984, Smith 1567, Fitzgerald 1364, C. May P.M. 780, H. M. Harris W.M. 205, Brown 1672, Draper P.M. 1305, Maloney 25, A. Roberts 733, Wentworth 1760, Leon 186 and 780, A. G. Taylor P.P.G.S.W. Surrey, Linder P.M. 1642, Brocklehaus 862, Jas. Willing, Casson 1706, Davis 188, Wilson 101, Wilson 1366, Stohwasser P.M. 569, Bishop 231, Purkiss P.M. 145, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Newingham 1706, Dewar 515. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The reports of the Audit Committee and the Benevolent Fund were read and adopted. The former showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of £241 18s 6d while the Benevolent Fund had a credit of £560 8s 9d. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. F. Delevante S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and duly installed in the chair by the retiring W.M. (Bro. John Maclean), who conducted the ceremony in a manner that it was a pleasure to listen to. There were seventeen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The Worshipful Master having been saluted, appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Maclean I.P.M., C. Tinney S.W., H. Ashley J.W., C. Coote Treasurer, Chamberlain P.M. Secretary, Kent S.D., H. Tinney J.D., L. Wooldridge I.G., W. Smith M.C., Hamilton Organist, Hutchinson and Fairchild Stewards, Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. Bro. Meyer Lutz P.M. efficiently acted as M.C. The resignation of a member was accepted, with regret, and a candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visitors, and the brethren, 123 in number, sat down to a sumptuous and récheché banquet, supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), in the large hall, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, the W.M. in a terse and able manner proposed the loyal toast—the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was sung by Madame Worrell and Madame Florence Winne, and then the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given, and received with enthusiasm. The Prov. G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the G. Lodge of England came next on the list, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was called on to respond. Before Col. Clerke rose, Bro. Maclean gave a capital recitation, entitled "A Villainous Ambition," which elicited loud and long applause. The piece in question, we may mention here, was written by the late lamented H. S. Leigh. In reply to the toast, Col. Clerke assured the brethren it was a great pleasure to return thanks for the Grand Officers. The Prov. G.M. and the Deputy G.M. have always done good snit and service for the Craft; while the names of the other Grand Officers were always received with enthusiasm. He hoped to be present at this Lodge on many future occasions. Personally, he wished the W.M. and the Lodge of Asaph every success in the future. Here Bro. H. Tinney J.D. gave a pianoforte solo—"Reisbilder"—which he played most artistically. Bro. J. Maclean now said it devolved on him to propose the health of the W.M., whose ability and qualities for good fellowship needed no recommendation from him. Bro. Delevante had been suffering for some years from a failing of eyesight. It was satisfactory to know their W.M. had now partially recovered this inestimable blessing, and he (Bro. Maclean) hoped he might perfectly succeed in recovering the blessing of material light, a boon so conducive to success in this life. The W.M. said it was a great pleasure, and he might say it had been the aim of the best part of his life-time, to attain the position he now held. This was his mother Lodge; it was only on one occasion that he had been absent since his initiation. He had worked through every office, from that of Organist. He looked upon this Lodge as a means of cementing friendships; there was a genial good feeling prevailing amongst its members. He hoped at the end of his year of office the brethren would not regret having placed him in the chair. Before rising from his seat he would, with the permission of the brethren, propose the health of the I.P.M. All know what Brother Maclean has done in the Lodge of Asaph; he has been a pattern of courtesy, a man moulded of good honest material. He is one of the pillars of the Lodge, and all hope he may long be spared to remain an ornament to it. Before, however, the brethren did that honour to the toast which he felt assured they would give it, he had a duty to perform; to present Bro. Maclean with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge. This had been unanimously voted, and in placing it on his breast, he (Bro. Delevante) trusted he might wear it for many years as a token of the respect entertained for him by the brethren of the Asaph Lodge. Miss Florence Winne here favoured the brethren with an excellent song. On rising, Bro. Maclean said the first thing he had to do was to thank the W.M. and brethren for their kind reception; he had also to thank them for the jewel. He hoped he had deserved it; in the future he should be proud to wear it. He had especially to thank Bro. Frewin who had so kindly proposed the gift. The Officers had been diligent and conscientious in their work, and had materially helped him to carry out his duties; particularly to the P.M.'s his more especial thanks were due; no service was re-

quired of them but they were ever ready to undertake it. Bro. Chamberlin P.M. and Secretary responded to the toast of the Past Masters; Bro. Leon for the Visitors, and took the opportunity of preferring a request that his friend Bro. Swanborough would propose him as a joining member of the Lodge. The Officers were next complimented, and shortly afterwards the Tyler gave the parting toast. The evening was enlivened by some capital songs, &c.

#### DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

AN event of considerable importance to all concerned in the welfare of this old Lodge took place on the occasion of its last regular meeting, which was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, 9th inst., a testimonial being that evening presented to its worthy Treasurer and P.M. Bro. George Everett. The Lodge was presided over by Bro. Wm. Herbage W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. M. Foxcroft S.W., P. Pierpoint J.W., Geo. Everett P.M. Treas., Thomas Morris Sec., H. Bowman Spink P.M., W. J. Ferguson P.M., J. R. Foulger P.M., Isaac Buscall P.M., E. White P.M., Frederic Kent P.M., Harry Price S.D., A. Simner J.D., Robert Montague I.G., Richard Harvey Steward, and the following visitors:—H. Wootton 1986, H. M. Appleton S.W. 1381, H. Massey P.M. 619, 1928, C. H. Everett 1987, G. Coles 1381, H. Stiles I.P.M. 1507, W. T. Buxton 1381, E. Ayling W.M. 975, R. T. Whitley P.M. 946 P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, T. H. Pulsford P.M. 1158, R. J. Vincent W.M. 1963, J. W. Batton S.D. 1613, W. E. Greaves 1744, W. Mann P.M. 186, T. H. Hartley 1068, W. H. Baker I.G. 1446, C. W. Blake 1185, W. P. Webb P.M. 1381, G. A. Potter J.W. 1964, H. Share 1558, W. H. Coubran 1657, Robert H. Clemow J.D. 1589, F. H. Clemow P.M. 1744, &c. The business of the evening comprised the raising of Brother H. M. Emerson, the passing of Brother E. J. Cook, and the initiation of Mr. Carlo Torriani and Mr. William Haines, all three of the ceremonies being worked in a very efficient manner. The special business of the evening—the presentation to Bro. Everett P.M.—occupied the attention of the W.M. as soon as the other business had been disposed of. In the course of an address which the Master delivered, he remarked that when he was installed as W.M. of the Domatic Lodge he referred to the especial pleasure he had felt in investing Brother Everett with the collar of Treasurer, as he was then convinced that the Lodge would be pleased to retain him in the office, and he felt that the way in which the testimonial about to be presented had been subscribed to was ample proof that he was not wrong in his surmise. Brother Everett carried out the work of his office efficiently and well, and in saying so he bore in mind that the office was no sinecure; no office of such a character could be in so large a Lodge as the Domatic. No matter on what branch of Lodge affairs they wanted advice, they always benefitted from an appeal to the Treasurer, who, of all the Officers, was most worthy of compliment. It might be there were brethren in the Lodge who considered some of the officers did not quite come up to the standard, but he thought there was only one opinion in regard to Bro. Everett, who was universally admitted to be all that could be desired. It had made a very great impression on his (the speaker's) mind when Bro. Everett first presided as W.M. in the Domatic Lodge. He then explained the true principles of Freemasonry most ably, and so long as he had known him he had always acted up to its teachings. The W.M. hoped Bro. Everett would long live to act for the welfare of the Lodge, and adorn the office he now so ably filled. He then begged Bro. Everett's acceptance of the testimonial which the brethren offered, as an expression of their goodwill towards him, it consisted of a silver tea and coffee service, an engrossed souvenir with list of subscribers, and a gold brooch and earrings for Mrs. Everett. The brethren hoped that the articles would long be used by Bro. Everett and his wife, and that they would, in years to come, remain in the family, as a token of the esteem in which Bro. Everett and his wife were held. The W.M. concluded by wishing them long life, health, and prosperity. The silver tea caddy bore the following inscription:—

Presented, with a Silver Tea and Coffee Service, to  
Bro. GEORGE EVERETT,  
P.M. 177, 1381, and P.Z. 177, 1381,  
As a token of esteem and respect, by the Brethren and Friends of the  
Domatic Lodge, No. 177.  
November 1883.

