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**OUR INSTITUTIONS—SUBSCRIPTIONS
AND VOTES.**

THE aspect of two very important matters that have aroused considerable interest among the Fraternity has materially changed within the last few days. The case of the boy Herring, which is familiar to those who have followed the proceedings of the General Committees and Quarterly Courts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is practically settled. Brother C. H. Webb deserves credit for having raised the question. Like many others, he recognises the futility of further opposition, and has withdrawn from the contest. A time arrives when contention becomes little less than persecution, and although it cannot with fairness be said that Bro. Webb, even if he had persevered with his motion, would have laid himself open to that charge, yet he appears to have acted prudently in bowing to the evident feeling of the Committee, of which he is a member, and to the Quarterly General Court, which had endorsed that feeling. Bro. Webb gave notice that he would move at the Quarterly Court, held on Monday last, that the resolution of the Court, held in April last, affecting the boy Herring, should be rescinded, that he be declared to be ineligible for the Institution, except by purchase, and that the highest unsuccessful candidate at the October election be declared duly elected in his stead. These resolutions have been withdrawn, and Herring is to remain in the School, to be educated, clothed, and fed at the expense of the Institution, while a considerable sum of money belonging to him is left to fructify, so that by the time he arrives at man's estate, he will have received all the advantages the Institution could give him, and with a considerable sum of money with which to start in life. The motives which have weighed with those who have determined in favour of the boy Herring are entitled to respect, and to many they will appear satisfactory. It is urged that Bro. Herring acted upon one of the cardinal virtues of the Craft when he made provision for his children, and that it would be unjust to deprive them of the benefits of those Institutions which are provided by the Order, and which he supported. The example of Bro. Herring, it is contended, ought to be held up for emulation, and not be made the reason for denying to his offspring that assistance which the Institutions were designed to give. There is a feeling also that it is not desirable to lower the standard of the School to the level of a pauper establishment; that as it is presumed most members of the Order not only join at a time when they have the means but also the desire to help others, and not to make provision for themselves or families, therefore the benefits of the Craft are intended for a different class to those of the poorest, who, perhaps, are but little removed from pauperism. We do not desire to overstate this part of the subject; we only wish to represent the facts fairly. We do not for a moment believe that any brother would despise the very poor, or close his ears to their cries; some, however, take different views of their duty, according to their light, and the standpoint they occupy. A strong feeling exists, and it appears to be growing, that many members are admitted into the Fraternity who are unable

to meet the necessary social requirements, and who are too apt to regard it as a superior kind of Friendly Society. It is nothing of the kind, nor is it a merely benevolent society, although Charity is the brightest jewel in its well-studded diadem. The genius of the Craft is unique; its ritual demands a superior intelligence for its comprehension and interpretation, and all its associations belong to a higher type of social life. Notwithstanding the spirit of equality which breathes throughout the whole of the ceremonies, it needs no Solon to discover that Freemasonry flourishes best in a rich and cultivated soil. Under these considerations, it is not to be wondered at that the benefits of the Institutions should not only be carried out on a different scale to that adopted in ordinary charitable undertakings, but that the recipients should be of a class which best accords with the whole spirit of the Craft. Then there is the other point, and it must be admitted to be a strong one, that Herring was elected by the votes alone recorded in his favour. As none but subscribers could vote, it is quite clear that the suffrages he obtained represented a considerable sum of money. Those who voted for Herring undoubtedly had the facts before them, and as they elected him of their own choice, the Committee felt that they ought not to disregard their judgment. We have dealt with most of these arguments already, and shall not now revive them. Like Bro. Webb, we accept the situation. We do not approve of the decision arrived at, but we respect the opinions of those who are appointed to govern. Although silent now, we reserve the right of placing all the facts before our readers should a similar case to that of Herring's again occur.

Much that we have already said applies to the question of giving votes to the representatives of deceased subscribers. This subject formed a topic for treatment in our last issue on the supposition that the scheme was to take far more important proportions than we now find to be the case. Bro. Webb, who seems fully alive to these matters affecting our Institutions, gave notice that he would, at the Quarterly Court already referred to, move as follows: "That the General Committee have power to place to the credit of every fatherless Candidate, at each election, any number of votes, not exceeding the number the father was entitled to at the time of his death, multiplied by the number of years he had been so qualified." This motion has been referred to a Committee, and at present remains *sub judice*. We are not, however, precluded from discussing it, as we should be were it a case pending decision in a Court of Law. The proposition is a mild one in its official form, and if there is something like finality in it, it will be powerless for evil. Whatever good there may be in it must be left for the future to determine. We write as if the question had already been settled, and we think not unreasonably, judging by present appearances. Apart from the principle of abstract justice, which asserts that those who subscribe to a Charity have the first claim upon its funds, there are other reasons, more or less expedient, why such an experiment as the proposition provides, should be tried. The votes obtained by its operation cannot be so numerous as virtually to amount to a purchase of a right by the use of free votes. While they will help, in some measure, the success of a candidate, and satisfy a high

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

sense of justice, they will not overwhelm the chances of other and less favoured candidates. The principle will not be largely called into exercise, and only in necessitous cases. There will be no temptation for persons to join the ranks of the Craft, or even to subscribe to the Charities, because one day he or his family may need their help. We are not unmindful of the selfish tendency of the time, but the prize in this instance involves so many considerations, that few would be found to contribute money upon so doubtful a contingency of, in the first place, needing assistance, and in the second place, of being sure of obtaining it should they need it. The moral influence of the teaching of the Craft must still be the sheet-anchor of our noble Institutions, the spirit of Charity must come from the source whence emanate all other blessings, and so long as Freemasons are true to the faith that is in them, there will be no lack of means to support benevolent purposes, and no act of any committee for long can pervert the principles upon which the Order is founded, and upon which it must for ever stand. We look upon the proposal of Bro. Webb, as we should look upon any other motion on the subject that may be adopted, as an experiment. Having discussed the matter freely on several occasions, we leave it now in the hands of our readers.

The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creaton Past Grand Treasurer in the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. Matthews, Martin, Matier, Letchworth, Saunders, Edgar Bowyer, Gladwell, Belton, James Terry, Rucker, H. Massey, Webb, Peter de Lande Long, and Hedges Secretary. After the reading of minutes the number of candidates for the election in April was declared to be thirty-five, and the vacancies twenty-three. Brother W. J. Murlis had given notice of motion

"That the whole of the business in conducting the Election of the House and Audit Committees be carried out in the same Room as that in which the presiding Officer is sitting, and that it be referred to the General Committee to consider and report on the best means for conducting such Elections;"

but a letter was read from him stating he was unable to be present, and expressing a wish some other brother would move in his stead. This request not being responded to, the motion fell to the ground. Brother Robert Martin (West Lancashire) then moved to add to Law 63 after the word "thereof" in fifth line:

"Or by an annual payment, under similar conditions, of Fifty pounds, provided that any person nominating a girl under this latter clause shall give such guarantee for the continuous annual payment during the time such girl remains in the Institution that the General Committee may require."

The words of Law 63, which this addition was to follow, are "Any person may place a properly qualified girl in the Institution, provided that the girl can be conveniently admitted, upon payment of 170 guineas in one sum, without voting in respect of any part thereof." Brother Martin said he was the representative of 4000 Masons of West Lancashire, for whom he was making this motion by their special request and with the approval of the Earl of Lathom, the Provincial Grand Master, whose letter he had in his pocket. He explained that they collected very large sums in Lancashire for the Charities, and had their own schemes under which they educated and clothed local Freemasons' children. They had not, however, a building, and thinking that the brethren in Lancashire should have the claims of the Institution constantly brought before them, they proposed to amend the law as expressed in his motion. They had means at their command to make purchase nominations; but they thought it not desirable. The first children they should propose to send would be those who had lost both parents, and they felt that in placing the children in the Girls' School they knew in whose hands they were placed. With close on £18,000 invested capital the guarantee would be a good one. Bro. A. E. Gladwell seconded the motion. On the suggestion of Brother Charles Belton, Brother Martin altered his motion by inserting the words "Lodge or Masonic body," instead of "person," after "provided that any." Brother Matier thought that there would be an injustice to such candidates as depended on votes, if there were a long list of candidates and only eight vacancies, and a province should present eight children. That was his only objection. The Chairman said the Quarterly Court would have the power to say they would receive one or two nominations. Bro. Terry observed that the motion should read "pro

vided such girl can be conveniently admitted." Bro. Webb replied there was much to be said in favour of the proposition, although he thought it was tending to make the School a proprietary school. A personal guarantee would not be of much value; but in the case of a Province the guarantee would be good. There might be a proviso that there should not be more than two girls from one Province. After a few other observations the motion was carried unanimously. The following motions were also carried. By C. F. Matier:—

"Every individual donor of Two Hundred guineas by one payment or in sums of not less than Five guineas each shall become a Patron and have Eighty Votes at all Elections of Girls."

"A Lady or a Lewis being a minor—contributing One Hundred guineas in one or more payments of not less than Five guineas each shall be a Patron with Eighty Votes at all Elections of Girls."

"A Lodge, Chapter, or Society shall enjoy the like privilege on completion of the payment, under similar conditions, of Four Hundred guineas."

"That H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be constituted the Grand Patron."

"That H.R.H. the Princess of Wales be constituted the Grand Patroness."

By Bro. J. H. Matthews, for Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., Vice-Pat., seconded by Bro. W. H. Saunders:—

"That in consideration of the special services rendered to the Institution by Mr. Prestige, he be elected an Honorary Life Governor with 8 Votes."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creaton Past Grand Treasurer in the chair. There were also present Bros. L. Ruf, Joseph Storey, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Raynham W. Stewart, William Roebuck, C. F. Matier, John L. Mather, Thomas W. Benton, W. Mann, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, W. W. Morgan, George Penn, Fred. Adlard, R. J. Taylor, Henry L. Andrews, C. Belton, W. H. Main, Don. M. Dewar, Samuel H. Parkhouse, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., William Marsh, H. Massey, and F. Binckes (Secretary). Fifty-four candidates were declared to be on the list for next election, and twenty-three vacancies were also declared. A letter was read from Lord Holmesdale, acknowledging the letter of sympathy written by order of the Committee on the death of Lady Holmesdale; and the letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Brother C. H. Webb, L.G., &c., then brought on the following motion:—

"That the resolution of the Quarterly Court, in April last, be rescinded, so far as it relates to the candidate F. A. Herring."

Bro. R. J. Taylor seconded the motion, which was lost. Bro. C. H. Webb then moved:—

"That the General Committee have power to place to the credit of every accepted Fatherless Candidate, at each election, any number of votes, not exceeding the number the father was entitled to at the time of his death, multiplied by the number of years he had been so qualified."

Bro. Parkhouse seconded the motion. Bro. Matier proposed as an amendment that the matter be referred to a Committee of this Institution. After some further discussion this latter course was adopted. Bro. C. F. Matier, V.P., moved:—

To add to the Law adopted at the Quarterly Court in October last, approving the new qualification of 'Patron,'—"a Lady—or a Lewis being a Minor—contributing one hundred guineas, in one or more payments of not less than five guineas each, shall be a Patron with Eighty Votes at all Elections of Boys."

"A Lodge, Chapter, or Society shall enjoy the like privileges on completion of the payment, under similar conditions, of four hundred guineas."

This was carried. Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D., V.P., moved:—

"That the word Friday be substituted in the second line of Law 36 for the word 'Saturday.'"

