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DEATH OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY.

INTELLIGENCE has been received to-day (Friday) of the death, at Cannes, at half-past two o'clock this morning, of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, who was *en route* to the royal wedding in Germany. The news was at once despatched to Her Majesty the Queen, and to the Prince of Wales, who was on a visit to the Earl of Sefton at Aintree. The Grand Master announced his intention of immediately returning to town. The Duke of Albany, with the Duchess, has been on a visit to the Continent for a short time, and the last intelligence published with respect to his movements was contained in a telegram from Nice on Tuesday, stating that on the previous night he had been present at the Bachelors' Ball, given in the rooms of the Mediterranean Club at that place by a committee of gentlemen, of which his Royal Highness was president. The Duke remained to an advanced hour on Tuesday morning, and the telegram also mentioned that he was looking remarkably well.

According to *Debrett*, "His Royal Highness Leopold George Duncan Albert, K.G., K.T., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., P.C., D.C.L.; *b.* 7th April 1853; matriculated at Oxford University 1872 (Hon. D.C.L. 1876); introduced at Privy Council 1874; elected a Younger Brother of Trinity House 1875, and an Elder Brother 1878; installed Provincial G. Master of Freemasons of Oxfordshire Feb. 1876; became a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn 1877; appointed a Col. in the Army, and Hon. Col. 3rd Batn. Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, Duke of Albany's) 1882; has the Russian Orders of St. Andrew, St. Alexander Newski, and the White Eagle of Poland, the Southern Cross of Brazil, the St. George of Hanover, the Turkish Imperial Order of Osmanli, the Greek Order of the Redeemer, the Orders of Louis of Hesse and Philip of Hesse, the Order of Leopold of Belgium, the Order of the Black Eagle of Prussia, the Ernestine Family, and the Order of the Lion of the Netherlands, &c.; *n.* 1874 was granted £15,000 a year by Act of Parliament, and in 1882 an additional £10,000; *m.* 27th April 1882, H.S.H. the Princess Hélène Frederica Augusta, dau. of His Serene Highness the reigning Prince of Waldeck and Pymont, and has issue."

His Royal Highness served the Office of Junior Warden of Grand Lodge of England in 1877, and has always evinced a deep interest in the doings of the Craft.

As this melancholy intelligence only reaches us as we are going to press, we can give no particulars of the cause of death, but this is reported as accruing from the breaking of a blood vessel.

FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA.

WE have lately received copies of the Proceedings of sundry Masonic Bodies in the United States, the following brief particulars of which may prove interesting to our readers.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada held its tenth annual Convocation in the City of Virginia, Na., on the 11th and 12th June of last year, under the presidency of Comp. Adolphus L. Fitzgerald, Grand King, as Grand High Priest, Comps. Horatio S. Mason Grand Treasurer, John D. Hammond Grand Secretary, W. Sutherland G.C. of A., De Witt C. McKennay P.G.H.P., David E. Baily P.G.H.P., Frank Bell P.G.H.P., Chauncey N. Noleware P.G.H.P., and others being among those present. Regret having been expressed at the unavoidable absence of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. W. Timson, and other Companions, the address of the Deputy Grand High Priest was distributed. The Grand Secretary submitted his report for the previous year, from which it appears that after satisfying all liabilities there was a balance of Receipts over Expenditure amounting to 1353.50 dollars—over £250. The Reports from the various Committees were submitted, and from the statement of returns it appears that the membership has slightly increased. The business of the meeting concluded with the election and installation of the following principal Officers, namely: Comps. Chauncey N. Noleware G.H.P., A. L. Fitzgerald D.G.H.P., Thomas A. Menary Grand King, W. Sutherland Grand Scribe, H. S. Mason Grand Treasurer, John D. Hammond Grand Secretary, George H. Fogg G.C. of H., and Peter G. King G.R.A.C. All business having been dispatched, Grand Chapter closed after a very enjoyable meeting.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois was held in Chicago on the 25th and 26th October last, the following being the Grand Officers present, namely:—

Comp. Samuel Shannon	...	Grand High Priest.
William L. Orr	...	Deputy Grand High Priest.
John A. Ladd	...	Grand King.
George H. Sampson	...	Grand Scribe.
Gilbert W. Barnard	...	Grand Secretary.
Wiley M. Egau	...	Grand Treasurer.
Rev. William H. Scott	...	Grand Chaplain.
George W. Curtiss	...	Grand Captain of the Host.
Philander W. Barclay	...	Grand Principal Sojourner.
Sylvester O. Spring	...	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Joseph E. Dyas	...	Grand Master of 3rd Veil.
James Mayor	...	Grand Master of 2nd Veil.
Edward C. Pace	...	Grand Master of 1st Veil.
John P. Ferns	...	Grand Steward.
Arnold R. Robinson	...	Grand Tyler.

The address of the G.H. Priest and the different reports were most satisfactory, that of the Treasurer showing that the receipts, including the balance brought forward from the previous year, amounted to close on 21,317 dollars, and the expenditure to nearly 11,724 dollars, so that there remained at the end of the year a balance in hand of 9,593 dollars. It also appears that the Jurisdiction contains 169 Chapters in full activity, and that the membership increased during the year from 11,260 to 11,743. The following are the Grand Officers for the current, namely:—

Comp. William L. Orr	...	Grand High Priest.
John A. Ladd	...	Deputy Grand High Priest.

John O'Neill ...	Grand King.
George W. Curtiss ...	Grand Scribe.
Gilbert W. Barnard ...	Grand Secretary.
Wiley M. Egan ...	Grand Treasurer.
John H. Gunn ...	Grand Chaplain.
Philander W. Barclay ...	Grand Captain of the Host.
Sylvester O. Spring ...	Grand Principal Sojourner.
Joseph E. Dyas ...	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
James Mayor ...	Grand Master of 3rd Veil.
Edward C. Pace... ..	Grand Master of 2nd Veil.
Jacob Krohn ...	Grand Master of 1st Veil.
John P. Ferns ...	Grand Steward.
Arnold R. Robinson ...	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota held its fourteenth annual assembly in the City of St. Paul on the 8th of October, under the presidency of Comp. Grove B. Cooley M.I.G.M. The annual address and the G. Treasurer's statement of account were submitted, and very favourably impressed the audience. The following are the Grand Officers for the year, namely:—

Comp. Grove B. Cooley...	M.I.G.M.
D. M. Baldwin ...	R.I.D.G.M.
D. B. Smith ...	R.I.G.P.C. of W.
G. W. Merrill ...	R.I.G. Treasurer.
William Cheney ...	R.I.G. Recorder.
E. E. McDermott ...	G.C. of G.
J. H. Lavaque ...	G.C. of C.
G. S. Acker ...	Grand Marshal.
J. P. Pond ...	Grand Chaplain.
E. A. Broughton...	Grand Steward.
J. C. Fisher ...	Grand Sentinel.