The scroll, on which is inscribed the names of the subscribers, is of quite a novel kind, from a design by Bro. Harry Price, S.D. of the Lodge, and beautifully painted by Miss Chargois, daughter of Bro. P. Chargois, of the Atlingworth Lodge, Brighton; the border being composed of lilies and pomegranates. At the top, forming a centre, is a column surmounted by a globe with a veil thrown over it, the whole forming a very pretty representation of net work, lily work, and pomegranates. It is nicely framed in oak, and forms a very handsome souvenir of the occasion. It reads as follows:—

Domatic Lodge, No. 177,  
Bro. W. HERBAGE W.M.  
Presented, with a Silver Tea and Coffee Service,  
in open Lodge,  
To Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.M. and Treasurer,  
As a mark of esteem and respect, by the Lodge, and the following  
members and friends.  
Also a Gold Brooch and Earrings for Mrs. GEORGE EVERETT, as a  
souvenir of the occasion.

Here follows a list of the subscribers to the testimonial—98 names in all—and at the foot the following signatures:—

Isaac Buscall P.M. Hon. Treasurer.  
Harry Price S.D. } Joint  
Richard Harvey W.S. } Hon. Secs.

9th November 1883.

Bro. Everett rose for the purpose of acknowledging the gift. He was

not usually at a loss, he said, for something to say, but the occasion was such an exceptional one that he must ask for the consideration of the brethren. The expressions, "the present is one of the happiest moments of my life," or "my heart is too full to allow me to find words to thank you," stereotyped phrases though they were, most truly represented his feelings. He was really too much affected to properly express himself. The movement, which had terminated in the gift of the handsome articles he saw before him, had been of so spontaneous and popular a character as to show that the gift was the gift of the general body of members of the Lodge. He further prized the Testimonial because he found on the list of subscribers to it, not only the names of members who had been associated with him in the Lodge during the past few years, but also old members, as well as members who had but recently joined them. It contained the names of the oldest Past Masters, notably Bro. Baker P.M. and Father of the Lodge, Bro. J. Brett, also a P.M. of the Lodge, and a brother to whose kindly encouragement he owed his present position in Freemasonry; Bro. Foulger, another of the oldest P.M.'s; Bro. Ferguson, a Mason to whom he was particularly obliged, as it was to him he looked for any assistance he might require at the present, when, in consequence of absence or other causes, he was unable to attend personally to the work of his office. But it was invidious for him to enumerate the names of the numerous subscribers—all were equally kind, and he was equally indebted to all. He considered it indeed a kindness that they had thought of his wife. She was one who thought much better of Freemasonry than many Masons' wives did, and he felt she would prize very highly the gift the brethren had made her at his hands. If he had failed in thanking the brethren as he ought to have done, they must consider it was from want of power rather than from want of intention. He expressed his thanks to the officials of the Testimonial Committee, to whose kindly services he considered much of the success was due, and concluded by again tendering his acknowledgments to all concerned; he should ever esteem the gift as a very dear one, and trusted that those who should come after him would see in it the expression of the kindly feelings entertained towards him by the members of the Domatic Lodge. The W.M. then proceeded to close the Lodge, before doing which, however, he suggested that a telegram should be sent to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. congratulating him on his birthday. This was agreed to with acclamation, was despatched, and later on most graciously acknowledged by the Prince of Wales. At the close of the labours of the evening the brethren partook of a banquet, which was presided over by the W.M., who in due course proposed the customary toasts. The brethren had particular pleasure in wishing their Grand Master long life, health, and prosperity on his natal day. His Royal Highness was a great acquisition to Freemasonry, shedding lustre on the Order, and devoting great attention to its welfare. Bro. Ferguson P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. It was at all times a pleasure to propose this toast. The W.M. had that night had a heavy amount of work, and had acquitted himself most ably. The W.M. expressed his thanks; Bro. Ferguson had stated that the Lodge was proud of its Master, he (the speaker) could assure the brethren that he was most sincerely proud of his Lodge. It was his endeavour to afford enjoyment and to give pleasure to each member. He then proposed the health of the Initiates, which toast was warmly received, and acknowledged by the two newly admitted brethren. The visitors were next complimented. This was always a popular toast in the Domatic; much could be said in support of it, but it was perhaps sufficient to acknowledge the honour the guests had conferred by visiting the Lodge. The W.M. hoped they had enjoyed themselves, and were satisfied with what had been done for them that night. Several of the visitors having replied, the toast of the P.M.'s was given from the chair, and this Bro. Foulger acknowledged. He regretted that he had been kept away for some time past from this, his mother Lodge. He was glad to see that the members had that day done honour to one who really deserved honouring. He was proud to be associated, as he had been for years past, with Bro. Everett, and gratified to see what the brethren had that evening done for him. The services Bro. Everett had been called upon to perform had been faithfully and zealously carried out, and he hoped that both he and his wife might live long to continue their interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and to utilize the testimonial presented them. The toasts of the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge were severally proposed, and having been acknowledged, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

#### EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE annual visits which our official duties call upon us to make to those Lodges with which we have been intimately associated during the whole, or the greater part, of the time the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has been in existence, seem to act on our mind in much the same way as milestones do which we meet while journeying along a country road. They also serve forcibly to impress us with the rapid flight of time, and, as each one is reached, call up memories of those which have preceded it. We live through the events of years gone by, and opportunity is afforded us of comparing the present with the past. The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has recorded the consecration of many a Lodge during the nine years it has been before the Masonic world, some of which have fulfilled the expectations of their founders; others have taken a course different to what was proposed at the outset; while others again, we are forced to admit, are far from what their founders intended they should be. It has been the custom in many cases, when a new Lodge has been proposed, to give some special reason for its promotion beyond the mere desire to advance the general welfare of the Order, almost as though a special excuse were necessary to account for the application for a warrant being made. The support of the Charities has been given as the *raison d'être* in many instances; the desire for a Lodge limited to the