He explained that the motion was meant to alter the day of meeting of the General Committee from Saturday to Friday. A general feeling against the motion having been expressed, it was withdrawn, and a vote of thanks being passed to the Chairman the meeting separated.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, by invitation of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Friday, 25th inst., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. W. Cleghorn P.M. 1287 W.M., J. Hemming I.G. 1287 S.W., S. Webb P.M. 1287 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Cane, Bleakley, Flint, Edgar, Stauton, Christie, Read. Second Lecture—Bros. Kempton, Hemming, Paul, Cleghorn, Edwards. Third Lecture—Bros. Webb, Moore, Lancaster. Bro. T. Cull P.M. 1446 is Preceptor, and Bro. G. Hunter the Secretary. An interesting feature in connection with this announcement is the fact that the whole of the sections will be worked by members of the mother Lodge, a most unusual event.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

CHARITIES AND CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to your leader of the 12th instant, respecting candidates for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institutions, I am credited with saying that the number of candidates was very large, and that something should be done to inquire what services they had rendered. Permit me to say that observation did not, nor was it intended to apply to the 126 candidates then on the list for annuities. Although the Committee of Management should have the fullest information as to the circumstances of all applicants for the benefits of the Institution—seeing the small number of vacancies, namely, seventeen only at the next election in May—which will leave unsuccessful upwards of one hundred poor old candidates, to go away with sorrow and grief, only to linger on for another twelve months to meet with a similar disappointment in the future. This is a state of things that must cause some amount of anxiety to the Board of Management, who are at all times actuated by feelings of sympathy in the discharge of the important duties they are called upon to perform. Therefore, your fears that many deserving cases are now but imperfectly considered does not apply to the Benevolent Institution. With regard to what may have been done in aid of the funds of the Institution by those brethren who are coming forward to seek its benefit; would it not be an improper question to submit—knowing that some of the applicants are only just eligible, by the fact of their being ten years a subscribing member to a Lodge, without having contributed to the funds of this Institution, although they may have been in a good social position, and surrounded by friends, while other applicants who have contributed liberally for many years, and outlived their circle of acquaintances, consequently are placed in a less favourable position with regard to the progress of their candidature? Therefore, upon these grounds it has been deemed advisable to ventilate the question, and to ascertain the opinions of the subscribers. You also state, if the theory of reciprocity is to be established, it should be adopted in the selection of candidates. In reply I would say, should the increase in the number of applicants continue at the same rate it will be absolutely necessary to make some alteration, both as regards the qualification and eligibility of applicants, with the view of extending to the greater number that help which their necessities require, and the funds of the Institution is enabled to sustain. Brother Terry, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, has stated on several occasions that provided the majority of the members of the Craft contributed the small sum of five shillings per annum to the Institution there would be ample funds to meet the wants of every distressed brother or widow. This proposition is a grand one, not difficult to realise; and I do most sincerely hope, for the sake of our aged and deserving brethren or their widows, it will be liberally responded to at the forthcoming Festival.

Believe me, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

CHARLES LACEY P.M. 174, &c.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I readily admit that the question how best to meet the increasing demands made upon our Charities by the apparently ever-increasing number of candidates is a perplexing one. Thus there are, I will suppose, some forty or fifty candidates at two or three successive elections to the Boys' School, and the number of vacancies at each election averages about eight or, at the most, ten. The Craft, noting carefully these untoward circumstances, makes a supreme effort at one of the Boys' Festivals. An additional £2,000 or £3,000 is subscribed, and the number of pupils is forthwith increased by some ten or fifteen. This momentarily relieves the pressure on the resources of the Charity, but two or three years elapse and the same state of things is again found to prevail. There are again forty or fifty candidates to fill only eight or ten vacancies, and if the list is again to be lightened momentarily, there seems to be no other course possible but to repeat the previous policy of increasing the School. Then, as to the Benevolent Institution. Notwithstanding that in the last ten or twelve years the number of annuitants has been increased by some 70 or 75 per cent., the cry is, still the candidates keep on increasing, and in May next, according to present appearances, there will be less than twenty vacancies, but over 130 candidates. So is it with the remaining Institution—the Girls' School; no matter what may be done in the way of extending its sphere of operations, fresh candidates are always forthcoming, and this alternate increase, first in the number of pupils, and then in the number of candidates, apparently stands a fair chance of being continued, unless resolute measures are taken to establish something like an equilibrium between the vacancies to be filled and the applicants to fill them. But will this result be accomplished by giving special votes to brethren or the widows or children of brethren who have contributed to the funds of our Institutions? I for one am inclined to think not; but rather, that instead of having fewer, we shall have more candidates offering themselves for acceptance, and for this reason. If once the idea is accepted that benefits conferred on our Institutions must be reciprocated, we shall have ostensibly well-to-do, but really needy brethren, giving donations and subscriptions, not to benefit our Charities, but ultimately to prove of service to themselves and their families. Even people in indifferent circumstances will contrive to scrape together £50 or £100, and present it

to an Institution when they know that by so doing they are virtually securing a pension for life, after a certain age, to themselves, and it may be afterwards to their widows, or maintenance and education for one or more of their children for a term of years. In fact, Freemasonry will descend to the level of a benefit society, and a large number of its members will give of their substance, not so much to meet the wants of others, as to lay up a pension for themselves and their widows in their declining years, or for their children in the event of such pension becoming necessary. If we would reduce the claims that are being made on our Charities, we had better say as little as possible about holding out additional inducements to brethren to support them. I think we are far more likely to succeed in our object if we follow the advice of the late Bro. John Hervey, and that is, to exercise additional caution whenever people offer themselves as candidates to be received into Freemasonry. So long as it is apparently a matter of indifference who become Masons, so long shall we find the applicants for admission into our different Institutions steadily increasing in numbers.

Fraternally yours,

M.M.

BRO. YARKER'S HISTORY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of Saturday, the 12th instant, I find three shafts directed against me, of which two are somewhat envenomed. All this correspondence has come upon me at a time when I am worked almost beyond my strength, but, nevertheless, I must ask you to oblige me with space for a few lines on these three articles.

The article, "Let the Mill Grind," is forwarded to you doubtless with the intention of damaging our A. and P. Rite, and no doubt would do so with those who are ignorant of its details. I would, therefore, inform your readers that in the United States there is a spurious and irregular Rite of Memphis, with which we have neither relation or sympathy. There is only one regular Sovereign Sanctuary of the A. and P. Rite in America, viz., that presided over by Professor Alexander B. Mott 33-95°, and it is the only body with which we have established representatives; Dr. Mott is an honourable gentleman, but indolent in Masonic matters, and it is against the spurious Egyptian Rite of Memphis that certain State Grand Lodges have adopted certain regulations which, in effect, recognises the A. and A. Scottish Rite, and makes the spurious Rite of Memphis penal. This want of toleration has already produced its natural effect in the organisation of spurious Craft Lodges; and whilst I, for one, regret the existence of this spurious Rite of Memphis, I cannot blame them for adopting one un-Masonic course wherewith to meet another. Let the sly fox form himself a lair in the den of the stupid ass; the noble band of brothers will scarcely find imitators in this country, unless it may be in Ireland, where the *Masonic World* for December alleges that the spurious Rite of Memphis has already established a branch, as well as in Glasgow. The Mill of God grinds slowly, but it grinds surely. Let it grind to dust all intolerance, whether in Masonry or out of it.

I certainly deserve all the censure that your reviewer has heaped upon me for my carelessness in accepting the accuracy of the list headed "Ancients" without examination. I ought to have remembered that it was shown at the time to be a list of the present Grand Lodge, and the description of No. 1 Lodge alone ought to have put me right. For a dozen years I have paid very slight attention to these matters, as they are a species of inquiry which, however necessary for the Masonic historian, do not pay intellectually the great trouble and loss of time which they involve. I hit upon the list accidentally, and accepted it hastily: it is an error into which even the best may fall.

The letter of Bro. P.M. H. Sadler commends itself, and I think he has made good his claim for supposing that Bro. Sayer's reprimand was for circumstances occurring within his own Lodge, whatever those may have been. I am at the present moment preparing a lecture upon the Old Craft Constitutions, and it strikes me that it is not unlikely that the thin end of the wedge of this dispute between the "Ancients" and "Moderns" was introduced early in the 17th century. I may here give my views upon these Constitutions shortly, as follows, and will forward you a more lengthy paper when it appears. If your reviewer desires to have another fling at me, he may.

1. 1350 MS. This informs us that the first part of the document was the original (or Euclid) Charges of the Masons of Athelstan; the second part being a commentary. Here I may observe that this Egyptian tradition is taken from Herodotus, who carried it back to Sesostris; Euclid's name was attached from his having amended Greek Geometry.

2. 1500. This Constitution gives a lengthy introduction to what, we are told, are the actual Charges of Euclid. As the writer gives his authorities, he was evidently the first to embody the introductory matter.

3. 1532-1583. Grand Lodge MS. This follows the last-mentioned Constitution. With the exception of two other MSS. it is the parent of all the others, and goes to prove that, as alleged in Masonic histories, the Craft was actually under one G.M. at York.

4. Lansdown Constitution. This omits the Euclid Charges in order to develop those of Solomon, and makes Edwin to have been made a Mason at Windsor. It was copied in 1686 by the Lodge of Antiquity. It tends to confirm the statement that at this time North and South were divided.

Bro. P.M. Sadler seems well informed on these questions, and I shall be glad to hear what date he gives Nos. 3 and 4. I feel sure the last, as published by Bro. Hughan, is later even than 1600. It is very important that the dates of Nos. 3 and 4 should be accurately determined.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PRIORY LODGE, No. 1000.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge, one of the most popular in the Province of Essex, took place at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Thursday, the 10th instant. The W.M., Bro. A. D. Merritt Prov. Grand A.D.C. Essex, summoned the brethren to attend at the unusually early hour of 11.30, but this had its advantages, as many of those who attended the meeting had an excellent opportunity of renewing acquaintanceships formed in past years, and, favoured by splendid weather, considering the time of year, the "onting" was voted a grand success. Punctually to the time named, Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. There were two candidates for the third degree, viz., Bros. H. Hall and T. A. R. Whistler, and they having passed a satisfactory examination as to proficiency, were in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. A. M. Gerussi was next passed to the degree of F.C. At this stage of the proceedings, a "call-off" took place. On resuming Lodge work, the Auditors presented a very satisfactory report, which was unanimously adopted. Bro. Merritt, who had so far ably conducted the proceedings, now announced his intention of commencing the installation ceremony. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Green Brighten, P.M. 72 and 569, Prov. Grand Organist Essex, was introduced by Bro. Albert Lucking Prov. G.D.C., and the obligation was administered. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and after its labours were completed, the brethren who had not as yet qualified themselves to mount the levels were re-admitted, and the new Master saluted. The Officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. F. Dorrell Grayson W.M. 160 S.W., G. R. Dawson J.W., F. Wood P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, A. Lucking P.M. Prov. G.D.C. Secretary, Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.P.G. Chaplain, J. F. Harrington P.M. 160 P.P.G.P. S.D., C. Floyd I.P.M. 1817 Provincial G.S. J.D., L. Warren junior I.G., J. C. Johnstone P.M. P.P.G.D. M.C., E. E. Phillips P.M. P.P.G.D. Org., S. Penny and C. F. Woosnam Stewards, A. W. Martin Tyler. Bro. Merritt then gave the charges, and thus fully completed the work of his year. The first duty of the new Master was to propose a vote of thanks to his predecessor, for the ability he had displayed. This was gracefully but briefly acknowledged by Bro. Merritt, and then Bro. F. Wood was re-appointed Representative on the Charity Committee of the Province, and eulogistic reference made to services he had already given in that capacity. Bro. Wood having recognised the honour done him by the reference to his efforts, Bro. Lucking brought forward his proposition, briefly stating that the motion could speak for itself, and calling attention to the satisfactory financial condition of the Lodge, as disclosed by the Auditors' Report. The motion read as follows:—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted out of the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and placed on the list of Worshipful Brother W. G. Brighten, who will represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival." This motion having been seconded, was put to the meeting, and carried with acclamation. A letter from the widow of a deceased member was read, in reference to the probability of one of her sons being elected into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This communication was fully considered, but it was shown that the lad in question would be debarred by the age limit from receiving any of the advantages of education at the Institution. This announcement elicited a general feeling of regret, as the deceased brother referred to, while associated with the Lodge, had secured the esteem of his fellow members. Bro. Secretary was requested to forward a letter condoling with the widow in her affliction. The names of three candidates for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, together with the proposition of a member for joining, hearty good wishes were tendered and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was afterwards partaken of, and many of the guests accepted the hospitality so readily proffered by the members of the "Round Thousand." An important engagement, however, compelled us to leave by the last train. The after proceeding were of a truly harmonious character, and the services of the outgoing Master were recognised by the presentation of a Past Master's jewel. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Sims J.W. 160, J. G. Sims 1343, J. Ayling I.G. 160, H. Kerridge 1536, W. Bridgland J.W. 933, J. Terry P.M. 228, &c., Secretary R.M.B.I., A. Moore 167, James Kising 781, A. Withers P.M. 211, W. W. Morgan W.M. elect 211, &c.