It should be mentioned that in each of the several Proceedings the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence forms the most conspicuous feature.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PHILADELPHIA.

EARLY MEMBERS OF THE LODGE—1731-8.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

OUR article on the "Discovery of the Original Ledger of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, A.D. 1731 to 1738," has excited so much attention, and proved of so much value, that we shall make some further extracts from this unique Masonic Lodge record, prefacing them with a brief account of the Brethren whose Masonic record is therein contained, and also with a reference to the origin of St. John's Lodge.

It will be remembered that Freemasonry was warranted in Pennsylvania on 5th June 1730, by "His Grace, Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, and Hereditary Marshal of England. * * Chief of the illustrious family of the Howards, and Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England"—as his Deputation of above date to Bro. Daniel Coxe, as "Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, in America," testifies.

Benjamin Franklin, shortly before he was made a Mason (which occurred in St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, in February 1731), in the issue of his *Pennsylvania Gazette* for the 3rd December 1730, published the following statement:

"As there are several Lodges of Free Masons erected in this Province, and people have been lately much amused with conjectures concerning them; we think the following account of Freemasonry from London will not be unacceptable to our readers."

We have discovered minute and reliable details with regard to one of the "several Lodges" spoken of by Franklin in 1730. The fact that there was *at least another*, is proved by the Bell letter of 1754, for Bro. Henry Bell, in that letter (which we quote below), says that he was a member of a Lodge that was chartered by Prov. Grand Master Coxe in 1730, and his name does not appear on the lists of members of "St. John's Lodge," so that he must, *ex necessitate*, have been a member of *another* Lodge. We may, therefore, reasonably look for the discovery of other Lodge records at no remote day.

We quote from the letter that Bro. Henry Bell, of Lancaster, wrote on 17th November 1754, to Bro. Thomas Cadwallader, M.D., of Philadelphia, as follows, remarking in connection therewith, that Henry Bell paid taxes on property assessed in his name in Derry township, Lancaster County, Pa., from 1750 to 1654.*

* See Vol. I. of "Reprints of Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," issued by the Library Committee.

"As you well know, I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. A party of us used to meet at the Tun Tavern, in Water-street, and sometimes opened a Lodge there. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a charter for a regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England, for one; but before receiving it we heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We therefore made application to him, and our request was granted."*

In 1735 a Philadelphia Lodge was noticed in print in the "Pocket Companion for Freemasons," printed in Dublin in 1735 as "116 *The Hoop, in Water-street, in Philadelphia, 1st Monday.*" Bro. Wm. James Hughan, of England, discovered this volume, and presented a copy of it to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.† As we shall hereafter show, we think we have identified *this* Lodge with St. John's Lodge.

With these preliminary remarks we shall quote, either entire or in part, the Masonic records of Bros. William Allen, Thomas Boude, William Pringle, John Hubart, Humphry Murray, Thomas Hopkinson, Owen Owen and Thomas Cadwallader, as contained in the St. John's Lodge Ledger, accompanying them with brief details of the character and standing of the brethren named.

Chief Justice William Allen, one of the best known men in the Province of Pennsylvania, is named second in this Ledger.

He was the son of an eminent merchant, and himself one of the most learned, influential, and wealthy men of his time. We have been at some pains to trace, from various authentic sources, his whole career, and have been unusually successful. It is matter of sincere congratulation that the Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania in the year 1732, and a second time in 1750, was a person so distinguished, and that the record of his greatness remains to this day. In the year 1728 he was a member of the Common Council of Philadelphia; from 1731 to 1734 (covering the year he was Grand Master) he was an Alderman of the city; from 1741 to 1750 he was Recorder; in 1750, he was again Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, appointed by Lord Byron G. Master of England; and in the same year was appointed Chief Justice of the Province, and filled that honourable station for many years. He was distinguished for his love of Literature and the Arts; he was the friend and patron of Benjamin West the great painter; and he co-operated with Franklin in establishing the College at Philadelphia, now famous as the University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of Congress, and of the Committee of Safety, but became a loyalist in the American War for Independence, and in the latter part of 1776 placed himself under the protection of Gen. Howe at Trenton, and two years afterwards made an unsuccessful attempt to raise a regiment for the British cause. A wag said, that he joined the royal side "because the Continental Congress presumed to declare the American States free and independent without first asking the consent, and obtaining the approbation, of himself and wise family." No person in Pennsylvania was richer than Judge Allen, or possessed greater influence. In 1761 he was one of the three persons in Philadelphia who kept a coach. His own was drawn by four horses, and his coachman, who was imported from England, was "a great whip." He died in England in 1780.‡

We quote William Allen's Masonic record entire:—

		W ^m ALLEN, Esq., Grandm ^r ,		
A ^o Dom:		to Stock		
1731				Dr.
June	24	To 5 Lodge days @ 6d p diem ...	...	2 6
July	5	for absence this Lodge day 1s and to stock 6d	...	1 6
August	2	for absence this day 1s and monthly quota 6d	...	1 6
Sept.	6	for absence this day 1s and monthly quota 6d	...	1 6
Oct.	4	for absenting this day 1s and monthly quota 6d ...	...	1 6
Nov.	1	for absence this day 1s and monthly quota 6d	...	1 6
Dec.	6	for absence this day 1s and monthly quota 6	...	10 0
1731-2				1 6
Jan'y	3	for absence this day 1s and monthly quota 6	...	1 6
Feb'y	7	for absence this day 1s and monthly quota 6	...	1 6
March	6	for Ditto and monthly quota ...	...	1 6

* Dedication Memorial of the New Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, p 21.

† See Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1875, pp 77-81.

‡ See MacCalla's "Philadelphia the Mother City of Freemasonry in America," p 31.