members of some particular art, profession, or science has called many others into being; while the peculiar ideas of various sects have also been urged as sufficient excuse for the promotion of new Lodges. We do not remember whether either of these reasons were urged when the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge was proposed, but we do know that from its commencement the promotion of our Charities' welfare has been among its watchwords, and that right nobly have its members worked to uphold that worthy desire. We have now arrived at the period in the existence of this Lodge when its founders have the opportunity of proving to the Masonic world that the confidence reposed in them years back, when the Warrant was issued, was not misplaced. The first initiates and joining members of the Lodge are now coming to the fore, and they bid fair to uphold the high reputation which the founders, who so far have occupied the chief positions, have secured to it. The regular installation meeting this year witnesses the retirement to the rank of P.M. of the brother first on the Lodge Register outside the actual founders, while his successor is another of those who joined the Lodge at its first regular meeting. Thus far the founders have every reason to be proud of their earlier selection. Bro. S. Smout jun., the I.P.M. of the Lodge, has proved himself to be a brother worthy of every respect, while Bro. F. C. Frye, the present W.M., displayed such talent on the night of his installation as to prove that he also is likely to add to the lustre already attached to his Lodge. Two of the first initiates, brethren who were also admitted at the first regular meeting of the Lodge, we now find occupying the position of Wardens, with every prospect of promotion, and so on right through the offices; the earlier members having regularly been invested with the several collars. This year's annual meeting took place on Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Lad-broke Hall, Notting Hill, and was presided over by Bro. S. Smout jun. W.M., who was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Fred. C. Frye S.W., James Bartle J.W., Samuel H. Parkhouse P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Secretary, G. Penn P.M., E. M. Lander P.M., S. Smout sen. P.M., W. Stephens Hon. P.M., J. Woodmason S.D., W. W. Buckland J.D., Rev. P. M. Holden Chaplain, F. Delevante Organist, Robert Whitaker Steward, J. H. Wood I.G., Robert Schofield P.M. Tyler, and others. The minutes of last Lodge having been confirmed, Bro. Richard Truine was regularly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the W.M. elect (Bro. Frye) was installed into the chair. Having invested his Officers, the ceremony of installation was completed. The Auditors' Report was presented and adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Auditors for their services. A notice of motion was then given, that the sum of fifty guineas should be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the I.P.M., and several other matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, where a first-rate dinner, provided by Bro. J. Linscott, was enjoyed. At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. proceeded to give the customary toasts. "The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, that of the health of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., followed. Our Grand Master was, the W.M. said, always foremost in doing anything to further the interests of the Craft, in the welfare of which he appeared to take great interest. His recent advancement to the degree of Mark Master clearly proved that his interest in the Order was not dying out. The toast of the Earl of Carnarvon came next, and from the intimate association of his lordship's name with the Lodge met with a hearty reception. The W.M. regretted they had never had the honour of a visit from the Pro G.M., and hoped they might some day have that pleasure, when they would have an opportunity of proving to their sponsor that they did not discredit him in bearing his name. The Earl of Lathom and the Grand Officers Present and Past was next given. The Lodge was greatly honoured in the promotion of one of its earliest members—Bro. W. Stephens—to office in Grand Lodge, and now had great pleasure in congratulating him on his good fortune in securing the appointment of Assistant Grand Pursuivant. They were also honoured with the presence of Bro. Thomas Cubitt, a Past Officer of Grand Lodge, and also a brother well worthy of the distinction which had been conferred on him. Bro. Stephens expressed thanks on behalf of Lord Lathom and the Grand Officers generally. Personally he thanked the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge very much, as he had been associated with it from its infancy. He was pleased to see the progress the Lodge had made. Every member of Grand Lodge endeavoured to do his duty, and he believed it was to the fact of his having always endeavoured to act on that principle that he in great measure owed his selection for Grand honours. He urged on those who were eligible to attend regularly the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, in order that the welfare of the Order and of their respective Lodges might be looked after. He was gratified to find that no less a sum than £2,200 had been sent up to the Charities from the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge during its seven years' existence, and felt sure that its present position must be subject for gratification to the nobleman whose name they bore. Brother Cubitt followed, he particularly referred to the Masonic ability of the Deputy Grand Master; who was equally at home in Grand Lodge, in his Provincial Lodge, or at a Private Lodge. In all he was able to fulfil any duty which might be required of him. The Past Grand Officers had set an example which the present and future officers would do well to imitate. Bro. Smout the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. This he considered was the toast of the evening, and he hoped the brethren would give it a hearty welcome. The members wished their new Master a very happy and successful year of office. Bro. Frye tendered his sincere thanks. If anything could dispel the diffidence he felt in the position he had that night been advanced to, it was the reception he had just met with. He was gratified to see so large an assembly to welcome him on his first appearance as W. Master of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and more so at the way in which they had expressed their welcome. He looked upon it as an augury of future benefit to the Lodge; he felt that every brother associated with it would do his utmost to advance its interest and make his year of office a success. He had never regretted associating himself with the

members of the Lodge, at whose hands he had always received that kindly reception which was so truly Masonic. He very highly esteemed the confidence reposed in him. He hoped to perform his duties in such a manner as to merit the approval of the brethren and their kindly support. He next proposed the toast of the visitors, expressing the pleasure he and the members generally felt at the presence of so many guests. He hoped all had enjoyed themselves, and that their experience of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had equalled their expectations. Bro. Jordan P.M. No. 4 and W.M. G. Stewards' Lodge, replied. He had never heard a more gratifying statement than that which had been made in reference to the Lodge's support of the Charities. That a Lodge so young should have done so much, reflected the greatest credit on all who were associated with it; it he felt he could hardly find words to express his feelings on this point. He could not help feeling ashamed of what his own Lodge had done in face of such a record as was attached to the Lodge of which he was then a guest. Bros. Gold, Harding and Isaacs followed. The latter felt that nowhere was true and good Freemasonry more fully exemplified than in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, the Past Masters of which were a credit to the Order. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Installing Master, a toast which, although omitted from their printed list, could on no account be omitted from their evening's programme. The work which the I.P.M. had that day been called upon to perform had been carried through most efficiently. The W.M. desired personally to thank Bro. Smout for the way in which he had performed his work, and he felt he might also thank him on behalf of the members generally. He had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Smout with the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him at the last Lodge meeting, and hoped he might long live to enjoy the esteem of his brother Masons. The jewel bore the following inscription:

Presented by  
The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642,  
to Bro. Samuel Smout jun.  
in recognition of his services as W.M.  
1882-83.