'MEDINA LODGE, No. 35.

BRO. the Rev. G. Pickering was, on Thursday, the 10th inst., installed W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year. The W.M. invested his Officers as under:—Bros. J. C. Airs P.M. I.P.M., Robertson S.W., Manners J.W., Faulkner P.M. Treas., Mursell P.M. Secretary, Cust S.D., Rutland J.D., Leftwich I.G., Ransome Organist, Hunter M.C., Mursell and Leftwich Stewards. The installation banquet was admirably served at the Marine Hotel by Mr. J. Drovers.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

ON Wednesday, 9th inst., the members of this Lodge held their monthly meeting at the George Hotel, Colchester, and being the first of the new year, the occasion was availed of for a "guest night." Between 60 and 70 brethren attended, quite one-third of whom were visitors. These included several present and past Provincial Grand Officers; the Visiting Lodges represented were Nos. 51, 225, 1977, &c. After Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the festive board, and a very pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. G. A. Eastace.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, 12th Jan., at the Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. F. T. C. Keoble W.M. presiding. He was supported by Bros. Baber S.W., Fendick J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. Blackie P.M. Secretary, Potter S.D., Skinner J.D., J. Jenkins Organist, Bertram and Hudd Stewards, R. Potter Tyler; P.M.'s Kibble, Seex, Stanway, Freeman, Hamer, H. Thompson. The visitors present were: Bros. Smith 1326, H. A. Reeves W.M. 807, E. A. Smith 716, A. W. Reeves 807, E. J. Carson 1158, Lea 398 Scotch Constitution, Nanaquolany South Africa, Crombie 1623, W. J. Johnson 140, R. Baker P.M. 1257, Perceval P.M. 1607, A. E. Staley W.M. 185, T. Harper P.M. 1216, J. Morris 72, Huckvale 1635, Medusa P.M. 1613, Gibbs 1613, F. Binckes Grand Stewards' Lodge, Cozens 907. After opening Lodge and reading and confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, a ballot was taken for the following candidates: Messrs. John Cooper, John Kinnersley Hooper, Edwin Wasley, and Stanley Woolley Kelsey, which was unanimous in their favour. Being present, the whole of the candidates were initiated in a very impressive manner by the W.M., admirably aided by his Officers, the working eliciting high praise from the visitors. Pursuant to notice, Bro. Headon Treasurer, moved "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on the W. Master's list on his serving as Steward at the ensuing Festival;" this was agreed to. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. At the conclusion grace was said, followed by the toast of the Queen and the National Anthem. The formal toasts were honoured, Bro. Binckes returning thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Kibble I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said that the manner in which he had gone through his duties that evening in initiating four gentlemen into the Order left the brethren nothing to wish for. To those who saw it, he need say nothing; their hope was that the W.M. might have health and strength to continue the performance of his duties for the rest of the year, and he took the opportunity of thanking him for the friendly notes he had sent to them, with his kind wishes for their prosperity in the new year, proving to them that the happiness and welfare of The Great City Lodge was never absent from his mind. The toast was drunk most heartily, and, in response, the W.M. said the manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the way in which it had been received, had afforded him a great deal of pleasure. It was a source of gratification to him to know that he had met with the approbation of those who had placed him in his present position; he would use his best endeavours to meet their wishes, to merit their approbation, and when he retired and took his place among the noble band of Past Masters, he hoped to be deserving of the honour. It was nine years from his initiation in the Lodge until he was installed in the chair, and that ought to afford encouragement to the young members to look forward, for their time would come if they only waited long enough. When he entered the Lodge he knew no one but his proposer and seconder, and he repeated that everything would come to those who waited a little longer; they would realise in turn the proud position he then occupied. He wished to call the attention of the brethren who had that night joined them, that one of the distinguishing features of Freemasonry was charity, and they would see by the summons that he was about to act as Steward for the Festival of the Boys' School. When he looked at the Boys' School, he saw a number who would become, when men, the rulers of the Craft in years to come, and, therefore, they ought to support that Institution, especially so as the Duke of Albany had consented to preside on that occasion. He would suggest a plan by which his year of office might be distinguished, and make it a red-letter year in the history of the Institution. He had been a life governor of the Royal Benevolent Institution for some time, and as a means of further benefitting the Institution, he made his wife a life governor also, and she had become a good Mason ever since. Now, his suggestion was, that they should each make his lady a life governor, which they could do for five guineas, being half the amount for which they could become life governors themselves. He asked them to drink success to the Masonic Charities, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes. In his reply, Bro. Binckes said he was taken by surprise at the kindness of the Worshipful Master, for in most places, whether it was in town or country, the toast he had just given was relegated to a late period of the evening, when the tables were vacated by the members. He was happy to be present that evening, for he knew The Great City Lodge had year after year liberally supported one of the Institutions, and he believed that the support of one of them annually was the best course to be pursued, for it was very onerous if brethren were called upon twice or thrice in one year to support the different Institutions. If they, on the other hand, took them in rotation, they would not feel the tax upon them, and he wished that the practice of The Great City Lodge could be adopted by other Lodges. This year was probably the last time any of the Royal Family would preside at their Festivals, and he hoped that the Duke of Albany would be well supported. During last year the different Festivals realised £55,000, and of that £25,000 fell to the Boys' School, but of that sum £12,000 was to be devoted to a Preparatory School, and was funded for the purpose. That £12,000 would be spent in the next two years for a Preparatory School, and it would require £3000 every year to maintain the additional number of boys. He was very grateful for the support the Boys' School had received for the last twenty-five years; the number of boys in the School had been raised from 70 to 250, and he felt a deep debt of gratitude to his good friends for what they had done. He was sure that they would go on in the good work, and he appealed to the Craft for extended support, as the first stone of the new School would be laid in August next; in this matter The Great City was a representative Lodge of the City of London. Freemasonry, under the rule of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had taken enormous strides, and it had been going on from progress to progress, and from success to success; but it was possible that in Freemasonry, as in other matters, there might come a time which

would bring with it a reaction, and what, then, would be their position? He could not shut his eyes to the responsibilities the Craft had imposed on him; as he was going on in life he faced those increased responsibilities with failing powers. The boys of the present would be the men of the future generation; they were objects of their sympathy, and to his dying day he should continue to advocate the principles of Masonic charity. He had a humble notion that, while by God's providence they possessed means for their own enjoyment, their hearts and sympathies should be extended towards those who were not so fortunate as themselves. It was here mentioned by the W.M. that one of the members had made an offer of £5 if nineteen others would do the same, to be devoted to his list; on a paper going round several brethren gave in their names for a similar amount, and it is believed that the list will be fully made up at the next meeting of the Lodge. The toast of the Initiates having been duly honoured, and severally responded to, the W.M. proposed the Visitors, and remarked that, from the time of the foundation of The Great City Lodge, they had always a goodly number of visitors; they gave them a hearty welcome, and hoped they would come again. Some of the visitors returned thanks, expressing their pleasure at the excellent working of the Lodge, and the bountiful hospitality which had been extended towards them. The W.M. next gave the Past Masters, extolled their good qualities, and their readiness at all times to render any services required of them. After a few words from Bro. Kibble I.P.M., Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer said, he usually felt in a predicament when it came to his turn to speak, as the previous speakers had exhausted the subject. He was sorry that Bro. Stevens was not with them that night in his usual position, especially as a severe accident had kept him indoors for a month, and was likely to keep him at home for some weeks longer. The Past Masters had endeavoured to do their duty, and he believed they had succeeded. It was most gratifying to them to find so many members qualified to undertake any duties that might be cast upon them. The Great City Lodge had taken to heart the question whether a new Grand Treasurer should be elected year by year. Bro. Brooks Marshall had been nominated for that office; he was a good Mason, and he (Bro. Headon) hoped they would support his nomination when the time for action arrived. Bros. Blackie and Hamer also returned thanks. The health of the Secretary was proposed by the W.M., to this due justice was done, and Bro. Blackie responded in suitable terms. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent most harmoniously. Bro. Cozens presided at the pianoforte, and sang some choice songs. Bro. Wasley, one of the initiates, also contributed to the pleasures of the evening.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE Installation Meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 8th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the Presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. H. Gulliford; Bros. G. Coleman S.W., J. Jacobs J.W., E. Jacobs P.M. Treas., W. Bourne P.M. Sec., H. W. Kedgley S.D., Hickman J.D., Solomon I.G., Stacey P.G.O. Middlesex, S. Jacobs I.P.M., and Kedgley P.M. Visitors—F. Harrison P.M. 27, H. Smith 1348, J. Reilly 511, R. Ralph 1348, J. Britton 188, H. Higgins 1381 1732, W. Roots 1273, E. Storr S.W. 167, Robinson P.M. 25, J. Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, J. Turle 261, Mordecai 1348, H. Hewett 957, E. Swanborough P.M. 1319, G. Hawkes P.M. 1071, Pullen 749, Groves 901, A. Abrahams 205, Miller 231, H. Robins 1681, Bond 860, G. N. Watts P.M. 194, Shand 1563, H. Marks 1349, Belsham 733, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Woodward and Snow, who were afterwards duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. who conducted the ceremonies with much ability. A board of Installed Masters was opened, Bros. Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 occupying the Wardens' chairs. Brother Coleman S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and he was duly installed by the retiring W.M., whose rendering of the ceremony received the warmest marks of approbation. Brother E. Jacobs efficiently acted as M.C. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and he, in appropriate terms, invested his Officers: Bros. W. H. Gulliford I.P.M., J. Jacobs S.W., H. W. Kedgley J.W., E. Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, W. Bourne P.M. Secretary, Rev. P. M. Holden Chaplain, Dixon S.D., B. Solomon J.D., Stacey P.P.G.O. Middlesex Organist, Bassett M.C., Figgis I.G., S. Jacobs P.M. Wine Steward, G. Reynolds A.W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. Applause followed the investiture of each officer, shewing the W.M. had made a suitable selection. The auditors' report was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, all liabilities had been discharged, and there was £55 12s 8d balance in hand. After relieving a distressed brother from the Benevolent Fund, the W.M., in eloquent terms, said he had now to present Brother W. H. Gulliford with a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the respect in which he is held; and as a recognition for the faithful discharge of his duties as W.M. Bro. Gulliford, in suitable terms, replied, Hearty good wishes were then given by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, about eighty in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, superintended by Bro. Madell. The tables were artistically decorated, and button-holes provided for all. The W.M., in appropriate language, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. W. H. Gulliford I.P.M. then rose; he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M.; he need not dilate on Bro. Coleman's excellencies; he should not offer up the incense of flattery, but all the brethren knew the W.M.'s good qualities; he would therefore ask them to drink the health of the first initiate of the Lodge, now its W.M. The brethren were proud to see him in the chair, and all hoped his year of office would be a prosperous one. The W.M. in reply said the assistance he had received from the P.M.'s and the brethren had enabled him with confidence to undertake the duties of the chair, and when the day came for his retirement, he hoped to hear the same good wishes; it