1732	April	3	to monthly quota 6d	...	...	6
	May	1	for absence 1s and quota 6d	...	...	1 6
						18 0
	June	5	" 1s " 6d	...	...	1 6
						19 6
	July	3	" 1s " 6d	...	...	1 6
	August	7	for ditto	...	...	1 6
	Sept.	4	"	...	...	6
	Oct.	19	"	...	...	6
	Nov.	6	for absence 1s and quota 6d	...	...	1 6
	Dec.	4	for do	...	...	1 6
1732-3	Jan.	1	"	...	...	1 6
						1 8 0
	Feb.	5	"	...	...	1 6
	March	5	"	...	...	1 0
1733	April	2	"	...	...	1 6
	May	7	"	...	...	1 6
						1 14 0
	June	4	"	...	...	1 6
						1 15 6
	July	2	for Stock	...	...	6
	Aug.	6	"	...	...	6
	Sept.	3	"	...	...	6
		29	"	...	...	6
	Nov.	5	"	...	...	6
						1 18 0
	Xbr		for ditto	...	...	6
	Jan.	7	"	...	...	6
	Feb.	4	"	...	...	6
	March	4	"	...	...	6
	June	3	"	...	...	1 6
						2 1 6
1734	June		To Balance of former acct. in Folio 2	...	...	£1 1 6
1735	June	2	To one year's Stock due this day	...	...	6
1736	June	7	To Ditto	...	...	6
1737	June	6	To Ditto	...	...	6
	June	6	To his absence money @ 10 p.	...	...	10 10
						£2 10 4
1738	June	24	To one year's Stock	...	...	6
1739	June	24	To Ditto	...	...	6
			per Contra			Cr
A° Dom.						
1731	June	24	To moneys rec'd to Stock	...	...	2 6
1732	June	24	By moneys rec'd to Stock	...	...	17 0
						0 19 6
	Mar.	4	By Do	...	...	6
						£1 0 0
1734	June		Balance carried forward to new acct on Folio 44	...	...	1 1 6
1736	June	24	By cash	...	...	£1 17 6
1737	June	24	By ditto in full	...	...	12 10
						2 10 4

In 1732 Thomas Boude was appointed Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by Grand Master Allen, at the same time that Benjamin Franklin was appointed Junior Grand Warden.

We quote from Thomas Boude's Masonic Record, as follows:

A° Dom :

1731 THOMAS BOUDE TO STOCK, DR.

1731	June	24	To 5 Lodge days omissions @ 6d p. day	...	...	2 6
	July	5	To stock for this Lodge day	...	...	6
	Aug.	2	For absence 1s and monthly quota 6d	...	...	1 6
	Sept.	6	For absence 1s and monthly quota 6d	...	...	1 6
	Oct.	4	For absence 1s and monthly quota 6d	...	...	1 6
	Nov.	1	For your monthly quota 6d	...	...	6
	Dec.	6	To monthly quota	...	...	6
1731-2	Jan.	3	For absence 1s and monthly quota 6d	...	...	1 6
	Feb.	7	To quota	...	...	6
	March	6	For absence 1s and quota 6d	...	...	1 6

1732
 April 3 To quota 6d 6
 May 1 To quota 5d 6
 and this account regularly continues to June 24, 1738.

William Pringle was appointed Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in 1732, by Grand Master Allen.

(To be continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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MASONIC CHARLATANS AND DREAMERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I anticipate having to read a sharp rebuke from Brother "Tender Toes" for always finding fault with Masonic Charlatans, &c., and his arguments will doubtless be illustrated with quotations from the Psalms of David and what not. Now, I do not expect to conciliate Bro. "Tender Toes," but I appeal to you and your readers at large. 1st. Have we not Charlatans and Dreamers in the Craft? 2nd. If so, are they not a disgrace to the Fraternity? 3rd. If so, then why does not the said T. T. point out some method less objectionable, either for reforming, enlightening, shaming, or for ridding the Craft in some way from these intolerable Masonic pests. We have too many writers who are ever ready to apologize for the notions of our dreamers. Even your intelligent correspondent, "INQUIRER," undertook to find fault with Bro. Woodford for his just comments on the ridiculous oration of the so-called Grand Prior of Canada. But here is a paragraph from Bro. Kenning's Cyclopædia; and who can gainsay it?

"Freemasonry," says Bro. Woodford, "has suffered severely from charlatans at different epochs and in different countries. Many charlatans have no doubt disgraced its annals and tarnished its good fame, and despite advanced light and knowledge, we do not feel quite sure but that even in this our own age charlatans, not a few, may still be found in our worthy Craft at home and abroad."

Now for a specimen of Masonic dreamers from the same work. "Oliver indeed states that, according to ancient tradition, the Temple of Solomon had three foundations; the first of which contained the seventy stones, five rows from north to south, and fourteen in each row, running from east to west. The centre row corresponded with the upright of a cross, whose transverse was formed by two stones on each side of the eleventh stone from the east end of the centre row, of which the upright is formed, and the fourth stone from the west end of it. This stone, which hence occupies the place of the crossing of the beams, was under the centre of the sanctum sanctorum, where were deposited the ark of the covenant."

"We do not know," adds Bro. Woodford, "where Oliver got his tradition, and we merely transcribe his words."

After reading the above specimen will Bro. "Tender Toes" pretend to tell us that such stuff is not an insult to the intelligence of the Masonic Fraternity? But here is another notion which our learned luminaries imported into Masonry. Bro. Woodward says:—

"Some writers have found Freemasonry in the *Disciplina Arcana*; we have no hesitation in saying that the theory is utterly idle. The only apparent resemblance between the two systems is that of mystery. [Yes, mystery with them is of course Masonry.] It is sad to see how many writers have followed a 'will o' the wisp' in their treatment of this subject, for it has nothing akin to Freemasonry. And much that has been written about it, rests upon no real authority whatever. There are those who find analogy in everything; but there is no possible connection between *Disciplina Arcana* and Freemasonry. That the early Christians may have accommodated the word (the word is Greek to me) to the Christian faith, is probably the case, but it was an accommodation which only applied to the name, not to the substance."

We see now that Bro. Woodford does not believe that the early Christians rode a goat, or were in any way an organized secret society. But in an article in this paper of 2nd February, viz., "Christianity and Masonry," copied from the *Keystone*, Bro. McCalla says—

"In the time of Justin Martyr (A.D. 170) Christianity was positively a secret society; but a few years later it became, if possible, still more so. In the time of Pope Innocent I. (A.D. 417) Bishop Dientius consulted the Pope upon the subject of Sacramental Rites, when he was told, 'That instead of asking for explanations in writing about secret things, he should have contented himself with observing what took place in the celebration of the Mysteries, at which he had several times assisted.' And after giving some sage advice Pope Innocent concludes, 'As to the other things about which we are not permitted to write, you will ask us when you come here and we will be able to answer. A written communication would betray the secret. (Migne's Pathology, vol xx. p 51).'"