Bro. Smout tendered his thanks for being so highly complimented on performing what was really nothing more than his duty. When he was elected to the office of Master he made up his mind to carry out the duties of the office to the best of his ability, and to endeavour to give satisfaction. He was pleased beyond measure that his efforts had met with such approval as was evidenced in the kindly expressions and handsome present accorded him. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary followed, the W.M. paying the highest compliments to the two brethren who filled those positions. Bro. Murlis tendered his hearty thanks, as also did Bro. Parkhouse. The W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Truine. They had not had the pleasure of initiating any one that day, but on the last occasion they received into their midst a gentleman they were pleased now to welcome. They had not had an opportunity of drinking his health on the day of his initiation, and as he (the Worshipful Master) considered that the customary welcome should, in such cases, be given at the first available opportunity, he now had the pleasure to propose his health, and to tender him a hearty welcome. Bro. Truine having replied, the health of the Past Masters was given, and that having in turn been replied to, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the customary closing toast. An entertaining musical programme was carried through by Miss Pushman and Messrs. H. Linscott and Louis Stephens. Amongst the Visitors were—Bros. C. Webster S.D. 1637, George Amos Duke 1608, R. A. Fraser I.G. 1567, Robert Fairclough I.P.M. 155, J. M. Jefferson 1637, W. Hucks 834, J. Shipley W.M. 30, A. G. Gold 1615, Henry Gold 1615, Henry Walter Gilbey 25, J. Jordan P.M. 4 W.M. G. S. Lodge, J. N. Frye 195, J. H. Watson 1641, W. Weaver W.M. 1238, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567, G. C. Harding P.M. 1238, G. D. Unite 55, Sir C. W. Dilke 834, J. E. C. Bodley P.P.G. Sec. Oxon, T. Fisher 733, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, C. W. Keep I.G. 195, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., Samuel Dyer W.M. 1612, W. C. Williams J.D. 1585, Charles Davey P.M. 30, David Hughes S.W. 901, John Hughes W.M. 901, H. Dehane I.P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, T. Hastings Miller P.M. 907 W.M. 1964 P.P.G.D. Essex, Canon Holden, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, W. Laugridge Treasurer 1425, Lewis H. Isaacs P.M. 873, George Davis P.M. 167, A. Nicols W.M. 1974, S. Elborn P.M. 511, J. W. Cuff P.M. 1608.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 10th inst. Present—Bros. Jones W.M., Liebman S.W., Gribbell J.W., Gellen S.D., Aston I.G., Percy Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Weeden, Dixie, Cohen, Ferrar, O'Donnell, Parker, Robinson, Gilderslen, Richardson, Glass, Fenner, Ridder, R. Percy, Moss, Wright and Anney. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Glass having offered himself as candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Cohen worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Liebman was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Fenner was elected Treasurer in the place of Bro. C. Lorkin, resigned. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, the 17th instant. The business on this occasion was completed earlier than usual in order to elect Officers and a Committee for a Masonic Charities Association. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, the 24th inst., and after that date, on the last Saturday in every month. The subscriptions will be 1s per week, payable monthly; and as often as sufficient funds are in hand a Life Governorship for one of the Masonic Institutions will be ballotted for. Any Brother wishing to join can do so by forwarding his name and address and No. of Lodge, to the Secretary, Bro. R. W. Galer, 12 Green Lanes, N., who will be pleased to afford any further information that may be required.

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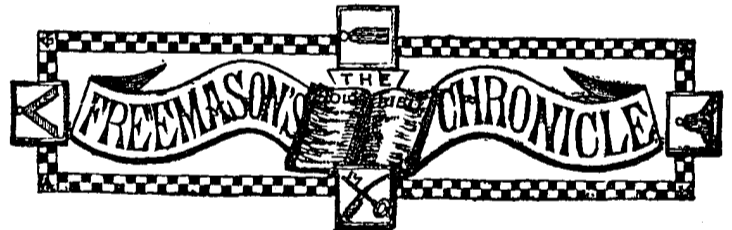
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## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

AT a Provincial Grand Chapter, holden in the Masonic Hall, Long-causeway, Dewsbury, on Wednesday, 7th November 1883, at 4 o'clock p.m., under the Banner of Three Grand Principles Chapter, No. 208.

The Chapter was opened by the Principals and Companions of Three Grand Principles Chapter, No. 208, at 3.45, and at 4.15 the M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., Prov. Grand Superintendent, entered, and Prov. G. Chapter was opened in due form. After the usual salutation, the Prov. G. Superintendent delivered the following address:—

Excellent Companions,—May I express to you my gratification at finding myself once more able to occupy this chair as your Provincial Grand Superintendent, this being the thirty-ninth meeting since this Provincial Grand Chapter was formed here in Dewsbury, on the 5th day of May 1853, and my obligations are due to the Companions of the Three Grand Principles Chapter, No. 208, for permission to assemble in their Temple.

I am glad to tell you that Holme Valley Chapter, No. 652, was consecrated on the 23rd April 1883, and that a Charter has been granted, but not yet received, for Nelson of the Nile Chapter, No. 264, Batley. I congratulate the Convocation on these evidences of prosperity of this symbolical degree. Perhaps I may be permitted once more to express my acknowledgments to the Companions and Masons of this province for the noble way in which they made holiday and left their various employments and businesses, and filled the Huddersfield Town Hall (so kindly placed at the disposal of the Craft by the Mayor, Bro. J. F. Brigg) on the occasion of the presentation of a Masonic Address of welcome to H.R.H. the Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire. I was delighted beyond measure with the marvellous manner the ceremonial and procession were carried out, and the splendid manner, without barricades, you kept the ground in front of the railway station until the departure of their Royal High-



nesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany for London, and your march back to the Town Hall to close the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Duke of Albany, through his Secretary, has expressed to my Deputy that H.R.H. was greatly pleased with the reception the Masons gave him, and desired him to take an opportunity of telling them so, and that he would gladly sign his name in the books of the five Huddersfield Lodges.

On this fête day our Boys' Election was being conducted in the Freemasons' Hall, London, and our representatives were debarred from being present at Huddersfield. Both our boys were elected, sixteenth and nineteenth on the list of successful candidates. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous Quarterly Court, a letter was read from the widow of our late Bro. John Wordsworth, in which she expressed her thanks for the vote of sympathy which had been forwarded to her; and was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of that Court. I mention this because it shews in what respect our late brother was held in London, and to which his munificent contributions to the Charities justly entitled him. £11,000 has been funded in respect of the Preparatory Boys' School Building Fund; and a motion was carried that every donor of 200 guineas should be a Patron of the Institution, and have 80 votes at each election, with the addition that Her Gracious Majesty, the Queen, should be styled "Grand Patron" instead of as now "Patron."

I trust our Charity Subscription List for 1884 may be as handsome in amount as the one now closed, viz. £2,566 2s. I appeal to your liberality to augment our voting power, sadly reduced by the deaths of generous brethren. At our meeting at Ripon on the 3rd October, at which I was unable to be present, being in Germany at the time, Companion Tew called the attention of the Craft to a report of the Special Committee appointed to report to Grand Lodge on the subject of the Masonic Temple, recently seriously injured by fire, the carrying out of which scheme would involve an expenditure of some £40,000 or £50,000; and the granting of an extension of Messrs. Spiers and Pond's (Limited) lease to 50 years.

Our Prov. Grand Lodge passed certain resolutions thereon, differing from the proposals of the Special Committee. I have approved that almost identical resolutions be entered on the Agenda paper of this Grand Chapter, which, if carried, might give weight to the discussions in Grand Lodge when this extravagant proposal will be debated. I have also approved that Prov. Grand Lodge resolutions be sent to each Prov. Grand Secretary of every province, and also to Grand Lodge and to the Board of General Purposes. I hope, Companions, you will be there present in goodly numbers on the 5th December to support our Registrar and other provinces in the adoption of our resolutions, our opinion being that the Temple at Freemasons' Hall should be permanently preserved and re-instated at a moderate cost, to be provided out of the funds received from the Insurance Offices.

A Petition will be presented for your charitable consideration. It is a most exceptionable application from the Companions of the Marquis of Ripon Chapter, No. 837. Companions, we are commanded in Leviticus that "If our brother be waxen poor and fallen into decay with us, then we shall relieve him that he may again live with us." In this spirit the appeal will be made.

Companions, again let me reiterate that this beautiful degree is worthy of support, and how anxious I am that every Master Mason should become a Companion of the Royal Arch Degree, and I ask the First Principals of all the Chapters to use their influence to make this degree popular in the province.

I again thank you for attending here in such goodly numbers, and for the support you have accorded me as successor in this office to the late Dr. Fearnley, who was here installed on 5th May 1858, and to the late Comp. Bentley Shaw, installed 10th November 1875, in this very Temple.

The Roll of Chapters was called.

The Roll of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers was called.

The Minutes of Meeting held at Pontefract on Thursday, 10th May 1883, were confirmed.

The Prov. G.S.E. read the following letter from the Widow of the late Captain Wordsworth:

"3 Blenheim Mount, Manningham, Bradford,  
12th June 1883.