would be his aim to carry out every duty required of him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, Bros. Woodward and Snow. They had each brought good introductions, and their attention to the ceremony warranted the hope that the Lodge had initiated two brethren who would be a credit to it. Brother Bourne P.M. then sang the E.A. song, and Bros. Woodward and Snow briefly responded. The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Gulliford. The brethren had seen what he had done that night, when, on his retirement from the chair, he had so ably installed him. Again, in the Lodge of Instruction, he had strived to make the Lodge perfect; in fact, Bro. Gulliford deserves their warmest respect; he hoped the brethren would cordially drink to the toast. Bro. Gulliford, in response, thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast, and the brethren for their kind expressions. As Immediate Past Master his aim would be their welfare. If he had done well in the past, so he hoped to do in the future, while he had health and strength. For the Visitors, who were 33 in number, Bros. Robins, Hawkes, Swanborough, H. M. Levy, and Higgins responded; all complimented the W.M. on his able presidency, and referred to the excellent manner in which the I.P.M. had rendered the ceremony of installation. After the Past Masters' toast had been responded to, Bro. Kedgley said he was about to act as Steward for the R.M.B.I.; he had on his list to-night the sum of £61 8s 6d, which he hoped to make larger yet. The toast of the Officers was next given, the W.M. mentioning their names seriatim. Bro. Kedgley responded, and then the Tyler's toast was given. The singing throughout the evening was a treat to listen to, Bros. Frank Gulliford and Charles Solomons especially distinguishing themselves. Bros. Simon Jacobs and George Reynolds looked after the comforts of the brethren.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 146.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th January, at the Bull's Head, Bolton. Amongst those present were Bros. R. Duxbury W.M., George Taylor I.P.M., H. Broughton S.W., J. F. Skelton J.W., W. Nicholson P. Prov. G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Cooper P.M. Secretary, J. Galloway S.D., W. Heywood Organist, E. Hird I.G., W. Carter Steward, T. Higson Tyler; J. Morris P.M., P. Prov. G. Steward, H. Ainsworth P.M., J. Dooley P.M., R. Herridge P.M. P. Prov. G. Steward; N. Tyldesley, T. Nightingale, J. Barrett, J. Eddevane, J. Kennedy, W. Downs, T. Rimmer. Visitors—Bros. G. P. Brookbank P.M. 37 P. Prov. S.G.D. Grand Steward Scotland, G. Ferguson Prov. G. Supt. of Works, H. Greenwood P. Prov. G. Pursnivant, J. Booth W.M. 37, J. Kenyon W.M. 348, G. Nabb W.M. 678, R. Latham 1723, J. Wolstenholme P.M. 348, C. H. Smith P.M., 1053, J. Sutton 484, H. J. Briscoe 221, W. Siddorn 221, N. Nicholson P.M. and Secretary 1723, J. W. Almond S.W. 1773, A. Patrie J.D. 495, H. Hardmar 495, P. Morris I.P.M. 678, J. G. Carter, and Johnson Martin 678. The Lodge was opened at half past 3 o'clock p.m. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. In due course Bro. Henry Broughton W.M. elect was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, under the presidency of the W.M., and duly obligated; after which the Lodge was further advanced, and Brother Broughton installed Worshipful Master in ancient form. Brother W. Nicholson P. Prov. G.S.B. was elected Treasurer, and Brother John Wild appointed as Charity Representative of the Lodge. The following Brethren were invested as Officers for the year, Brother John Wild P.M. addressing them as to the nature of their respective duties:—Bros. J. F. Skelton S.W., J. Galloway J.W., W. Nicholson P.M. Treasurer, W. Cooper P.M. Secretary, W. Heywood S.D., E. Hird J.D. J. Wild P.M. M. of C., J. G. Carter Organist, W. Carter I.G., T. Nightingale and J. T. Vose Stewards, T. Higson Tyler. The final admonitions to the W.M., Wardens and Brethren were delivered by Brother W. Cooper P.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, Brother Duxbury. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, after which the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to banquet.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660, MALTON.

THE brethren of the above Lodge celebrated their annual festival on Tuesday, when Bro. J. D. Dodsworth S.W. was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. S. King P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorkshire and P.M. The ceremony was impressively performed, in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his Officers for the year ensuing as follows:—Bros. R. J. Smithson I.P.M., T. M. Goldie S.W., J. B. Nicholls J.W., Rev. E. A. B. Pitman Chaplain, R. H. Bower P.M. Treasurer, W. R. Metcalfe Secretary, M. F. W. Williamson S.D., R. G. Lucas J.D., A. W. Walker P.M. M.C., W. J. Marshall Organist, C. H. Channon I.G., E. K. Spiegelhalter and T. C. Clough Stewards. Kirton Wandby Tyler. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel, Bro. Fitchett catering in his usual bountiful way. Bro. Dodsworth W.M. presided, and was supported by a large number of Past and Present Provincial Officers, Past Masters, and brethren, including also a few visitors. The usual toast list was gone through, and the proceedings were conducted with the greatest harmony throughout.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, the 11th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. Turner W.M., Gunner S.W., F. Botley J.W., C. E. Botley Sec., Sperring S.D., Sherring J.D., Blasby P.M. I.G., Goss P.M. After all formalities had been observed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. W. Goss P.M. candidate. Lodge was called off and on. After other business, Bro. Gunner was elected W.M. for the 18th inst.

LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

ON Wednesday evening the installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, City, Bro. James S. Fraser the retiring W.M. in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. Haig-Brown S.W. (W.M. elect), T. F. Harvey J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Organist, F. J. Dellow J.D., H. J. Cant I.G., Charles Blain M.C., J. Miller W.S., P.M.'s Geo. Jones, W. C. Barlow, C. H. Webb, G. J. Hilliard, J. Bulmer; J. S. Bailey, F. Dovey, J. Thomas, W. Richardson, J. Brooksbank, H. M. Hobbs, H. Magee, G. Larcombe, J. W. B. Wilson, J. A. Keable, S. Hill, J. G. Golls, J. Gawron, J. J. Trustant, J. Ellis, F. Hall, H. J. Ayre, F. G. Norman, J. Whiteing, J. W. D. Mumford, Dr. W. Wiles, J. Bailey, E. J. Moore P.M., T. Burchell, H. R. Gates, F. A. Nailor, G. Bashford, W. H. Cane, J. G. Smith, S. Frost, W. A. Bennett, D. C. Haley, C. J. Brown, T. Scott, H. Nicholls, W. Taylor, J. T. Ballard. The Visitors were numerous, and included Bros. James Terry P.M. Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. P. Driscoll 30 P.M. 1579, J. Night, J. M. Jutsum 95, C. W. Bowbey 248, R. J. Lapham 1431 398, W. M. Mead 504, W. Fieldson P.M. 548, W. March 504, T. S. Taylor P.M. 554 1421, R. N. Fenwick 820, G. Hollington P.M. 953 1421, C. J. D. Mears, A. Langley P.M. 1076, F. Smith 1185, R. H. Blatchford P.M. 1196, G. R. Gilroy 1259, J. Salmon 1339, R. G. Ford, J. H. Taylor P.M., G. F. Dix P.M. 1421, J. A. Hunt 1607, R. B. Brinkley 1805. Bro. Ford was admitted a joining member of the Lodge, and Mr. R. W. Holloway was balloted for, and initiated by the W.M. Bro. A. Haig-Brown was then duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by the W.M. Bro. James Fraser, and the following Officers invested, each one receiving from the new W.M. not only the emblems of his office, but instruction in his duties:—Bros. T. Harvey S.W., F. G. Dellow J.W., C. Lacey P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, H. J. Cant S.D., C. Blain J.D., G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Organist, W. Wiles I.G., J. A. Keable M.C., J. Miller W.S., Very Tyler. All the appointments seemed to give satisfaction to the brethren, but those of Bros. Lacey, Newton, Dellow, and Miller were particularly welcomed. Bro. Fraser, now the I.P.M., delivered the several addresses, but it was not until just upon the close of his labours that he seemed to warm to his work, when he showed that not only did he know the language of the ritual, but was capable of giving to it both force and grace. He received a P.M.'s jewel, and in presenting it, the W.M. observed that it had been merited, and he hoped Bro. Fraser would long be spared to wear the jewel and to give his able services to the Lodge. It should be stated that Bros. Lacey and C. H. Webb ably assisted the retiring W.M. in the onerous duties of his office. The balance-sheet was duly received; while it showed a balance due to the Treasurer of £14 12s 7d, it also showed that £27 1s 8d had been transferred from the General Account to the Lodge Benevolent Fund, which, we are happy to record, has £50 11s 3d invested and £20 6s 10d in the Treasurer's hands. Grants had been made during the year of £14 14s, to which may be added a grant of £5 made on Wednesday in the case of a distressed brother. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet, admirably served, supplemented with a generous and varied supply of wines. The toasts that followed were of the usual kind, including the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., observing that they had travelled through Freemasonry together, and from what had been done in the past, he was sure the future was full of promise. The toast having been warmly drunk, the W.M., in reply, said that he appreciated the responsibility of his position, and hoped with their co-operation to go on as in the past year in joy and happiness together. He had always endeavoured to do his duty in the several offices he had held, and he trusted he should be able to fill his present position with dignity and to the satisfaction of the brethren. The health of the Initiate having been proposed, honoured, and responded to, the W.M. proposed the Masonic Institutions, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Terry. He stated that he had undertaken to serve as Steward at the forthcoming Festival on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and hoped for that support which had hitherto been so freely given by the Sincerity Lodge. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and in reply, Bro. Terry made a vigorous and stirring speech. He said there never was a time when help was more needed than at present; there were 126 candidates and only 17 vacancies. Unless, therefore, the success was greater than in the past, it would be impossible to increase the number of annuitants. Last year £56,000 was received on behalf of the Masonic Charities, a sum that it was almost in vain to hope would be realised this year. It became them all to use their best efforts in behalf of the Institution he represented. It seemed hard to send away all over a very small number indeed—men in all cases over 60 years of age, some over 70, and yet that is what they must do. It was a filial duty to support their aged participators in Freemasonry, a lesson that was taught in the Lectures. He appealed to a Lodge that had never failed to send a Steward to the Benevolent Institution Festival, and if it were possible to get at the amount they had subscribed it would be found to exceed that of any other Lodge in London. The annuitants were 367 in number, were spread all over England, and entailed an annual charge of £12,800. What, asked Brother Terry, were they to do if they did not get the necessary help? Many spoke of "Our Charities," but they were only "ours" when we supported them, and if each one contributed something according to his means there would be good hope for the future. Bro. Terry's speech was received with loud cheers, and no doubt the Worshipful Master's list was substantially aided thereby. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. in flattering terms, and the way in which the toast and reply was received showed that Brother Fraser is held in high estimation by the brethren of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors followed, to which Bros. Salmon and Knight responded. This was followed by the toasts of the Past Masters and the Officers. Brother Seddon,

in his reply for the former, alluded to his enforced absence from the Lodge owing to his professional engagements, but said he had the interests of the Lodge warmly at heart. During the evening Bros. Knight, Nailor, Brinkley, Wiles, Dellow, and Bashford sang some songs, and very much contributed to the pleasure of the evening. The Tyler's toast brought the proceeding to a close. We should add that Bro. J. Very discharged the duties of Tyler in a very efficient manner.

ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, Present—Bros. Brockbank W.M. Prov. G.S.D. Grand Steward Scotland, E. M. Garstang I.P.M., John Booth S.W., F. W. Pacey J.W., J. H. Gibbon Chaplain, Jas. Newton Secretary, Jno. Poyntz S.D., John Hardcastle J.D., Harry Lomax I.G., Jas. Naylor Senior Steward, Robert Nightingale Junior Steward, J. W. Roiley Tyler, Thos. Higson Assistant Tyler; also Bros. R. Mitchell P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B., W. H. Horrocks P.M., Jas. Walker P.M., R. K. Freeman P.M., Johnson Mills P.M., M. Robinson, J. Ridyard, M. Gillibrand. Visitors—Bros. Geo. Ferguson P.M. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, Robert Latham W.M. 1723, Richard Duxbury W.M. 146, John Isherwood W.M. 221, G. H. Openshaw 269, R. H. Hutchinson P. Prov. G.S.W., Wm. Forrest 221, W. Bowden P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B. West Lancashire. Lodge was opened in the first degree, at four o'clock p.m. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, when Bro. John Booth W.M. elect was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, under the presidency of the W.M., and duly obligated as regards the government of the Lodge, after which Lodge was opened in the third degree and Bro. Booth installed, proclaimed, and saluted as Worshipful Master in ancient form. Bro. John Morris was duly elected Charity Representative of the Lodge. The following brethren were invested Officers for the ensuing year by Bro. Newton P. Prov. G.S.D.:—Bros. F. W. Pacey S.W., J. W. Poyntz J.W., G. P. Brockbank Secretary, Jas. Newton Treasurer, John Hardcastle S.D., W. H. Lomax J.D., J. M. Bentley Organist, Johnson Mills M. of Cer., Jas. Naylor I.G., R. Nightingale and W. Golding Stewards, J. W. Roiley and T. Higson Tylers. The W.M., Wardens, and Brethren were severally addressed, according to ancient custom, by Bro. Mills P.M. Bro. Brockbank received at the hands of the W.M. a Past Master's jewel, voted at the last regular meeting. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visitors, and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at six o'clock p.m., and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THE Annual Meeting of the members of the above Lodge, was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Thursday the 3rd inst., when Brother the Rev. A. C. Hervey, of Portchester, was installed as the W.M. for the year. The impressive ceremony was conducted with marked ability by Bro. Edward Goldsmith (Hambleton), the outgoing W.M., to whom a special vote of thanks was awarded, together with a P.M.'s jewel, in appreciation of the efficiency with which he had conducted the Lodge business during the year. After the ceremony the W.M. invested his Officers in the following order:—Bros. E. Goldsmith I.P.M., J. W. Gieve S.W., D. J. Gilmonr J.W., Rev. A. A. Headley P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith P.M. Treasurer, Edgar Goble P.P.G.R. Secretary, W. A. Hill S.D., Henry Cooke J.D., Dr. E. T. Crouch I.G., George Harry D.C., Rev. F. J. Ashmall and Harry Love Stewards, W. Lee Organist, R. Eames Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. C. H. Liddle P.M. on relinquishing the post of Organist, and it was agreed to present him with a jewel in recognition of his services. A very satisfactory balance sheet was presented by the Treasurer (Bro. J. B. Goldsmith), to whom a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a *récherché* banquet was provided in excellent style, reflecting the highest credit on the management of Mr. G. Boud, the proprietor of the Hotel. In addition to those already mentioned, the members of the Lodge present were: Bros. W. Johnstone P.M., A. R. Holbrook P.M., T. H. Williams P.M., Ernest Hall P.M., George Bond P.M. P.P.G.S.B., W. W. Pond, A. W. Burt, C. O. Smith, T. W. Haydon and A. W. Leaver. The Visitors included Bros. the Rev. — Hebb P.G.C. Devonshire, Rev. Dr. White P.M. P.P.G.C., Gordon Miller W.M. 257, W. M. Outridge W.M. 487, W. Brunwin W.M. 903, C. Travess W.M. 1428, J. G. Niven W.M. 1776, and T. A. Bramsdon 1776.

HARMONY AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 381, DARWEN.

ON Thursday, the 10th inst., the brethren of 381 held their annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist, installation of W.M. and investiture of Officers in the extensive and beautiful suite of rooms (the Masonic Hall) over the Mauchester and County Bank. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bros. Franklin Thomas P.M. P.P.G.R. Oxon P.P.G.J.D. East Lancashire, and Jno. Wardley P.M. Darwen; and the investiture of Officers by Bros. Wardly and E. Halliwell P.M. P.P.G.O. East Lancashire. The brethren invested were—Bros. B. Lloyd W.M., Thackeray I.P.M., A. Millward S.W., W. Grimshaw J.W., Roberts P.M. Secretary, J. Marsden S.D., W. Hodgson J.D., P. Lowe Steward, C. H. Woods I.G., T. Barlow O.G., Jno. McAdam Organist. The banquet was held in the same rooms, which were most tastefully decorated for the occasion; it was of a first-class quality, and supplied by Mrs. Halliwell, the hall keeper. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the proceedings closed about twelve o'clock.

BROTHERLY LOVE LODGE, No. 229, YEOVIL.

THE installation of Bro. W. J. Nosworthy S.W. P.M. P.P.G.O. Somerset, as Worshipful Master, took place at the Chonghs Hotel, on Wednesday, when there was a large attendance, including brethren from the adjoining Provinces of Dorset and Devon. Among those present, in addition to those belonging to the Lodge, were Bros. Hughes, Hunt, Coombs, Gillard, Good, Rugg, Masters, Todd Naylor, Roberts, Stuart Boyd, Harrold, Green, Butler, Targett, Phillips, Wheatley, Summers, Tompsett, &c. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Else P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. After the Worshipful Master had been placed in the chair, he proceeded to appoint his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Cobb I.P.M., Milbourne S.W., Croaker J.W., Cox Treasurer, Stanton Secretary, Baskett S.D., Rodber J.D., Edgar M.C., Harwood Organist, Raymond I.G., Danman Steward, Watts Tyler. At the closing of the Lodge, the brethren partook of a banquet, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, MALDON.

THE members of the above Lodge held their annual wigdon supper on Tuesday, after Lodge. At Lodge the W.M., Bro. Cramphorn, assisted by the Wardens Bros. John Hutley and Edmund Gowers, raised Bro. Arthur Barritt. The supper, held at the Blue Boar Hotel, did not possess a strictly wild fowl character in consequence of the impossibility of procuring a good supply of birds, which necessitated the introduction, for the first time, of joints. The W.M. presided and was supported by his Wardens, Past Masters and the following Visitors:—Bros. Osmond 51, Bryant 1329, Jarvis, and Williams 276, &c. A pleasant evening was spent.

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE OF WALES LODGE, No. 570 I.C.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which is attached to the 5th Regiment of Dragoon Guards, now stationed at the York Cavalry Barracks, was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. There was a large gathering of members and their friends, the Lodge being presided over by Brother J. A. Banks, in the absence of Brother V. S. Cheeseman, on duty at Aldershot. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the chair was assumed by Brother J. Todd P.M. Treasurer 236 (in whose Hall the Lodge holds its meetings); and the Worshipful Master elect, Brother Serjt.-Major W. Knights, was presented for installation by Bros. A. J. Banks and Captain Gifford. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.G.S.W. acting as S.W., and G. Kirby P.M. as J.W.; and the W.M. having been invested and installed, was saluted. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Captain A. Baldrey S.W., T. Howard J.W., Captain Banks Treasurer and Secretary, Serjt.-Major Kendall S.D., Serjt.-Major W. Langford J.D., Serjt.-Major Saul I.G., W. G. Calvert Tyler. After the ceremony the members entertained their visitors at an excellent banquet, provided by Brother J. Toos, of the De Grey Rooms, the Worshipful Master presiding. The toast list was short and to the point, and the evening was enlivened by a series of excellent songs by the members of the Military Lodge and their visitors, the pianoforte accompaniments being tastefully performed by Brother Garland, of York Minster.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An unusually large assemblage of brethren attended the regular meeting of this Lodge on Monday evening, the 14th inst., at York. Bro. J. Blenkin, the W.M., was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., M. Millington P.M., G. Simpson P.M., W. Knights W.M. 570 (I.C.), as well as by between thirty and forty other brethren. A successful ballot was taken for two candidates, after which Bro. Percival Holmes was raised to the third degree. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge library a copy of "Mackey's Lexicon," and Bro. B. L. Mills, of the Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2 (S.C.), was proposed as a joining member. A telegram was read from Sir J. C. Milner, Bart., M.P., Senior Warden, stating that though the illness of Lady Milner he was unable to leave home and occupy his place in the Lodge as he had intended. Brother Whytehead announced that he had received a letter from the Rev. H. R. Coleman, an eminent American Mason, who had been making a Masonic Tour in the Holy Land and the East, and who purposed visiting York, and he hoped that it would be possible to make arrangements to give their travelling brother a Masonic reception. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at refreshment, and a most pleasant evening was passed, the numerous visitors expressing their gratification at the warmth of feeling exhibited.

In future the meetings of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., on Monday evenings, at the hour of 7 p.m.

On Thursday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, in Albion-place, Bro. T. P. Payne, J.P., was duly installed as W.M. of the Gloucester Lodge, by P.M. G. Dunlop, J.P. There was a numerous representative gathering of local members of the Craft, and Bro. Payne subsequently entertained a large number of Masonic friends at dinner.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Present,—Bros. Good W.M., Banks S.W., Hunt J.W., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, Speight P.M. Secretary, Dixon S.D., Williams J.D., Greener I.G. Past Masters Bros. Freeman and Ingram, and Bros. Penrose and Catt. Lodge was opened and after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catt personating the candidate. Lodge was then advanced to the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Penrose personating the candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Banks elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month, after which Lodge was closed in due form. Brethren residing in the neighbourhood are cordially invited to attend this Lodge of Instruction.

Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—Held at the Mother Red Cap, High-street, Camden Town, N.W., Monday, 14th instant. Bros. R. W. Galer W.M., Halsey S.W., Gittens J.W., Shepherd J.D., Boyden I.G., and P.M. Dean Preceptor. After preliminaries, Bro. Boyden offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Halsey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This being the annual meeting for the election of Officers, the W.M. read a letter from the Preceptor, Bro. J. D. Collier, tendering his resignation of that office, owing to extreme pressure of business. The resignation was accepted, with regret, Bro. Collier having occupied the position very ably for a considerable time. Bro. R. W. Galer, of the Highgate Lodge, 1366, was unanimously elected Preceptor, Bro. P. Recknall, of the mother Lodge, Treasurer, and Bro. Sheppard 1366 Secretary. Under the guidance of these Officers we trust this Lodge will have a prosperous year. Brethren residing in the North-Western District are cordially invited to attend. Lodge opens at eight o'clock every Monday evening.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The usual weekly meeting was held at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers' Southgate-road, on Wednesday, 10th instant, Bro. Trick presiding, supported by Bros. Galer S.W., Thompson J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, F. Perl Secretary, Ferrar S.D., O'Donnell J.D., Lone I.G.; also Bros. Turner, Ockelford, P.M. Brain, and others. Lodge was duly opened; all preliminaries having been gone through, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the initiation ceremony, Bro. Turner acting as candidate. Before the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, this brother answered the necessary questions, but was not entrusted, he only being an E.A. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. O'Donnell acting as candidate. Bro. Galer was appointed to occupy the position of W.M. at the ensuing meeting. Nothing further having been offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was harmoniously closed and adjourned until Wednesday, 15th January.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 15th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Christian W.M., Smyth S.W., Watkinson J.W., Robinson S.D., Jenkins J.D., Baker I.G., F. Carr Secretary, and Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, T. Clark, Catling, Capero and East. The work comprised the rehearsal of the third ceremony, Bro. Catling candidate. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Capero and East answered the questions leading to the second degree. The W.M. worked the second section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the installation ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. Wallington P.M., Preceptor of the Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902.—Held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Austin's, Victoria Hotel, 25 Charterhouse-street, E.C., on Wednesday, 16th January. Present—Bros. Williams W.M., Jefferys S.W., Salter J.W., Cross S.D., Cooper J.D., W. Bean I.G., Frost P.M. Preceptor, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were most ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Jefferys P.M. 902 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday, 23rd inst., when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed. The Brethren of the Mother Lodge are earnestly requested to attend, and it is to be hoped that the Installing Master will be well supported.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Western W.M., Clark S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Sec., Collingridge S.D., O'Donnell J.D., Forge acting Preceptor, Turner I.G.; and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ware candidate. Bro. Simons, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bros. Turner and Simons answered questions leading to third degree. Bros. O'Donnell, Simons, and W. H. Read were elected members. Bro. Clark, S.W. Faith Lodge, No. 141, was elected W.M. for Monday, 27th inst.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the meeting held on the 8th inst., at the Hornsey Wood Tavern. Bros. Morris W.M., Gush Preceptor, Fitch S.W., Scott J.W., Giller S.D., Haynes J.D., Berry Secretary, Aldis I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree, and the first section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Jenkins candidate. The second and third sections of the second lecture were worked by Bros. Larchin and Fenner. Lodge resumed in the first degree, and hearty good wishes having been voted to Bro. Morris, who was about to leave England for Australia, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Tuesday next.