Bro. McCalla is one of the few Masonic editors who aspire to rise to the fame of Messrs. Oliver, Mackey, Moore and Co. In short, he will stick at nothing to gain a point. He imagines that with an isolated or garbled quotation, and with his well-known assumption of hammering down his assertions with "it is undoubtedly" or "it is positively so," that he can make Masons believe anything and everything he pleases. But he is mistaken. I have read and reviewed

the writings of Justin Martyr, but I have no recollection of reading anything in Justin Martyr's writings to indicate the idea that the Christians of his time were an organized secret society; but here is the opinion of the learned Protestant Ecclesiastical historian upon the subject. Dr. Mosheim says:—

"The ancient Christians are supposed by many to have had a secret doctrine, and if by this be meant that they did not teach all in the same manner, or reveal all at once and to all indiscriminately the sublime mysteries of religion, there is nothing in this that may not be fully justified." After further explanation the author goes on to say: "Those who consider the secret doctrine of this century in any other light, or give to it a greater extent than what we have here attributed to it, confounds the superstitious practices of the following ages with the simplicity of that discipline which prevailed at the time of which we write." (Maclaine's Mosheim, chap. 3, vol. i.)

Biassed historians are bad enough, but biassed ecclesiastical writers are abominable. These, like our own pious Masonic luminaries, stick at nothing to gain a point; so it was in olden time, and so it is now. Mosheim, after giving an account of the enthusiastic frenzy of the monks and of their maxims, goes on to say:—

"One of these was, 'That it was an act of virtue to deceive and lie, when by such means the interest of the church might be promoted. Another point was, 'That errors in religion when maintained and adhered to . . . were punishable with civil penalties and corporal tortures.' Of these erroneous maxims, the former (of lying and deceiving) was now of long standing; it had been adopted for some ages past and had produced an incredible number of ridiculous fables, fictitious prodigies, and pious frauds. . . . And it must be frankly confessed that the greatest men and most eminent saints of this century were more or less tainted with the infection of this corrupt principle, as will appear evidently to such as look with an attentive eye into their writings and their actions. We would willingly except from this charge Ambrose and Hilary, Augustin, Gregory, Nazianzen and Jerome, but truth, which is more respectable than these venerable fathers, obliges us to involve them in the general accusation."

With the above confession of so high an authority as Dr. Mosheim, I feel justified in discrediting the historical writings of the old Christian Fathers. The translators and commentators of the works of the "Ante-Nicean Fathers," admit that some works attributed to Christian Fathers of certain centuries, were not written until a hundred or more years later. From all I have read about the early Christians, I am inclined to doubt about their having held secret meetings in the Roman catacombs—say once a week—for any length of time, even during one year, without being discovered, dispersed, or apprehended by the Roman police. It is, however, highly probable that during certain periods, and in certain localities, when and where the Christians were prohibited from holding public worship, that they assembled in secret, either at night or early in the morning, to perform their devotions. We find that in the days of Charles II. and the first year or so of the reign of James II., when the "Five Mile Act," and the "Conventicle Act" were enforced in England, that the Puritans, like the early Christians, met secretly for the same purpose. The Puritan minister had to sneak into the town, disguised as a bricklayer, a carter, and what not; he had to get into a neighbouring house, and climb from the attic window into the apartment where his congregation were assembled; but we have no more reliable evidence that the early Christians rode a mystic goat than we have about the Puritans having performed mystic rites. Meeting secretly is not necessarily a secret society in the sense Freemasons are recognized in.

I admit that the early Christian Fathers, in order to make Christianity popular, have Christianized Pagan festivals; also introduced Pagan ceremonies into their churches, and adopted Pagan phrases into their nomenclature; thus, "mysteries" and "sacred mysteries" were Pagan phrases originally. But I think that these phrases were meant as mere metaphors. The priest could not demonstrate the dogmas of the Trinity, Resurrection, &c., so he referred to those dogmas as "sacred mysteries." If Bro. MacCalla is so positive that the Christians in A.D. 170 were a secret society, he ought to have furnished evidence that Justin Martyr was a Grand Master, Grand Warden, or something else grand in the secret society.

Bro. MacCalla quotes Migne as his authority that Pope Innocent and somebody else referred to some secret or secrets; and what of it? Must Innocent's secret refer to a mystic goat society? As to Migne, all I can learn about him is, that he was a French Catholic priest, that he undertook to compile, by steam as it were, some two thousand theological works; that after he issued some hundred or more volumes of a theological dictionary, and numerous other compilations of the same character, the Bishop lost faith in Father Migne's compilations, and ordered him to stop compiling. If I recollect right, Migne continued his enterprise in spite of the Bishop's prohibition, till his printing establishment was burnt down. That is all I know about Migne. Now, when I find that Bro. MacCalla believes in Migne (that is, I suppose he gave us his true opinion of him), while the French Catholic Bishop evidently did not have any great faith in Migne; and while I find that neither Drs. Mosheim and Maclaine, nor Bro. Woodford believe in the story of an early secret Christian society, I surely need not feel ashamed to be numbered among the disbelievers.

I shall only add that, thirty years ago, the ware which Bro. MacCalla now offers for sale was regarded of great value in the Masonic market. But Masonic iconoclasts have in a great measure brought that kind of stuff into contempt, and I think that Bro. Gould's History of Freemasonry is destined to make a thorough finish of it. The fact is, Masonic dreaming is (as they say here) "played out." If therefore Bro. MacCalla is ambitious of acquiring a good reputation as a Masonic writer, I would earnestly recommend him to change his course and turn over a new leaf.

Fraternally yours,
JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 25th February 1884.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I wrote the letter on this subject, which you kindly published last week, I remembered that Bro. Sadler had already refuted a similar statement to Bro. Norton's about there being no Grand Chaplains before the Union, but I had no file of the CHRONICLE at hand to quote from or refer to, and was content therefore with stating what I knew, as I was aware it could be verified from the official records.

I have since seen Bro. Sadler, and he has shown me a letter he had received from Bro. Norton, in which the latter fully recognised his error in stating that there were no such Officers before 1813, but Bro. Norton's communication to your journal, in which he made the assertion had, through pressure of work, escaped his (Bro. Sadler's) observation. Consequently, the opportunity of setting Bro. Norton right by means of his own subsequent admissions did not occur to him. Perhaps you will be good enough to find a corner for this brief note. I do not wish Bro. Sadler to suppose I was in any way desirous of trespassing on his province of repeating a refutation he had once already made. Bro. Norton is usually so careful that I hope he will not imagine I was anxious for once to catch him tripping; and Bro. Sadler assures me that it was only in consequence of the recent heavy demands on his time, and not from any intentional neglect, that he omitted to comply with Bro. Norton's request to rectify the mistake.