"Gentlemen,

"Allow me to return my most sincere thanks to all the members of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire for their kind expressions of sympathy and condolence in the very heavy loss I have sustained. I cannot refrain from saying that the high esteem in which the Freemasons have held my dear husband will ever be a source of comfort and satisfaction to me and my children. In conclusion, allow me to add that I shall always continue to take an interest in the prosperity of your Institutions, to which my dear husband was so greatly attached.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

C. E. WORDSWORTH."

"To Henry Smith, Esq., St. John's Wakefield."

It was resolved "That the above letter be entered on the minutes." The Prov. G.S.E. read the Petition for relief of Dr. W.P., P.Z. 837. E. Comp. J.K. Ibberson moved, and E. Comp. J. Wordsworth seconded, and it was resolved:

"That the Prov. G. Superintendent be requested to suspend By-law 11;" he having complied,

"E. Comp. H. C. Pickersgill, J. 837, moved, and M.E. Comp. the Prov. G. Superintendent seconded, and it was resolved:

"That the sum of £25 be granted for the relief of Dr. W. P. out of the funds of Prov. G. Chapter."

#### PROPOSED REBUILDING OF GRAND LODGE.

E. Comp. Robert I. Critchley, Prov. G.H., pursuant to notice, moved, and the M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent seconded, and it was resolved:

I. "That this Prov. G. Chapter of West Yorkshire, whilst fully appreciating the services of the Special Committee appointed to

report to Grand Lodge on the subject of the Masonic Temple recently seriously damaged by Fire, regards with surprise and alarm the Report of such Committee, which contemplates the purchase of the unexpired term of 5½ years lease, with furniture, of Bacon's Hotel for £6,000 (annual rent £360), and the granting of an extension of Messrs. Spiers and Pond's lease to 50 years.

That this Provincial Grand Chapter is of opinion that the leasing of any property of Grand Lodge, except for a very limited period, is, under any circumstances, highly objectionable, and may prove, as in the cases of the three leases now existing, extremely inconvenient, and that the question of rent is quite a secondary consideration compared with the retention of full control of the premises and the tenants of Grand Lodge."

2. "And this Provincial Grand Chapter would strongly recommend that the Antient Temple in Great Queen-street be preserved, and that it be immediately restored, the cost to be paid out of the funds received from the Fire Insurance Offices,—and further that no extensive building operations be undertaken until the expiration of the lease on Bacon's Hotel—which will afford a favourable opportunity for the consideration of a comprehensive scheme for an additional Hall, and the re-arrangement of the premises of Grand Lodge.

"A most hearty vote of thanks was given to the M.E.Z. and Companions of Three Grand Principles, Chapter No. 208, for their excellent arrangements, and for their hospitality."

There was no application for entertaining Prov. G. Chapter in May 1884.

This being all the business, Prov. G. Chapter was closed in due form at 5.45 p.m.

HENRY SMITH, Prov. G.S.E.

About 80 Companions afterwards partook of *Thé à-la-fourchette* E. Comp. Tew, in the absence of the Prov. G. Superintendent, presiding.

#### THE IMPERIAL HOTEL.

LONDON is much better off now in the matter of hotel accommodation than it was even twenty years ago, and it is possible for visitors from the country to obtain comfortable apartments and provender at moderate charges. Moreover, many of the new hostleries are conveniently situated either close to the most important railway termini or else in central places whence access to the theatres and other places of amusement, and indeed to all parts of the metropolis, is both easy and frequent. The Imperial Hotel, which, though almost adjoining the Viaduct Railway Station, is entirely distinct from the Viaduct Hotel, is among the latest additions to the hotel comfort and convenience of London. No pains have been spared to adapt it to the requirements of every class of guest. To speak in general terms, the furniture and fittings throughout are greatly to be admired, evincing as they do, a marked degree of taste on the part of those who superintended and carried out the upholstery arrangements, while nothing can well exceed the comfort which is so noticeable in every room in the building. In this respect, perhaps, the bedrooms show to the greatest advantage. They are marvels of cosiness, and are furnished with every possible convenience, even writing materials for those who prefer attending to their correspondence in private rather than in the rooms which are set apart for that and other purposes among the general body of visitors. The sitting rooms are also well furnished, and sufficiently large to allow of visitors receiving and entertaining their friends. For general use there are smoking and lounge rooms well supplied with the current literature of the day, a lofty coffee room, and a most elegantly appointed drawing-room, in which is an Erard's grand pianoforte, so that ladies staying here will be at no loss to make their leisure time pass agreeably. As to the lavatory accommodation, it is ample and most conveniently arranged, every floor being sufficiently provided in this respect, and the same may be said in respect of baths and bath rooms, which are likewise numerous and easily accessible. But we have by no means exhausted our remarks in respect of this hotel, the proprietors of which might well have inscribed over their entrance hall the doggerel lines which, we believe, are or were to be seen on the walls of an inn in the Low Countries.

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Toutes les choses que vous souhaitez—

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The commissariat department is well managed, and the tariff of prices most reasonable, as indeed are the charges under each head of service. There is an experienced *chef* who presides over the cuisine, and we are well assured that, whether it be a plain but substantial meal, or an elaborate one of several courses, the guests who partake of it will be equally well satisfied. Moreover, the wines and spirits are of the best quality, most of them being imported direct from the proprietors. There are, however, one or two features in connection with this department to which it is only right we should call special attention. In the first place there is a hot meat luncheon provided daily from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the moderate charge per head of half-a-crown, and there is also a table d'hôte in the grand dining room, consisting of six courses and dessert, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., the charge being 4s 6d per head. This is a most sensible arrangement, as it enables the guest to comfortably fit in his lunch and dinner hours so as to accord with his business or other engagements, and it is far preferable to a lunch or dinner at a fixed hour, which it may not be always possible or convenient to attend. It only remains for us to add that every possible precaution is taken against fire, there being hydrants in all convenient directions throughout the building, while the entire establishment is under the able and experienced superintendence of Bro. Begbie, who has been connected with the hotel for the last six years and is, therefore, in a position to meet, if not always to anticipate, the requirements of his customers. One other feature we may notice. The brethren of the Mystic Tie will find every requirement provided for Lodge meetings.

## CONCERNING MASONS WHO ARE UNTRUE TO FREEMASONRY.

HOW the profane press delights to expose the weaknesses and shortcomings of individual Freemasons who chance to "go wrong!" Is Smith Brown charged with being a defaulter? It is not announced that this highly esteemed and trusted *merchant* has been guilty of fraud, but that a "high Mason" has ignored the distinction between *meum* and *tuum*. Is the Rev. Brown Johnson arrested for appropriating his neighbour's wife? It is not published as the act of a *clergyman* of the church, so much as a deed of a "high Mason." Is Robinson Smith, who is an Odd Fellow, a St. George's Society man, and a member of many other organisations of a highly respectable character, charged with a heinous offence, all of his individual and society characteristics are swallowed up in his Masonry, and it is lovingly announced that another "high Mason" has covered himself and the Craft of which he is a member with dishonour. This is not fair, it is not just. A man's Masonry does not obscure all of his other relations. He is primarily a man, and a member of society; secondarily a merchant (or physician, or lawyer, as the case may be) and probably a church member; and last of all, he is a Freemason; and yet when he breaks the laws of man or God, or both, he is held up to obloquy solely as a Mason.