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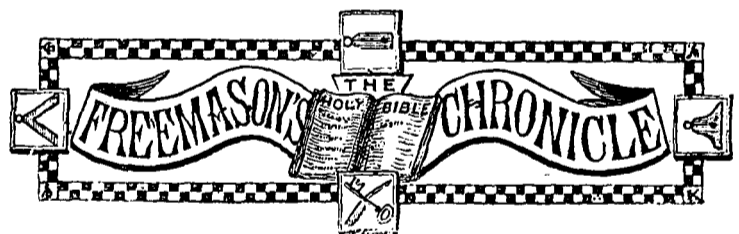
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THE Prov. Grand Master delivered the following address, at Halifax, on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

Officers and Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire,—I thank you heartily for the very cordial reception you have given to me. It is a peculiar pleasure to meet you in this Hall, and under the Banner of my own Lodge, which has flourished for 146 years. In this Lodge I was initiated 1st October 1847, and ten years later I filled the chair, and in 1875 I was installed your Prov. Grand Master. That I am able to be amongst you to-day, and to preside at your first Assembly in 1884, is an occasion of thankfulness on my part to the G.A.O.T.U.

Proby Lodge met a few days ago to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. The Craft sets a special value on the Masonic observances of St. John's Day, a custom which has been observed 300 years past. There are two St. John's Festivals, viz.:—St. John the Baptist, June 24th, and St. John the Evangelist, December 27th. Freemasonry being so full of symbolical allusions, it is significant that its Installation Festivals should be observed at these important periods. We keep these Festivals from a profound reverence for the characters of these divine men, and because the Grand Lodge of England was revived on St. John the Baptist's Day, 24th June 1717, and continued to celebrate this day until 1727, when it substituted for it St. John the Evangelist's Day, the 27th of December, and we hope the Craft will never cease to remember and honour these names by their Festivals in commemoration of our Patron Saints. The teachings of these Evangelists have again prepared us for Christmas time and the New Year, Anno Lucis 5884, when peace on earth,

goodwill to men, is echoed on all sides, is breathed in every part of our symbolical ritual, and aptly rendered in our Masonic principles, —brotherly love, relief and truth.

Christmas week and New Year's week are recognised annual periods of re-union amongst families and their friends whose avocations have kept them apart during the autumn months. Old friends meet again, and the spirit of happiness reigns supreme in our midst, and a happy and prosperous New Year is, therefore, the heartiest desire I can address to all of you, and that the Lodges and yourselves individually may enjoy it in the fullest sense of its interpretation.

It is agreeable to look back upon the year now gone and to feel that the Craft has done good work, as well as complimentary work, and the results show how our efforts have tended to strengthen the Craft and consolidate its laws. The work of confirming the revision of the new Book of Constitutions is a labour not unworthy of our mutual congratulations; this was done at the meeting of Grand Lodge on 5th December, at which our well beloved Deputy, Brother Tew, and many of you were present, under the able and patient direction of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon. Our acknowledgments are due to this most able Master in the Craft, who through many weary hours did wisely, laboriously and judiciously rule its deliberations.

Many of us may regret some changes which have been made in the old Book of Constitutions, and there are others who would have welcomed modifications which have not been accepted. It however appears to me that the characteristic features of our ancient Constitutions have not been materially modified. I thank the Advice Committee of this Province, for their spirited assistance, and doubtless they will, if necessary, continue their labours should it be requisite to amend our own Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-laws in sympathy with the new Book of Constitutions.

Bro. G. E. Webster, of Sheffield, Prov. Grand Register, will shortly report to us the proceedings in Grand Lodge, in reference to the rebuilding scheme of Freemasons' Hall. The opinions of West Yorkshire Masons on this proposal of the London Building Committee were generously supported by my gallant Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, in Grand Lodge, as well as in his own large Province, and by contingents of brethren from the two Provinces of Lancashire, as well as from Northumberland, Cheshire, Cumberland, Westmoreland, North and East Yorkshire, and many more I am unable to catalogue. West Yorkshire mustered nearly 100 brethren, and I do thank each and all of you, and all other Masons there present, for the ready help displayed on this memorable occasion, and the sacrifice you all made of valuable time for the best part of three days to the consideration of the London scheme; neither must I omit the help given by some of our London brethren, and the able and valuable support accorded to our views by the distinguished Bro. John Havers, a P.G. Warden of England.

The London Special Committee had doubtless acted in good faith in propounding, after the fire which injured Freemasons' Hall, their reconstruction scheme, which had one great object in view, and that seemed to be to build a large hall at an immense cost, some £40,000, to buy up worn-out leases, and then virtually to hand over the freehold premises, the property of the Craft, to a firm of refreshment contractors, by granting them a lease for 50 years.

Commercial principles were apparently hardly thought of. But the most disappointing aspect of the proposal of the London Committee, when it came before Grand Lodge, was to find them adhering to their scheme after this Province had, by calling attention to their plans, aroused a feeling of protest in the minds of a large majority of the London Masons and the whole of the Provincial brethren. The suggestions of the London Special Building Committee were not confirmed on the 5th December last, and the resolution so ably proposed by Bro. Webster P.M. No. 139, seconded by Bro. Heelis P. Prov. Registrar of East Lancashire, was carried almost unanimously. Three names were then added to the Special Committee, Captain Beswick Roysds, Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., and our indefatigable Bro. Thomas William Tew, the Deputy of this Province, and Senior Grand Deacon of England. The Re-building Committee thus re-constituted have since met twice in London, on the 14th December 1883, and the 10th inst., and I hope the conclusions which may be ultimately arrived at may be in strict accordance with the resolution of the 5th December.

The complimentary retrospect of this Province has been the part it took in the reception of the Prince of Wales at York, on the 18th July last; the Musical Festival at Leeds, which was honoured by the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Albany; and the Special Provincial Grand Lodge of this Province at Huddersfield, on the 15th October, when I had the honour of presenting in the name of West Yorkshire an Address of Welcome to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany P.G. Warden of England and R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire. It will be long before the greetings offered to His Royal Highness and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany are forgotten, for I say with confidence, "There is no more loyal set of people on earth than the Freemasons of West Yorkshire."

Brethren, once more I thank you all and the then Mayor of Huddersfield, for the splendid manner in which the various arrangements were carried out for the success of that, the first Royal Masonic visit to Huddersfield.

I have little more to add on this occasion, but to refer with satisfaction to the generous subscription lists announced for last year, on behalf of our three great Masonic Charities, which were as follows:—

	£	s	d
Benevolent...	18,449	6	0
Girls' School	12,650	1	0
Boys' School	25,010	17	0
Total ...	£56,110	4	0

Towards which sum West Yorkshire has contributed:—

	£	s	d
Boys' ...	1,500	9	0
Girls' ...	420	0	0
Benevolent ...	645	7	0
Total ...	£2,565	16	0

It is unnecessary for me to dwell on figures of such magnitude as these. They tell their own tale. My desire is that our West Yorkshire Subscription List may be as good this year as in previous years, and that I may rely upon the influence of each W.M. and Charity Member to induce the brethren to "give not grudgingly nor of necessity."

Let me congratulate the brethren of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole, on the acquisition of suitable rooms, which were dedicated to Freemasonry on the 14th December by my Deputy, and on the remarkable progress Freemasonry has made in that inland maritime town of this Riding. Masonry, however, depends upon its high standing with the outside world, very much upon the Past Masters and Masters, rulers and leaders of the various Lodges, and the government of these Lodges internally depends upon the moderation, fortitude, prudence, and justice exercised by them upon the brethren and initiates in the Craft.

And, lastly, on the Secretary's table you will find a number of copies of Liber Musicus. Worshipful Masters wishing to possess a copy for the use of their Lodges can now take one. It is the production of a brother of commanding musical genius, and the accomplishment of an effort on his part to promote appropriate harmony in our symbolical ritual, and has the support of my Deputy.

I also desire to compliment the Leeds brethren on the success of their ball, for the benefit of their local Masonic Charities. I am assured it was a most brilliant gathering, under the auspices of the seven Leeds Lodges.

Brethren, I thank you for your salutation, and for the reception you have accorded to me as your Provincial Grand Master to-day, and I fervently wish you, each and all, prosperity in your several avocations, and a much happier new year than the last was to many of us so far as regards exemption from domestic sickness, and I pray that you may, each in your respective spheres, exercise a beneficial influence on the future progress of Freemasonry or whatever charitable and loyal undertaking gives lustre to our Antient and time-honoured Fraternity. I feel sure you will all reciprocate this sentiment. God speed it well in all its benevolent undertakings, and make it a means of shedding blessings around it.

MASONIC BALL IN WEST LANCASHIRE

ON Wednesday, last week, the brilliant suite of rooms at the Town-hall disclosed an absorbing scene of animation, when the Freemasons and their lady friends once more assembled to partake of the pleasures associated with the thirty-fifth annual ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. This is one of the most popular dances of the year, and the public ball season could not have been more happily inaugurated than it was by the gay throng which flitted through the splendid apartments of the civic mansion from nine o'clock to an early hour in the morning, "chasing the glowing hours with flying feet." The brethren assembled in large numbers, attired for the most part in the picturesque garb of the Craft, and many of the Officers were resplendent with jewels and insignia. The effect of their gaily-hued costumes was heightened by the elegant dresses of the "Lancashire witches;" and at midnight, when the scene was at its height, the gigantic mirrors reflected an interesting and piquant *coup d'œil*. The noble Charity, which receives substantial support from the annual ball, is in a flourishing condition, and at the present moment there are on the foundation of the Institution 166 children (an increase of one as compared with the previous year), whose education and advancement in life has cost £1,166. It is satisfactory to state that the present invested capital is no less than £17,000. The various Lodges show a keen spirit of emulation in contributing to the funds, which are now in such a state as to enable the committee to extend the benefits so that the orphans of Freemasons will not only be educated but entirely clothed and maintained. The committee continue to work with unabated energy, and their labours are crowned with success. The ball was under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress of Liverpool, the Countesses of Carnarvon, Derby, Lathom, Dalhousie, and Bective, Lady Claud John Hamilton, Lady Greenall, Lady Constance Stanley; the Earls of Carnarvon, Derby, Lathom, Bective and Dalhousie, Lord de Tabley, Mr. Edward Whitley, M.P.; Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P., Mr. S. Smith, M.P., Mr. W. Rathbone, M.P., Councillor James Poole P.G.S.W., and Sir A. B. Walker. The ball committee consisted of Bros. H. S. Alpass (Chairman), T. H. Sheen (Vice), T. Whitehead (Treasurer), J. C. Robinson (Secretary), and H. M. Molynaux (Master of the Ceremonies). The following is a list of the Stewards, who carried out the arrangements in an admirable manner.—Bros. Captain J. W. Ballard, J. Atkinson, Major Bulmer, G. Broadbridge, W. E. Coxon, J. Croxton, T. L. Duncan, Dewyer, T. Evans P.P.G.S.D., H. Firth, R. Foote, G. Godfrey, E. George, E. Grindley, E. Graham, J. Jessop, J. Kitchenman, Longbotham, R. Martin, H. M'Guire, J. B. Mackenzie, S. Mattinson, J. M'Gardner, H. Mercer, J. Pendleton, H. Robinson, S. Roberts, T. Salter, Dr. A. Soldat, H. H. Smith, J. H. Stillings, T. H. Sheen, P. Thomas, H. A. Tobias, S. Wright S. Whitehead, J. Jenaway, J. R. Wood, L. Peake, J. Knapman, T. Hamner, T. W. Oakshott, and W. Parker. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and the music was supplied by Mr. J. W. Collinsou's band. A brilliant appearance was imparted to the front of the Town Hall by the electric light, which was fitted up under the superintendence of Brother E. A. Thomson.—*Liverpool Courier*.