Fraternally yours,

Q.

London, 25th March 1884.

ROYAL ARCH.

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ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 26th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. W. Vincent P.Z. as M.E.Z., J. G. Fisher H., J. Wyer P.Z. J., Isaacs Treasurer, Beckham S.E., C. Tayler S.N., Bond jan. P.S.; also Comps. Wray, Francis, James, Bond sen., Johnson. Visitors—Pulman P.Z. 157 and 1339, Moxon M.E.Z. elect 1159, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. The auditors' report was read and adopted. Comp. J. G. Fisher Z. elect was then installed M.E.Z. by Comp. W. Vincent, in a perfect and impressive manner. Comps. J. Wyer P.Z. and G. Taylor were installed H. and J. The Z. then in appropriate terms invested his Officers, Beckham S.E., Isaacs Treasurer, Bond S.N., Flatterley P.S., Coulthard 1st Assistant, C. Lee 2nd Assistant, James Steward, Shepherd Janitor. A letter of apology was read from the I.P.Z. Comp. H. Johnson, who was unable to be present on account of indisposition. Comp. W. Vincent P.Z. asked the sanction of the M.E.Z. to hold a Chapter of Improvement under the auspices of the Chapter. This was unanimously agreed to. The Chapter was then closed until the 4th Wednesday in June. The company adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet was provided, under superintendence of Bro. Hamp. The M.E.Z. briefly proposed the Loyal and R.A. toasts. Companion Vincent P.Z. said it afforded him great pleasure, in the absence of the I.P.Z., to propose the health of the M.E.Z. He had the pleasure of initiating Comp. Fisher into Freemasonry; he had installed him in the chair, and to-night he installed him as M.E.Z. of his Chapter. The Companions had seen what he did for the Craft; doubtless he would do as well for R.A. Masonry. The M.E.Z., in responding, felt greatly honoured by the members of the Chapter electing him; he had to thank Comp. Vincent for installing him, not only on that occasion; at all times; he had been his guiding star; he trusted he might still rely on the benefit of his support. As it was proposed to have a Chapter of Improvement the Companions would have Comp. Vincent's valuable services. The toast of the Visitors was next given; the Chapter had only three present—Comps. H. M. Levy P.Z. 188, Pulman P.Z. 157, and Moxon Z. elect 1159. These Companions severally responded, paying just compliments to the M.E.Z. for his able presidency, and to Comp. Vincent for his rendering of the ceremony of installation. The toast of the I.P.Z., who the M.E.Z. regretted was absent through indisposition, was done full honour to, and fervent wishes were expressed for his speedy recovery. The M.E.Z. said the most hearty thanks of the Chapter was due to him; he was the founder and first Z. Comp. Vincent, in responding, said the I.P.Z. was very ill; but it would be gratifying to him to hear how his name had been received. Personally he (Comp. Vincent) was pleased to be present; his services were always at the disposal of the Chapter, and he would do all in his power to render it second to none. He trusted their proposed Chapter of Improvement would tend to the ritual being perfectly rendered. The remaining toasts were the H. and J., the S.E., the Treasurer, and other Officers; able responses were given to each. The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings, and the Companions separated. Some excellent songs and recitations were given by Comps. Isaacs, Bond, Lee, &c., &c.

At the convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement, held on Thursday, the 27th instant, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Companions G. H. Hunter filled the chair of M.E.Z., Griffiths H., Strugnell J., Shaw S.N., Lister P.S., J. Evans Sheffield S.E. The ceremony of exaltation was carefully and instructively rehearsed. Companions seeking instruction in the Royal Arch will do well to visit this Chapter of Improvement.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROYAL UNION LODGE No. 382.

THE installation meeting of this, the premier Lodge, as regards age, in the Province of Middlesex, was held on Monday, the 17th instant, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. The Lodge was opened at half-past three o'clock by the W.M. Bro. G. Rowles, who was supported by Past Masters G. Fehrenbach (Treasurer), W. Coombes Past Prov. G.S.B. (Secretary), E. C. Woodward, C. Russ P. Prov. G. Pns., J. Lonsdale, W. Cook. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Samuel Brooks P.M. 1608, C. Andrews P.M. 77, H. E. Tucker I.P.M. 1612, E. H. Sngg P.M. 452 P. Prov. Grand Organist Surrey, C. E. Botley S.W. 1996, F. Botley 780, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, &c. After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. John King, Printer, &c., High-street, Uxbridge, who was proposed by Bro. Lambert, and seconded by Bro. Brooks I.G.; and for Mr. James John Gorham, who had for his sponsors Bros. Jenkins and Samson. The result was unanimous in favour of both these gentlemen. Bro. Rowles now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. S. Brooks, to whom the W.M. elect, Bro. H. W. Nicholson, was introduced, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Brooks is well versed in the ancient science, and the way he conducted the ceremony on this occasion fully realised the expectations of those who had looked forward to the ceremony being well performed. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new Master was saluted in the three degrees, and the following brethren were invested with their respective collars:—Bros. Cotton S.W., Hall J.W., Fehrenbach P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.M. Secretary, Wilson S.D., Brooks J.D., Taplin I.G., Brooks M.C., Lambert Wine Steward, S. Bayley Assistant Wine Steward, Duffin Tyler. The initiation of the two gentlemen named above was the next business, and this was carried out by the new Master in an eminently satisfactory way. The Auditors' report showed the Lodge was in a sound financial position; there was a balance of between £15 and £16 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Russ P.M. moved that a further sum of £11 10s be paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to the Old Men's Account, and £6 to that of the Old Women's Fund. These amounts would extend the privileges the Lodge already possessed; moreover, Bro. Russ detailed the work being done by the Benevolent Institution, and pointed out how desirable it was the voting powers of the Lodge should be strengthened, not only as regards the Benevolent, but likewise the two Scholastic Institutions. The proposition was seconded by Bro. J. Lonsdale P.M., and on being put by the W.M. received the cordial assent of the brethren. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, and graceful allusion was made to the satisfactory manner in which Bro. Rowles had carried out the duties of the chair during the past twelve months. This compliment having been suitably acknowledged, the remainder of the business was transacted, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. Bro. Phillips supplied a capital banquet, and full justice was done to the good things supplied. The toasts were introduced with commendable brevity, but each met with a hearty reception. In speaking of Sir Francis Burdett, the W.M. announced that the Provincial Grand Master had sent a letter regretting another engagement prevented his attendance, but stating that he hoped shortly to pay another visit to the Royal Union Lodge, and conveying his best wishes for a successful year. Bro. Russ acknowledged the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, and then the health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Rowles, who testified his pleasure at seeing Bro. Nicholson in his exalted position. The toast was responded to in very appropriate terms, and then the services of Bro. Brooks as Installing Master was recognised. Bro. Brooks expressed his gratification at having been of service to the Lodge, and made happy reference to previous visits, which had made a lasting impression on him, testifying as it did the good feeling existing amongst the brethren. The remaining toasts given were the Past Masters of the Lodge; the Initiates; the Visitors; the Officers, and then the Tyler closed the proceedings. Bro. J. Ion Cattle conducted the musical arrangements, which were well carried out, and gave infinite satisfaction. We append the programme:—Grace, Bailey; National Anthem, Dr. J. Bull—Solo, Bro. Arthur Thomas; Masonic Ode, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," Brinley Richards—Solo, Bro. J. Ion Cattle; Song, "Our Parents," Harraden—Bro. James Kift; Song, "Death of Nelson," Braham—Bro. Arthur Thomas; Song, "Hurrab for Rosy Wine," Chumbley—Bro. J. Ion Cattle; Song, "How Paddy Stole the Rope," Albert—Bro. James Kift; Duet, "While Old Time," Hatton—Bros. Arthur Thomas and J. Ion Cattle; Song, "Intoxicated Fly," Leigh—Bro. James Kift; Song, "Where's my Girl?" Rip Van Winkle—Bro. Arthur Thomas; Song, "Little Fat Grey Man," Bro. J. Ion Cattle. Bro. Kendall was present, and it goes without saying that his services were in requisition, while the racy humour he displayed in his rendering of "Pat and his Guinea," drew forth a storm of applause.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Bro. William Coombes on the promotion he has just received, as evidenced by the following extract from the *London Gazette* of 14th March 1884:—