There are some men whom no obligations seem competent to restrain. They are innately depraved, and all the gloss of good they wear is the merest veneering, to be put on for convenience, and cast off at pleasure. Such men cannot be surely known. Even the searching examination made by a Committee of Inquiry into their character, when they petition to be received and initiated into our Fraternity, often fails to disclose their secret selves. Then again, they may be respected by all their companions for years, and yield to temptation long after they have been honoured with initiation, as in the case of the traitor General Benedict Arnold. He was made a Mason on 10th April 1765, in Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, Conn., at which time he was an esteemed bookseller and druggist in that town. It was not until fifteen years later, in 1780, that he betrayed his country. Was Masonry responsible in any degree for that dastardly deed? Was it the act of a "high Mason?"

While deprecating this unjust and improper assailing of the Fraternity of Freemasons, through the individual acts of its members, who are at the same time esteemed citizens, business men, and often church members, as well as Freemasons, we do not desire to shield our brethren from the just punishment due them on account of their breach of the laws of society and of the State. We owe a duty to ourselves in this matter, and it is concerning this that we shall now speak. Having rapped the profane press over the knuckles for its habit of blaming Masonry for all the ills that flesh is heir to, we shall now rap the knuckles of some of the brethren for their thoughtless and injurious conduct. Here we beg to say (in the language of Bro. Nisbet), we intend no "carping criticism," but only a fair and fraternal correction of an evil that ought not to be allowed to exist in any Masonic body. Let us suppose a case. A widely-known Mason "goes wrong," very wrong, exceedingly wrong—so wrong that he escapes justice only by flight; or, standing his ground, is tried and condemned. Such a man is no longer a pillar of beauty, an ornament of Masonry, but he is a blot upon the fair escutcheon of the Craft. *No false considerations of mercy should prevent such a brother from being tried, and if found guilty, suspended or expelled from Freemasonry.* Charity should be extended to worthy brethren, not to false brethren. While Freemasonry is not a religion, it is "the handmaid of religion," it is "a beautiful system of morality," and he who openly breaks the laws of God and man, and continues to be acknowledged by his brethren as a Freemason in good standing, is a false beacon-light, whose influence will continually be to lure others of his brethren to destruction. We cannot afford, we ought not to afford, to carry such "dead wood." Whoever openly and grossly forgets his character for honesty, sobriety and chastity in the community, is no longer entitled to the fellowship of Masonry. "Good men and true" only are knowingly received into the Craft, and "good men and true" only should be knowingly permitted to remain in it. To retain the other class is to repel from us some of the best men among the profane, to lower the esteem in which Freemasonry has ever been held, and to

misrepresent the true character of our Fraternity. Unwittingly bad men sometimes will obtain admission to our society; men good on their admission will sometimes become bad; and for either of these classes we are not directly responsible—unless we adopt them *after* their disreputable character has been exposed, and then we make them doubly our own, once by reception, and now again by adoption. Let no false views of Brotherhood shield such unworthy brethren. Let them be promptly banished from the Craft, either by suspension or expulsion.—*Keystone.*

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

THE annual installation meeting of this Chapter took place on Thursday, 8th November, when the following were installed as Principals for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably and impressively performed by Ex. Comp. James Terry P.Z. 174, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Ex. Comps. E. Hennemeyer Z., J. E. Wiseman H., W. Sowman J. The Officers of the Chapter were invested as follows: Comps. Thos. J. Ralling I.P.Z. Prov. G.S.E. S.E., C. D. Mashall S.N., W. P. Lewis P.Z. Treas., John J. C. Turner P.S., R. Clowes 1st Assist. Soj., H. G. Everard 2nd Asst. Soj., S. Munson Janitor. The Exaltation of a candidate followed, the chair of Z. being ably filled by Comp. Terry, and the newly-appointed Officers admirably executing their portion of the work. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Terry for his kindness in attending. The Companions afterwards dined together at the Cups Hotel. Among those present, besides those already mentioned, were Ex. Comps. A. Welch P.Z., J. Street P.Z., N. Tracy P.Z. 276, S. R. Anness H. 376, H. J. Wright J. 376, W. S. Ling, R. D. Poppleton, M. L. Sanders, George Harrison, J. T. Bailey, R. Little, J. G. Renshaw, and B. Barber.

### PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

A REGULAR convocation of this Chapter was holden at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday evening, the 12th inst. Chapter was opened at 6 p.m., when there were present—Ex. Comps. B. R. Bryant M.E.Z., J. S. Terry H., J. W. Watts J., James Stevens P.Z., R. N. Field P.Z., M. S. Larham P.Z. and Treasurer, T. Poore P.Z. and Scribe E., H. Baldwin Scribe N., Charles Holcroft as P.S., H. C. Jeffreys Asst. Soj., G. Harrison Janitor, W. H. Beckley and others. Bro. Henry Aubrey Woodwell of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, was the only candidate for exaltation on this occasion. The work of all the Officers concerned in the rendering of the beautiful ceremony of the Royal Arch was most perfect, and left nothing to be desired. Especially may be noticed the admirable work of Companion Holcroft as P.S., in which he was letter perfect, although but three months advanced in the Order. A notice of motion having been made for changing the date of the Summer Convocation from August to July, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet, which was provided and served by the host, Bro. Buxton, in excellent style. A most enjoyable evening was spent, under the genial presidency of Companion Bryant the M.E.Z. and the proceedings closed in perfect harmony.

At the Chapter of Improvement, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, the 15th inst., Comp. Dean occupied the Chair of Z., R. Bird H., Ferguson J., Knight S.N., Hubbard P.S. The various duties were sustained by the respective officers in an admirable manner. This Chapter of Improvements meets under the able Preceptorship of Comp. T. C. Edmonds.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of the Highgate Lodge of Instruction, to deliver his interesting Lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree," at the Boston Hotel, Junction Road, Upper Holloway, on Thursday evening, the 29th inst., when a large gathering of members and visitors is expected.

The *Civil Service Candidate* is the title of a new publication, issued weekly by the Civil Service Department of King's College, London. As its name implies, it is intended for the use of those who purpose becoming Candidates for appointments in the Civil branches of the public Service, and from the character of the information it contains, which is both ample and trustworthy, we have no hesitation in saying that it will meet a long-felt public want, the knowledge heretofore obtainable as to vacant Civil Service appointments, the dates and schemes of examination, and other particulars relating to age, health, character, &c., having been of the most meagre character. The issue of the *Civil Service Candidate* has changed all this, and those who are desirous of becoming Civil Servants of the Crown have only to consult its pages in order to possess themselves of the requisite information. The price of the Circular is one penny weekly.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## BEACONSFIELD LODGE, No. 1662.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, on Tuesday, 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Jas. Pinder W.M. Bros. C. B. Carter S.W., J. B. Burnard J.W., T. Franklin P.M. Treasurer, F. Hallows P.M. Sec., J. Edwards S.D., J. H. Wildash J.D., H. F. Inman I.G., D. Paterson Organist, T. Upward Immediate Past Master, W. Groome P.M.; also Bros. Lancaster, W. G. Hallows, T. Probert and C. Avison. Visitors—Bros. C. W. Parkes W.M. 861, J. R. Tolliss W.M. 1185, W. Serjeant W.M. 1227, J. A. Jones W.M. 1766, G. W. Preston P.M. 861, C. Patrick S.D. 1227, E. Thomas 5, C. Carter 45, F. Tyler 59, J. Pash 569, J. H. Harling 1365, W. Fitcher 1365, Stuart Futoher 1365, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, it showed the Lodge in a very flourishing condition, after voting a Life Governorship to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the Treasurer, Bro. P.M. Franklin, who will represent this Lodge at the next Festival. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Charles Benjamin Carter W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair in an able and masterly manner by the Secretary (Bro. F. Hallows P.M.), the final Charge being delivered by the outgoing Master Bro. J. Pinder. The newly-installed Master then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bro. J. Pinder I.P.M., J. B. Burnard S.W., J. Edwards J.W., T. Franklin P.M. Treasurer, F. Hallows P.M. Secretary, J. H. Wildash S.D., H. F. Inman J.D., C. Clemens I.G., D. Paterson Org., T. Probert M.C., W. Groome P.M. W.S., C. Thomas Tyler. After three alterations in the Bye-laws had been agreed to, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, excellently provided by the host, Bro. W. G. Hallows P.M. 861. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were admirably given, and duly honoured.