REVIEWS.

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A Lexicon of Freemasonry. Containing a Definition of all its Communicable Terms, Notices of its History, Traditions, and Antiquities, and an Account of the Notes and Mysteries of the Ancient World. By Albert G. Mackey, M.D., Secretary General of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, &c. &c. Seventh Edition, Revised. With Appendix, containing an Account of the Degrees Revised, or more recently added to the Craft, and a Series of Articles especially adapted to English Freemasonry, compiled by M. C. Peck P.M., P.Z., 30°, &c. &c., Provincial Grand Secretary and Scribe E. of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. London: Charles Griffin and Company, Exeter Street, Strand.

THE late Bro. Mackey's "Lexicon of Freemasonry" is undoubtedly a useful work. It contains a mass of valuable information, which it must have involved great labour to collate. Indeed, the mere fact of its having reached a seventh edition shows the appreciation in which it is held by Masonic students. Nevertheless, there is also much in it which will not bear strict historical investigation, and Bro. Peck has no doubt acted very wisely in reproducing the original work separately, while his own portion of the new edition is kept apart, and takes the form of an Appendix. In our opinion, however, Bro. Peck would have acted still more wisely had he furnished footnotes, where desirable, in explanation or correction of Bro. Mackey's articles. By way of illustrating our meaning we will take Mackey's article on the History of Grand Lodges, so far as it relates to England. In this are frequent references to the "Ancient York Rite," "Ancient York Masons," "Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons," and we think it ought to have been explained that the notion of there having been a York Rite and York Masons has long since been exploded. Then as to the alleged interruptions to the harmony which at first existed between the Grand Lodges in York and London, they rest on evidence which is of very little value, while the Schism which began about 1738, and resulted some years later in the establishment of a second Grand Lodge, had nothing whatever to do with the then alleged dissensions. Again, this second Grand Lodge was not established till about 1751, when the duties of Grand Master were exercised by the Worshipful Masters of certain Lodges constituted by or composed of Seceders or Schismatics. It is hardly wise, we think, on the part of Bro. Peck to have ignored the labours of Bro. Hughan and others, but especially Bro. Hughan, in connection with these matters. Then the first paragraph in the same article relating to France looks very apocryphal—"In the beginning of the eighteenth century Freemasonry in France was in a state of great disorder. Every Lodge acted independently of all others; the Masters were elected for life, and exercised the privileges and powers which are now confined to Grand Lodges; there was no Masonic centre, and consequently "no Masonic union." So, too, is the next paragraph beginning, "In 1735 there were six Lodges in Paris, and several others in the Provincial towns." Is it well to pass loose writing of this character without appending some notes, so that the reader may be in a position to estimate it at its true value? Freemasonry owes a great deal to Bro. Mackey, but it is unwise to perpetuate or be a party towards perpetuating even his erroneous or unsupported statements.

Again, as to the articles on "Grand Lodges," in which their "jurisdiction" and "organisation" are dealt with, no doubt these are covered by the general explanation in the Preface, that "in the Department of Masonry proper, the Work is based on the American system, which, in many of its working details, is very different from that practised in this country." So far as Mackey is concerned we have no objection to his account being reproduced, but there might and, in our opinion, should have been something stated in the Appendix on this subject, especially on the question of "jurisdiction," which, as elaborated by the Grand Lodges on the American Continent, is almost wholly of United States origin. Moreover, in the other article on "Organisation," we, in this country, must take exception to the following passage: "The Lodges within its jurisdiction"—that is, in the jurisdiction of the newly-formed Grand Lodge—"then surrender their Warrants of Constitution to the Grand Lodges from which they respectively had received them, and accept others from the newly-organised Grand Lodge, which thenceforward exercises all Masonic jurisdiction over the State in which it has been organised." Here it is set forth that the Lodges in a new district "then surrender," as though it were a matter of course that they should surrender, their old warrants. But it is on record that when the Grand Lodge of England agreed to recognise the Grand Lodge of Canada, it did so conditionally that such of the existing Lodges in that Colony as elected to remain in their allegiance, should have their wishes respected, and they were respected. Again, when the Grand Lodge of Quebec constituted itself, the G. Lodge agreed to recognise it on the same condition as was stipulated for in the case of Canada, but the condition was not accepted. There are still three English Lodges in Montreal, which are constituted into a District Grand Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of England; and, according to our English ideas, there is no power, except that of their own will, which can dis sever them from their present connection, it being the connection of their deliberate choice. A few lines to make clear the difference between English and American ideas on these points might well have found a place in the volume, either as a footnote to Bro. Mackey's articles, or in the Appendix. We lay greater stress on the absence of any such remarks, because an attempt has been made to start a spurious Grand Lodge in New South Wales, and the so-called Grand Lodge in this Colony has even obtained recognition from some of the American Grand Lodges, though, it is probable that, if the

latter were fully possessed of all the circumstances, they would withdraw their recognition, and betake themselves to the genial work of wondering how they had ever come to commit such an act of folly. One other omission may be noticed, as it will doubtless give pain to one of our English brethren. We can find no mention of the "Antient and Primitive Rite," for the existence and practice of which in England we can vouch. Perhaps Bro. Peck, being as worthy Bro. Norton might say, an "A. and A. Riter," has no great opinion of the "A. and P. Rite," in which case we advise him in the friendliest spirit to be circumspect.

Having pointed out what we conceive to be errors of omission on the part of the Editor, we have less hesitation in saying frankly that we consider Bro. Peck has otherwise fulfilled his allotted task well. His Appendix is a highly creditable addition to Masonic lexicography. The Notes are lucidly written, and will prove a great help to the student in search of Masonic light. Perhaps Bro. Peck may some day venture on making it more complete by inserting additional notes on such matters as we have specified.

The Masonic Guide for the County of Yorkshire, and Eboracum Masonic Calendar for 1884. Eighth year of Publication. Printed at the Gazette Office, York.

OTHER local calendars may be on a more comprehensive scale, but none with which we have any acquaintance have been compiled with greater attention to accuracy in necessary detail than this publication of Bro. Whytehead's. It contains all the information that is required for local purposes, and is quite a model as regards the arrangements of its matter. We hope its publication will be continued for many years.

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It is possible to over legislate in Masonic as in other matters, but few Masons, we think, will question the propriety of endeavouring to put down the open sale of so-called literature of the Craft which some enterprising publishers have thrust upon the world. The Grand Lodge of Maine have made it a standing regulation—

That no Mason shall sell, offer for sale, buy, or in any manner aid in circulating any printed document or cypher, as a ritual of any part of symbolic Masonry, under penalty of any punishment which may be imposed under the constitution of the Grand Lodge for gross un-Masonic conduct.

We should have thought the obligation in the first degree was sufficient to ensure obedience to a well-understood principle of the Craft. Such a resolution as the foregoing strikes us as being unnecessary, for the reason just given. There are other reasons, however, which should be borne in mind. It says little for the impression made upon candidates at their initiation, to require the supplement of such a resolution; and it augurs ill for the discipline of Freemasonry when another penalty is needed to enforce that which should be considered a sacred duty.

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We have heard it said of a brother that he thought very little of Lodges of Instruction, and he was thankful to say he did not owe his Masonic knowledge to them. This brother is the Master of his Lodge, and as far as we know, he is equal to the duties of his office. We believe he gained his knowledge by private means. We look upon Lodges of Instruction as the nursing mothers of the ritual of the Craft, as the best protection against the desire to seek after spurious and clandestine guides. They are the authoritative colleges of the Order, wherein the neophyte may learn and graduate, where professors teach and expand their knowledge, and where all may strengthen their love of, and respect for, the Fraternity. The brother we have alluded to is happily a rare exception; there are many, on the other hand, who neglect Lodges of Instruction for very different reasons. We wish we could induce these brethren to avail themselves of the services of Lodges of Instruction. Where they do so there would be less slovenliness in entering Lodges, a higher conception of the Craft, and a constantly decreasing desire to seek knowledge by illicit means.

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BEADON CHAPTER, No. 689.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, 10th January, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, City. Comps. F. Sharratt M.E.Z., Carrington H., H. Thompson P.Z. J. The Convocation having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last Convocation read and confirmed, Comp. E. H. Frances (Surrey) took the chair, when Comps. Carrington Bridmore, and Bond were severally presented and installed into the chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J., the whole of these long and interesting ceremonies being performed with an impressiveness and care rarely, if ever, surpassed. Comp. Frances was ably assisted by Comp. Vincent, of the Eccleston Chapter. The following were the appointments made:—Comps. Carrington M.E.Z., Pridmore H., Bond J., Leaman P.S., Sharratt Treasurer, Green S.E., Gordon S.N., Bavin Janitor. A handsome jewel was presented to Comp. Sharratt, he having occupied the position of M.E.Z. for two years. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comps. Frances and Vincent for the valuable services they had rendered in the ceremonies of installation. Propositions for joining and exaltation at the next Convocation were given, and the Chapter was closed in due form, and adjourned until April next. The Companions then retired to the banquet room for refreshment, and on the withdrawal of the cloth the usual Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. The entire proceedings gave unqualified satisfaction.

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WANDERERS' CHAPTER, No. 1604.

THE ordinary convocation was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The Chapter was opened by the principals, Comps. G. Boulton Z., W. Vincent H., F. Wray J., assisted by Comp. Meredith P.Z., and the Companions were admitted. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Brother Gilbert, of the Caxton Lodge, 1853, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The election for Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted in the election of Comps. W. Vincent as Z., F. Wray as H., Seale as J., Baker S.E., Butterworth S.N., Fuller Treasurer, Coop P.S. (who nominated W. Brindley and A. Woods as his Assistants), Schartau Organist, and Lackland Janitor. Comps. Horace White and G. Hamilton were elected Auditors. All Masonic business being over the Chapter was closed and the convocation adjourned till the 3rd Tuesday in April.

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The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement held its usual meeting on Tuesday, 15th inst. Comps. Lilley Z., Daniel H., Webb J., Bell S.N., E. C. Beedell P.S. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell as candidate. The following Companions were elected as Officers for the ensuing fortnight—Comps. Maidwell Z., Webb H., J. S. Nosse J., Langdon S.N., Powell P.S. Comp. Brown undertook to rehearse the ceremony of Installation of Principals on the first Tuesday in March. The Chapter was then closed, and the Convocation adjourned until Tuesday 22nd inst.

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ECCLESTON LODGE AND CHAPTER BALL,
No. 1624.

THE sixth annual ball of the above Lodge, in conjunction with its Chapter, was held on the 11th inst., at the Westminster Town Hall, Caxton-street, under the presidency of the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. C. Tayler, who was supported by the following Stewards:—Bros. A. W. Beckham Secretary, R. Bottle Junior Warden, W. H. Baker, W. Chilcott, J. C. Flattely P.M., J. Galt Fisher Past Master, S. Jones P.M., H. J. Johnson S.W., C. James, A. A. Johnston J.D., D. McLeod P.M., E. Powell P.M., E. Peacock P.M., J. Purnell, W. Vincent P.M., W. Weston W.S. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, ladies, and friends. The new hall is commodious, in every respect suitable for such a purpose, and, as a dispensation had been granted, the brethren wore Masonic clothing, consequently the room presented an animated appearance, the elegant dresses of the ladies forming a pleasing contrast. A very excellent supper was provided by Bro. Raven, of the Windsor Castle, Victoria Station. Three rooms were set apart for the supper arrangements. The usual toasts—the Queen, the W.M., and the Ladies—were given and responded to. Dancing was then resumed to the strains of an excellent band provided by Bro. Seaton. Bro. Sgt.-Major Mackenzie, of the Wanderers' Lodge, and Piper of the Scots Guards, discoursed most eloquently on the bagpipes, his accompaniment of the Highland Schottische being especially relished. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till early morn. The result may be recorded as an eminent success, and all engaged in the management must be congratulated.