"William Coombes, Gent., to be Lieutenant 3rd Battalion (Duke of Cambridge's Own), Middlesex Regiment."

Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342.—At the regular monthly meeting, held on the 19th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, Bro. J. E. Buck W.M. presented Bro. Henry Croucher I.P.M. with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, as a token of esteem and approbation of the able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the important duties of the office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge during the year.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, on the 17th instant, in the presence of a large number of brethren and distinguished visitors. Shortly after three o'clock Lodge was opened in due and ancient form, and the Secretary, Bro. A. Culverhouse, read the minutes of previous meeting, which were confirmed. At the conclusion of the usual business of the Lodge, the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Sutcliffe, vacated the chair, and Bro. T. Taylor P.P.S.G.W. and P.M. SS. Peter and Paul Lodge, proceeded to instal Bro. A. Lindow W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a most pleasing and efficient manner, and meeting with the entire approval of the brethren. At its termination the newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Sutcliffe I.P.M., P. Clayton S.W., G. Coker J.W., the Rev. F. W. Harnett Chaplain, W. H. Robinson Treasurer, A. Culverhouse Secretary, W. Parslow S.D., Higgs J.D., Bulford I.G., R. P. Porteous Steward, W. Panter D.C., and Bonser Tyler. Lodge being duly closed, the brethren repaired to the banquetting-room, where Bro. Hicks had prepared a capital banquet, the tables being very prettily decorated with choice greenhouse plants. The menu had received careful attention, and the viands consequently were of a character well calculated to please, and evidently gave general satisfaction. Amongst the large assembly of brethren, besides the members of the Scientific Lodge, were the following:—Bros. T. Taylor P.P.S.G.W. P.M., J. R. Wilmer P.P.S.G.D. P.M., B. Wilford W.M., J. Line S.W. SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge, Newport Pagnell, 1410, J. Reeve P.P.G.J.W. P.M., W. H. Robinson P.P.G.D.C. P.M., C. Revill P.P.G.P. P.M., G. Gilkes W.M., J. Elmes P.P.G.P. P.M., F. W. Bull J.W., W. H. Pike I.G. Watling-street Lodge, Stony Stratford, 1639, P. Sheppard P.M., G. W. Smith Fidelity Lodge, Towcester, 415, G. Barford P.M. High Cross Lodge 754, Jno. King J.D. Harvey Lodge 1692, H. Willis P.M. St. Barnabas Lodge, Linslade, 948, G. T. Lovatt St. George's Lodge, New York, No. 6. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. gave the toast the Queen and Craft, observing that it was one which always received a most hearty response, especially amongst Masons. They all rejoiced that the country was being ruled by one of England's noblest queens, and while they gloried in her goodness they also delighted in her greatness. The brethren then sang "God save the Queen." The Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was next given, and was acknowledged by the brethren singing "God bless the Prince of Wales. The W.M. next gave the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Past and Present Grand Officers of England, which was heartily received. This was followed by the toasts the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Sir Daniel Gooch, and the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, and the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present of Berks and Bucks, the latter being coupled with the names of Bros. T. Taylor, J. Reeve, and H. Willis. Bro. Taylor, in responding, said it was a great honour to wear the purple in so large and important a Province as Berks and Bucks, and therefore he was glad to see so many wearing it at that meeting. Without being reminded of giving honour where honour was due, he knew the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy would be delighted to give the purple were they at the present time enabled to do so. It was his (Bro. Taylor's) privilege to have been in Lodges in the province where the work was exceeding well done, notably in the case of his own Lodge, and where there were men fully deserving of having the purple conferred upon them. He felt it was indeed a great privilege to be again their installing master, knowing that they had so many Past Masters who would be able to do the work better than he had done. Bro. Reeve, after thanking them for associating his name with the toast, said there were many of the brethren who were anxious to know more of the working of Prov. G. Lodge, but were unable to do so in consequence of the great distance at which the meetings were held from the North of the province. He would suggest that they try to get the sanction for holding the Provincial Lodge for 1885 at Wolverton, it being too late to move for the present year, and he was sure the Lodges in the district would co-operate with the Scientific for that purpose. Bro. Willis also replied to the toast, and said perhaps he would be rather intruding if not that Brother Reeve had given him a good cue by suggesting that the Scientific Lodge make a recommendation to Provincial Grand Lodge to hold a meeting in this district. He was glad to say that the St. Barnabas Lodge at its last meeting passed a resolution that they should strongly solicit the province to meet at Wolverton, because it was a place thoroughly deserving the honour of Provincial Grand Lodge, and well adapted as regards railway communication for the purpose. He sincerely hoped the recommendation would be carried out, because the stimulus that such a meeting would create would be attended with excellent results. He had looked forward with pleasure to visiting the renowned Scientific Lodge, and though he only came in at the fag end, he was in time to witness the excellent way in which the installing master finished the ceremony, and the able manner of closing the Lodge, and was at once struck with the thought that he had missed a treat; but he would be able to go back to his Lodge with a favourable report of the way the work was carried out, and also to speak of the extreme pleasure he had experienced in visiting the Scientific Lodge. Bro. Reeve said he had no knowledge when he made the suggestion with regard to the Provincial meeting that the matter had been discussed in the St. Barnabas Lodge, but the fact that such had been the case proved to him the advisability of meeting at Wolverton. Bro. Sutcliffe said he had been entrusted with the next toast, one he need scarcely say which would be heartily received, namely that of the W.M. He had known Bro. Lindow ever since he had been connected with Masonry, and they had worked together in the Lodge, following each other in the various degrees, and therefore he felt they would have in him a most worthy man to fill the office of Master. Brother Lindow acknowledged the compliment, and trusted he would be able to perform his duty with credit to himself and to the Lodge. He then gave the toast "The