## COBORN LODGE, No. 1804.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held in the Vestry Hall, Bow, on Thursday evening, the 8th instant. In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. the Rev. R. H. Atherton S.W. and Chaplain, the members appeared in Masonic mourning. The event cast a gloom over the proceedings of the evening, more especially as the election of W.M. took place at this meeting, when in all probability Bro. Atherton would have been unanimously elected W.M. After the customary formal business, the W.M. raised Bros. Paterson and Hobbs to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. R. Logan J.W. (the first initiate of the Lodge) was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Edinger P.M. and Treasurer was re-elected. It was then resolved, on the proposition of the W.M., that a vote of condolence with the widow of the late Bro. S.W. and Chaplain, in her bereavement, be entered on the minutes of the Lodge, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to Mrs. Atherton. It was further resolved that the Secretary be empowered to obtain a floral wreath to be placed upon the coffin of the deceased brother at the expense of the Lodge. The funeral took place on Saturday at the church of St. Matthew. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. by the Rev. A. R. Goodacre, vicar of St. Mark's, Cambers well. The first part of the Burial Service was read in the above church by the Rev. J. F. Kitto, M.A., rector of Stepney and Rural Dean, Bro. Grout Org. 1716 presiding at the organ. The church was densely crowded by members of the congregation and other friends, all of whom were attired in deep mourning. Amongst those present were Bros. Logan W.M. elect, F. J. Hunt P.M., Tijou Secretary, Wheatley Steward, and Parnell (all of Coborn Lodge 1804); also, of 1716, Bros. Hennett W.M., J. Howe I.P.M. and Scribe N., and J. H. Coleman P.M. and P.Z. The coffin was covered with floral wreaths and crosses, amongst which was a large wreath of camellias and other white flowers, supporting a double triangle of violets, the offering of the Coborn Lodge. The body was interred in Highgate Cemetery, where the concluding portion of the Service was read by the Rev. W. Donne, M.A., Rector of Limehouse. The service was choral, the choir of St. Mark's, Camberwell, assisting. The Craft was represented at the grave by Bros. House, Coleman, Tijou, and Wheatley, who, at the conclusion of the service, strewed sprigs of acacia upon the coffin.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—The annual supper was held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 13th inst. Bros. G. Schadler 65 W.M., Rich 65 S.W., Hayes J.W., Bugins S.D., Dyson J.D., Bourne I.G., Moss 1275 Preceptor, W. Walker 65 Secretary; also Bros. Roberts I.P.M. 65, Daniels P.M. 65, Harris 65, Hill 65, Muggleton 65, East 65, Wall 65, Herold 65, Stone 65, Martin 65, Ruse 65, Sainte 193, Weil 35, Schweitzer 1420. Lodge was formed, and after the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, was closed. The brethren then adjourned to supper, provided by Bro. Maidwell in his usual bountiful manner. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were done full justice to, and the proceedings were interspersed with some excellent songs and music. Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. D. Moss Preceptor. The health of Bro. Maidwell as Treasurer, and Bro. Walker as Secretary, was warmly received. The W.M. then proposed the health of the worthy host; this being responded to, the evening was brought to a very pleasant termination.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 12th November, at Bro. Baker's, Cock

Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Alford W.M., Clark W.M. 141 S.W., Treadwell J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Crosbie W.M. 1693 J.D., Forge P.M. 1696 Act. Preceptor, Defries I.G.; also Bro. Jordan S.W. 141, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Turner acting as candidate. Two new members, initiates in the Mother Lodge, Bros. Turner and Younghusband, answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was called off for refreshment, resumed, and closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday 19th November, when Bro. Clark W.M. 1693 will occupy the chair, having been duly elected. On Monday, 26th November, Brother P. Forge P.M. 1950 has consented to rehearse the ceremony of installation.

## MASONIC BALL AT SOUTHSEA.

THE members of the Masonic "At Home" gave a highly successful ball at Cawte's Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday evening, 7th inst., when about 250 guests accepted invitations. The arrangements, which were complete in every particular, were carried out by the following Committee:—Messrs. J. Arnold (Chairman), G. W. Ash (Vice-Chairman), G. Dean (Treasurer), J. Willmott, T. Baskett, T. P. Hall, J. Biden, G. Barnden, and E. S. Main and J. H. Corke (Honorary Secretaries). The programme included twenty items, the music being admirably rendered by Mr. F. Wilton's band. The top of the ball-room was decorated, under the direction of Mr. H. Cawte, with potted chrysanthemums, and some choice maiden-hair ferns and palms were also utilised with pleasing effect in the withdrawing and supper rooms. The M.C.'s were Messrs. G. Dean, J. Arnold, A. J. Wright, J. H. Corke, T. Baskett, and T. P. Hall.

The Montefiore Lodge, No. 1,017, which was named after Sir Moses Montefiore, yesterday week voted to the venerable brother an address congratulating him on his entering on his hundredth year, and praying the Almighty to preserve his faculties, give him strength, and bless him with peace. The address was moved by Bro. S. V. Abraham Past Master, and seconded by Bro. Lewis Jacobs Treasurer, and signed by all the members of the Lodge.—*Evening News.*

Bro. Chas. W. Cox P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, P.M. 1566, M.E.Z. Windsor Castle Chapter 771, was on the 9th inst. elected Mayor of the Borough of Maidenhead. Bro. Joseph Cox 813 1766, proprietor of the *Hackney Express*, is the eldest brother of the newly-elected Mayor.

We are compelled to hold over several reports and other items of interest.

Brother Charles Du Val will next week present his hundredth performance in London of his very successful entertainment. In the New Drawing Room of the St James's Hall he has made arrangements to continue his entertainment, giving extra day performances every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. These have been largely attended. He has added to his already successful programme some new impersonations, the speaking likenesses of Col. Burnaby, Lord Wolseley, Lord Randolph Churchill, Mr. Irving, and Number One, are to receive an addition in the person of the senior member for Northampton, which should be a "Truthful" likeness.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, whose headquarters are at 9 Bridge-street, Westminster, celebrates its Twenty-first Anniversary this year. All the Bishops, several thousands of the Clergy, and 432,672 Members are now enrolled. The Anniversary arrangements consist of a Festival Service at Westminster Abbey on Monday, 19th November, with Sermon by the Ven. Archdeacon Farrar; a Breakfast at St. James's Hall on Tuesday, 20th Nov.; and a conference upon the Evils of Grocers' Licenses, and a Great Mass Meeting of Working People at Exeter Hall, on Wednesday, 21st November, under the presidency of the Bishop of Bedford. The Council are now endeavouring to raise a sum of £25,000 as a Thank-offering, to carry Temperance work into each Parish, to appoint special agents for Railway, Agricultural, Army, and Police Court rescue work. As this admirable Society unites both the Temperance and Total Abstinence branches, it deserves the hearty support of all sections of the Church.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