In reference to the North London Masonic Benevolent Ball, an account of which we gave last week, we omitted to mention that Mr. Dey, of 37 Offord Road, Barnsbury, kindly lent one of his upright vertical grand pianos for the occasion.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT
TILBURY.

ON Wednesday a new Masonic Lodge for the Province of Essex was consecrated at the contractors' offices on the works at the site of the New Tilbury Docks. The ceremony was to have been performed by Lord Brooke, M.P., the Grand Master of the Province of Essex, but as his lordship had received the Prince of Wales's commands to be elsewhere, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., acted in his stead. In this duty he was assisted by Bros. Clowes Prov. G.S.W. as Senior Warden, Sowman Prov. G.J.W. as Junior Warden, Rev. C. H. Roberts, of Chigwell, Prov. Grand Chaplain as Chaplain, Rulling Prov. Grand Secretary as Secretary, Lacking Prov. Grand D.C. as Director of Ceremonies, and T. F. Barrett Past Prov. Grand Registrar as Inner Guard. After the Lodge had been formally opened Bro. Philbrick explained the cause of the absence of Lord Brooke. Bro. the Rev. C. H. Roberts then delivered an oration, in which he stated the principles of Masonry, and said that the Institution was not a thing of word, but a thing of the heart, and any one entering into it in a proper and true spirit must be a better man in life. He then exhorted the brethren to show the outer world by their acts and deeds that Masonic secrets were brotherly love, relief, and truth. The ceremony of consecration was afterwards proceeded with and completed, and on the presentation of Bro. James Lewis Thomas, Bro. Philbrick installed Bro. Donald S. Baynes as Master of the Lodge. The brethren invested as Officers of the Lodge were Bros. Manning Senior Warden, Dudgeon Junior Warden, Kirk Past Master 1328 Treasurer, Randall Secretary, Ross Senior Deacon, Porter Inner Guard, Hamilton Past Master Director of Ceremonies, Rowe Tyler. A vote of thanks was afterwards accorded to the Consecrating Officer and those who assisted him, and they were all elected honorary members of the Lodge. A banquet, which was splendidly prepared and served, was subsequently partaken of at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, the heartiest congratulations on the formation of the Lodge and the sincerest wishes for its success being expressed.

A large number of Craftsmen assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, under the banner of the Universal Lodge, No. 181. Brother W. R. Norris was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the outgoing Master Brother Thomas C. Fryer. A full report shall appear in our next issue.

The following dinners were held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 19th January:—

14th January—London Society Ball, St. George and Corner Stone Lodge; 15th—Salisbury Lodge, Cadogan Lodge; 16th—Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge, Novo Magus, Messrs. Spreckley, White and Lewis; 17th—Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Globe Lodge, Linnæan Club; 18th—Helens Club Ball, Metropolitan Dairymen, Jordan Lodge, University Lodge, Sergeants' E Division.

MARK MASONRY.

CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE Quarterly Meeting of this flourishing Mark Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on 10th inst., under the presidency of the popular W.M., Bro. J. P. Lewin, Prov. G.S.D. East Anglia. Four new members having been admitted, the annual election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, when the brethren unanimously re-elected Bro. Lewin for a further term of twelve months. Bro. F. A. Cole was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Munson Tyler. Eight new candidates having been proposed, it was decided to hold a Lodge of Emergency, previous to the next regular meeting. It was also arranged that the Secretary should communicate with the Provincial Grand Secretary for East Anglia, with a view of inviting the R.W. P.G.M. to hold his first Provincial Grand Lodge at Colchester, during the ensuing summer. After Lodge the brethren spent a pleasant hour in social intercourse.

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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, 19th JANUARY.

- 108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7 (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 Signal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 3
 R.A. 142—St. Thom's's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 R.A. 63—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 21st JANUARY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, 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.
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1459—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 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, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerks, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
 2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1593—Trinfalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 77—Freedora, 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 Moon Hotel, Gatheshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthberts, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congressbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1973—Saxe and Sele, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 249—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 R.A. 731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
 R.A. 951—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Devsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 111—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
 115—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 269—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Penwall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 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)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)

- 1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8.30 (In)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1714—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Peaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 M.M. 282—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 2—Antiquity, 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)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 222—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown-tale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 867—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgovne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1278—Burdett Counts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 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)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1967—Beacon Court, Gluznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 24th JANUARY.

- House Committee Girls' School, Battersca 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, Colloge-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 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)
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 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. (Inst.)
 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. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyno Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.
 49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gatheshead. (Instruction)
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 73—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 343—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 591—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
 580—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. 424—De Burgh, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 25th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 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. (Instruc.)
 589—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
 750—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammer-smith (Instruction)
 893—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1058—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)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, 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—Lyons-gate, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hall, Manchester
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 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. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 597—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY.

188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1824—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1879—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-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1882—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE usual meeting of the above Lodge took place on Thursday, 10th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. Lancaster I.P.M., who acted as W.M. during the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. T. Smith. (through illness), Runtz S.W., Bieling J.W., Bryant S.D., Tongue J.D., Banks Tyler. The principal business consisted in passing Bro. Potts, which was performed in a most perfect manner by the W.M. pro tem. It was unanimously agreed that the sum of ten guineas should be placed on the list of the worthy Treasurer, Bro. Nowakowski, who had consented to represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival for the Old People. This was proposed by Bro. Paas Sec., and seconded by Bro. Apsey. It was also agreed to place Bro. St. Nowakowski on the list as a country member of the Lodge, he having removed to Brighton. Bye-law No. 9 was altered; this change will make the visiting fee for the installation banquet 15s instead of 10s 6d as before. All other business being ended, Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to partake of a modest supper. After the usual Loyal toasts had been responded to, the acting W.M. proposed the health of the absent W.M., and hoped that he might soon be restored to health, and be again amongst them. This was most heartily received. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitor, Bro. W. Little, Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, who responded, and thanked the brethren for the entertainment afforded him. The following P.M.'s were present—Bros. Lancaster, Dr. Corrie Jackson, Dr. Victor Jagielski, Rath, Paas Secretary, Nowakowski Treasurer. The members likewise had to regret the absence of their Oganist, Bro. Bell, through illness.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, when the W.M., Bro. Walter Hopekirk P.M., was supported by the following Officers and brethren—Bros. Col. M. Ramsay P.D.G.M. Punjab I.P.M., John Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex S.W., C. H. Phillips J.W., E. Bye sen. Treasurer, H. Maunder Williams Secretary, Jos. W. Hartley J.D., H. Hooper I.G., G. W. Knight W.S., Ang. Darch P.M. Asst. W.S., R. R. Johnston Organist; also Bros. A. F. Croft jun., F. France, Thos. Cox, W. H. Simons, F. Wootton, J. A. Gilbert, T. W. Ald-

winckle. Visitors—Bros. Letchford and Bartlett. Lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The ballot was taken for three candidates; it proved unanimous, and the W.M. initiated these gentlemen (Messrs. James Fuller, Thomas Letchford and Robert Neilans) into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Gilbert proved his qualifications, and was entrusted. Lodge was further advanced, and Bro. Gilbert was raised by the W.M. to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This meeting being the last of the current year, the elections for W.M., Treasurer and Tyler were made according to the Bye-laws of the Lodge. Bro. John Hammond S.W. expressed his desire to waive any claim he might have upon the brethren for promotion to the chair in favour of Bro. Phillips, so that the Junior Officers to himself might the sooner be able to obtain the chair of K.S., which he had already filled several times. Other brethren who were similarly eligible also withdrew their names, and the ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. C. H. Phillips J.W. The W.M. elect acknowledged, in a few earnest words, the honour done him by the brethren, and trusted he might be able to emulate (he could not hope to equal) the excellent work of their present W.M. (Bro. Hopekirk). He (Bro. Phillips) as well as those who would follow him in after years were indebted to Bro. Hammond for his self-denial in giving them the opportunity of advancing at least one year earlier than they could have expected, and he trusted the Lodge would recognise this and Bro. Hammond's other valuable services in some suitable manner, at an early date. Bro. Hopekirk W.M. was then elected Treasurer of the Lodge. Bro. C. Thomas P.G. Tyler Herts was re-elected Tyler. It was proposed by Bro. Darch P.M. Asst. W.S., and seconded by Bro. John Hammond S.W., and resolved unanimously, that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Walter Hopekirk W.M. on the completion of his year of office as a mark of esteem of the brethren, and in appreciation of his valued services to the Lodge. Firstly, as a Founder, and secondly, as its first W.M. Bros. Bartlett and Callen were proposed as joining members. After routine business had been transacted, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned in perfect harmony. An excellent repast was afterwards partaken of, supplied by the worthy host, Bro. Bye. Time did not admit of many speeches, but the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were received most heartily. Bros. Crofts and Simons, with others, favoured the brethren with several songs and pieces of much beauty. Bro. Williams, the Secretary, officiated as pianist, and Bro. R. Ralli Johnston proved a most efficient Director of Music.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on the 12th inst. Bros. Ferrar W.M., Harding S.W., Liebman J.W., Ashton S.D., Rhodes J.D., O'Donnell I.G., Peary Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Mal-lord, Richardson, Gribbell, Gildersleve, Bleakley, Turner, Wool-veridge, Ockelford, Fenner and Weedon. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Turner offered himself as a candidate, was examined, and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Woolveridge candidate. Bro. Peary worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual supper. Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 19th inst.

At the last monthly meeting of the Friendship Lodge, No. 928, Petersfield, Bro. J. Swan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and will be duly installed at the next regular Lodge, to be held on the first Monday in February.

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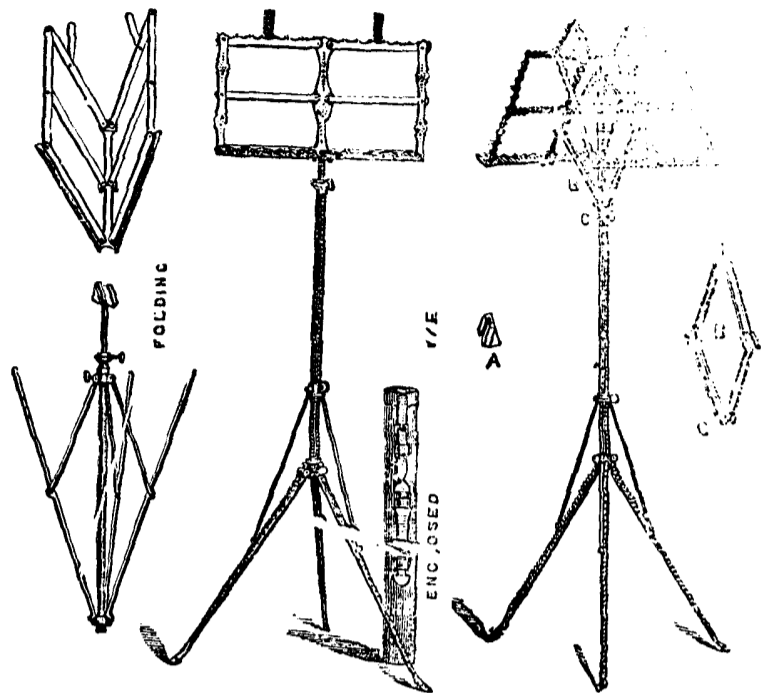
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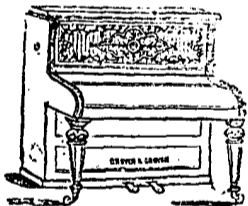
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