Past Masters of the Scientific Lodge," at the same time presenting the Past Master's jewel to Bro. Sutcliffe, and remarking that he hoped it would remind him when he looked on it in the distant future of the happy time spent in connection with the Scientific Lodge, and remember with feelings of affection those who had worked with him in the Lodge. He hoped his life would be a long, happy, and prosperous one, and trusted that in years to come they might have the pleasure of often seeing him amongst them. Bro. Sutcliffe briefly acknowledged the compliment paid to him by the W.M. and returned his thanks to the brethren for so kindly receiving his name in connection with the toast. Referring to the jewel which had been presented to him, he said he trusted he should wear it with dignity and honour to the Lodge he represented. Bro. R. King said, as one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, he had been able, because of his residence in Wolverton, to take an active part in its general usefulness, and for that reason he might perhaps be pardoned—because he was not the senior Past Master, but because of his more intimate acquaintance with the Lodge—for addressing a few words before some of the more distinguished brethren. He had always found a great pleasure in meeting with the brethren of the Lodge and visitors. The Past Masters at one time were exceedingly few, owing to removals, but now he perceived they were becoming more numerous, and it was pleasing to see so many at their gathering. There was one instance he would refer to, and that was the great pleasure they all experienced in having amongst them one of the founders of Masonry in the neighbourhood. He chiefly took that opportunity of alluding to the circumstance because Brother David Stevenson had been from their sight for so many years, and it was with pleasure they greeted him amongst them again. He was the first Junior Warden and the third Master, being installed in the chair in 1863, and therefore was one of the immediate founders of Masonry in this Province. Therefore though they were not slow to acknowledge that the SS. Peter and Paul's, the Watling Street and Grenville Lodges had grown out of the Scientific, he was sure the members of those Lodges would not be against his making the reference he had, because they must all feel proud to look upon those who founded the Scientific Lodge. Bro. Stevenson had, however, been so deeply immersed in the business of commerce in the great metropolis that he had not secured the purple, but he (Bro. King) hoped by another year they might see him adorned with those distinguishing badges he so eminently deserved. Bro. Stevenson suitably acknowledged the kindly remarks made in his behalf. Bro. C. Aveline also replied. The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Wilmer, Sheppard, J. King, and Willis, who respectively responded.—Bro. T. Taylor proposed "The Masonic Charities," and coupled with it the name of Bro. the Rev. F. W. Harnett, who remarked that the noble Order of Masonry promoted the strongest bond of brotherhood, and there was nothing which recommended it so much as the noble work it performed in respect to Charity. Of course, as Masons, they knew those feelings of social enjoyment were very pleasant indeed, but there was something more noble than that in Masonry—that of doing good to those of their fellow creatures, who, by being pressed down with poverty and suffering, were unable to enjoy the blessings of this life as they were able to enjoy them. The other toasts were the Chaplain, the Treasurer, and Secretary, to which Bros. Harnett, Robinson, and Calverhouse replied; the Officers of the Scientific, the Tyler, &c. During the evening the harmony was sustained by Bros. Wilford, Burford, J. King, &c.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, 1039.

A DEPUTATION of the members was lately most courteously received by the Dean, when they waited upon him to express the desire of their Lodge to present one of the figures required for the West Front of Lichfield Cathedral. The brethren had decided on the Queen—a capital selection, seeing that Her Majesty is the august mother of their head. The Dean, however, could not promise that their particular request would be complied with, as he already had a half promise in that direction. He pointed out that several of our earlier English Kings were still wanted; and it has also transpired that the figure of King Solomon has not yet been offered. We can understand the loyal desire of our local Masons; but, failing the Queen, can there be a more appropriate vehicle for their liberality than the provision of a figure of the Great King, whose chair their W.M. is supposed to occupy?

DEE LODGE, 1576.

THE first meeting for the present season was held at the Union Hotel, Parkgate, on 6th inst. There was a large attendance of visitors and brethren. Since the last meeting of the Lodge, in December last, the Lodge room has been tastefully decorated with appropriate Masonic emblems, and now presents an effective appearance. The whole expense of the work has been defrayed by the J.W. of the Lodge (Bro. Taylor), and Bro. J. Acton, Union Hotel, the decoration being carried out by Bro. Shepherd, of Shrewsbury, to whom great credit is due for the tasteful manner in which the work has been executed. The present position of the Lodge is in every way satisfactory, and it is one of the most promising, as it bids fair soon to become one of the most popular Lodges in this part of the country. Being what is known as a "summer Lodge," its meetings are largely attended, and all who attend fully appreciate the efforts which Bro. Acton, who takes an enthusiastic interest in the Lodge's welfare, makes to provide for the comfort and convenience of the brethren. The Lodge on Thursday unanimously passed a hearty vote of thanks to Bros. Taylor, Acton, and Shepherd for their kindness in decorating the Lodge room.