- 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)  
 1320—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.  
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

- 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—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 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.  
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).  
 1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)  
 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, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1910—Shadwell Clerko, Ladbrooke 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  
 K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W  
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge  
 424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 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, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1189—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford  
 R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham  
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster  
 R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham  
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

- 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)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)  
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 183—Joppa, Champ'on 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)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 940—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)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8.30 (In)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Lond on Tavern, Fenchurch Street

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 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
 1910—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 463—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
 687—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall  
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor  
 1764—Eleanor 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. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford  
 R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset  
 R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne  
 R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke  
 R.A. 761—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Harlepool  
 R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant  
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

## WEDNESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, at 6  
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 15—Kent, 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)  
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)  
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)  
 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)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1278—Br. dett Counts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn  
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1791—Creton, 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1594—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Tottenham  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch  
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.  
 311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport  
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 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
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 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
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 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster

1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom  
 R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton  
 R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick  
 R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 R.A. 491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 R.A. 632—Harmony, Trowbridge  
 R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend  
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury  
 M.M.—Newstead, Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

#### THURSDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 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, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 786—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham  
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 8.30 (Inst)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Ha'l, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 8.30 (Inst.)  
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct.)  
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington  
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 7. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton  
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

#### FRIDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)  
 589—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 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 NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

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**The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.**—The monthly meeting of this Lodge, the second one of the present season, was held on Saturday evening, 10th November, at the Cannon-street Hotel, but was very thinly attended. Bro. Keeble W.M. presided. Bros. Baber S.W., Fendick J.W., Potter S.D., Heaton P.M. Treasurer, Blackie P.M. Secretary, and several members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Brother Henry Dottridge, having previously undergone an examination, was passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being well performed by the W. Master. The ceremony was afterwards repeated, by request of the W. Master of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, and Bro. Gosler received his second step in Freemasonry. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree Bro. Hamer P.M. said he wished to bring under the notice of the Lodge the melancholy and sudden death of an eminent City man, a brother Mason, and one who had been a visitor to their Lodge on several occasions. Bro. Felton had occupied the position of chairman of the Commissioners of Sewers of the Corporation of London, and at the termination of his year of office had retired with the respect of every one of its members; he also had held other important offices in the City. He was a Past Master of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, and of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, and was highly esteemed by all. His death was a very sudden one, for he was well and hearty in business one day in the City, and the next he was no more. His funeral had been attended by many of his City associates, and also by members of the Lodges to which he belonged, and he thought that as Bro. Felton was well known to the members of The Great City Lodge, they would agree with him in paying a tribute of respect to his memory. He proposed:—"The members of The Great City Lodge, assembled on Saturday, the 10th of November 1883, desire to express their personal sympathy with the brethren of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, and the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, on the great loss they have sustained by the death of their respected Past Master Bro. George Matthew Felton, C.C., who was so well known and held in such high esteem in the City, and that this resolution be entered on the minutes of the Lodge and that a copy of it be sent to the two Lodges respectively." Bro. N. B. Heaton P.M. and Treasurer seconded the motion, which was put and unanimously agreed to. The case of a distressed brother was brought under the notice of the Lodge, and a very liberal sum was voted to him. The case of a widow of a deceased brother was also brought forward, which was deferred for further consideration. The Worshipful Master announced his intention of representing the Lodge at the next Festival for the Boys' School, and asked the members to support him upon that occasion. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed and adjourned until the second Saturday in December.

#### William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No 766.

This Lodge met as usual, on Friday evening, 9th inst., at the St. Andrews, George-street, Baker-street, W. Present—Bros. F. Smith W.M., Halliday S.W., R. E. Cursons J.W., G. Tribble P.M. S.D., Robinson J.D., Filon I.G., G. Coop Preceptor; also Bros. Artaud, Simpson, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Artaud answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Lodge was again advanced, and the Preceptor worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. On resuming, Bro. Halliday was elected W.M. for Friday, 23rd inst. The Preceptor will occupy the chair on Friday next, for the purpose of working the sections of the second and third lectures; he will be assisted by Bros. Tribble, R. D. Smith, Wood, Dairy, F. Smith, Cursons and Coop. The Preceptor then called the attention of the brethren to the fact that this was the birthday of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and suggested that it be recognised with Masonic honours. This was enthusiastically done by the brethren. Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

#### Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.

On Friday, 9th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. B. Blasby W.M., F. Botley S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Gunner S.D., Tacker J.D., Goss I.G., Andrews Preceptor; Bros. Gomm P.M., Sperring, Maton, Weeden, Turner, Gillett. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Maton candidate. Lodge opened in the second and third, and resumed to the second degree, when Bro. Weeden answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge having been resumed, the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden candidate. Bro. Monson was elected W.M. for the 16th inst., when the annual dinner will take place. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until that date, at 7 o'clock p.m.

#### St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.

The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on 7th inst., Bro. J. A. Jones W.M. presided, with Bros. L. Stean P.M., C. F. Barham P.M., A. A. Clements S.W., J. Funston J.W., E. Walker S.D., R. Drysdale I.G., H. J. Thrower M.C., and other Officers and Brethren. The Lodge having been opened, and minutes read, Bro. A. J. Heard was duly passed to the F.C. degree. A ballot having taken place for W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. A. A. Clements S.W. was elected to that high honour. Bro. D. King was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. J. Very Tyler. It was then resolved to present Bro. J. A. Jones W.M. with a Past Master's jewel on his retirement from the chair, as an expression of the warm esteem of the brethren, and in acknowledgment of the valuable services he has rendered to the Lodge. The time for the audit of the accounts having been fixed, the Lodge was closed, and the proceedings terminated.

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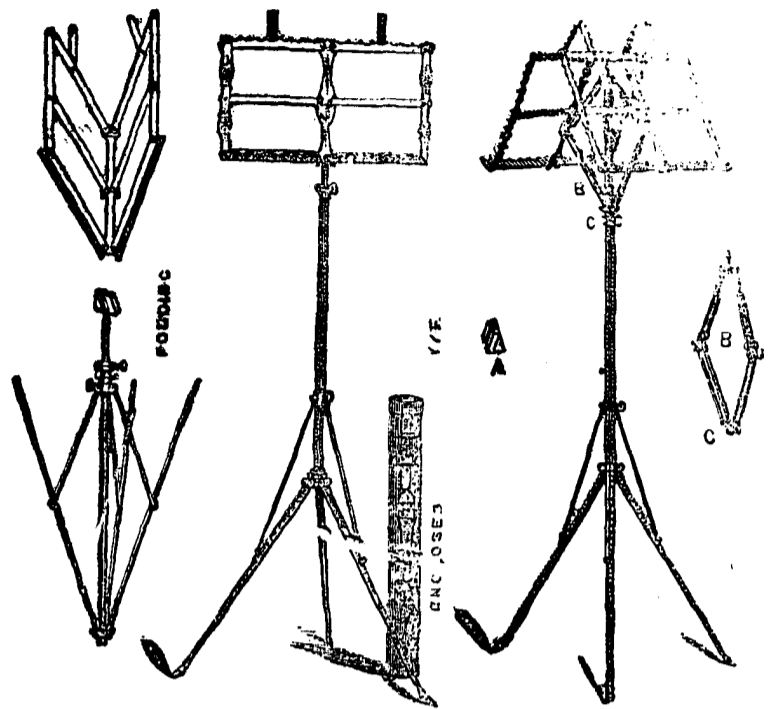
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