THE WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THE annual meeting of this ably conducted little Lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the Public Hall, Carshalton. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Pile, the W.M., who was supported by his Past Masters, his Officers, and the following Visitors:—Harry Clark 1254, W. H. Ranson S.D. 1790, R. Davies 1673, H. T. Byard 1641, Thos. Bartlett 1347, Thos. L. Locke S.W. 1347, Jas. Sinclair P.M. 1420, J. Oakman S.W. 1353, B. Cooper S.D. 1411, John Bond P.M. 889 Past Prov. G. Pars. Sarroy, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes of last meeting duly confirmed, the auditors presented a very satisfactory report, which was unanimously adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Dickman, was then installed by the retiring Master, who gave a careful and impressive rendering of the ceremony, Bro. Horsay rendering goodly service as Director of Ceremonies. The following were the Officers invested:—Bro. J. W. Baldwin S.W., A. Bishop J.W., W. Russell Crowe P.M. Treasurer, Leon A. Mesrouze P.M. Secretary, F. Carter S.D., W. Bassett J.D., C. Sawyer P.M. D.C., W. W. Weal I.G., W. Harwood W.S., H. Aslett Organist, A. Rowley Tyler. Bro. Pile then gave the addresses, and took his seat as I.P.M. of the Lodge. On Bro. Dickman's rising he said he had a pleasing duty to perform; to present his predecessor with the Past Master's jewel. He felt he was giving utterance to the universal sentiments of the Lodge when he heartily congratulated Bro. Pile on the success of the year that had just terminated. The honour paid him was gratefully acknowledged by Brother Pile. Several letters regretting inability to attend were read; one from Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. especially eliciting expressions of disappointment, as the Prov. Grand Secretary's state of health had lately not been so satisfactory as his friends could desire. The immediate cause of Bro. Greenwood's absence, however, on this occasion was another important engagement, which could not be deferred. After the transaction of several routine matters, Lodge was closed. The banquet was supplied at the Greyhound Hotel, and Brother Verdon must be congratulated on the success he achieved by the way in which he served the repast. On the removal of the cloth the Loyal and Masonic toasts were introduced with terse, but suitable remarks. The interest taken by the Provincial Grand Master in the doings of Freemasonry in the Province were descanted on, and happy reference made to the zeal displayed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. C. W. Arnold. With the toast in honour of the latter was associated the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present and past. Bro. John G. Horsey was the first to respond. He made allusion to the general regret felt at Brother Greenwood's absence, the more so as the members always anticipated the pleasure of meeting with their esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary; who, ever since the establishment of the Lodge, had identified himself with its members. Bro. Bond followed, and took the opportunity to announce that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Kingston, in June next, when he trusted there would be a large gathering of the Freemasons of the Province to support General Brownrigg. Brother Pile then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and drew attention to the local interest that was centred in the Lodge; he was a junior to Brother Dickman, who had very kindly given way in order that he might have a prior chance of filling the chair. He sincerely trusted the result of Bro. Dickman's Mastership would prove advantageous to the Lodge, which might fairly be pronounced in a flourishing condition. In response, Bro. Dickman said the kind remarks of the I.P.M. were too flattering; his poor services had been over estimated. However, he would strive to advance the Lodge, and promote the comfort of its members. The next toast was in honour of the Visitors, who were always accorded a hearty reception. The interchange of visits with other Lodges was at all times beneficial, and much was gained by this means. He (the W.M.) on behalf of the Lodge gave their guests a hearty welcome. Bro. Cooper acknowledged the compliment. The other toasts were the health of the I.P.M., Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, and the Officers of the Lodge. Bros. Pile, Baldwin, and Bishop replied. The proceedings were diversified by some capital songs, and a selection from the Pickwick Papers, given by one of the visitors, made up a capital programme. It was a late hour for a country Lodge before the Tyler gave the parting toast, but all agreed the time had passed most agreeably.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—

Held at the St. Andrew, George-street, Portman Square, W. The second annual meeting of the above Lodge (since its re-formation) was celebrated by a large assemblage of the brethren. Bro. Cursons occupied the chair, assisted by Bros. Robinson S.W., Perry J.W., Wilson S.D., Fromholz J.D., Scurrah I.G., also Bros. Braun P.M., Tribble P.M., Dairy P.M., Halliday, Artaud, Steng, Simpson, Hart, Wilson, Cox, and our highly esteemed Bro. Geo. Coop, in his usual post as Preceptor, and Bro. A. Moore Sec. After the usual preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed Bro. Tribble being candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Hart offered himself as candidate for raising. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the next ensuing meeting. The Secretary read the balance sheet for the past year, which having been audited, was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Moore in explaining some of the items congratulated the Lodge on the steady and solid progress it was making. There had been 33 new members who had joined since the last annual meeting, making a total of 85 on the books. There had been nearly 500 attendances during the year, giving an average of 10 each meeting, and although their balance in hand was small, they must remember that they had paid the executors of the late Bro. Dunham for the furniture of the Lodge, and they were now out of debt, with a balance to the good. The votes of the Lodge were handed to Bro. Dairy P.M., in support of the case of Mrs. Williams. An animated discussion ensued in reference to the Masonic Charities,

the general opinion being that a firmer combination among the London Lodges, was absolutely necessary in order that they might be more fairly represented in the results on the day of election. Bro. Geo. Coop was, on the motion of Bro. Dairy P.M., re-elected Treasurer and Preceptor for the ensuing 12 months and Bro. H. Moore was re-elected Secretary, and a cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes for their able and efficient services during the past year. The Preceptor and Secretary having expressed their thanks, and the pleasure it afforded them to know that their humble efforts on behalf of the welfare of the Lodge met with the unanimous approval of the brethren, after the usual congratulations to the W.M., the Lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The usual meeting, of this successful Lodge, was held on Wednesday, 26th March, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road. Bro. A. Ferrar presided; he was supported by G. Farrar S.W., Smith J.W., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, F. Perl Secretary, Oldham S.D., Marks J.D., Manger I.G.; also Bros. Weeden, Dixie, Liebmann, Ashton, &c. All preliminaries having been observed in opening the Lodge, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the initiation ceremony. Bro. Liebmann acting as candidate. Bro. Dixie proved himself efficient to be passed, and was entrusted. Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Dixie passed. Lodge was afterwards resumed to the first degree. Bro. Weeden, assisted by the brethren, worked the first, and Bro. Dixie the second section of the lecture. Nothing further having been offered for the benefit of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed and adjourned until Wednesday, 2nd April, on which occasion the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction will be present (in response to an invite), and rehearse, with other ceremonies, the ceremony of installation. Members of the New Concord Lodge will confer a benefit by attending in numbers, at 7.45, so as to be ready to support their Visitors at the opening of Lodge.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E., on the 26th inst. Bros. Legg W.M., Gieseke S.W., Wooley J.W., Serjeant S.D., Clark J.D., Kramm I.G., Pinder Preceptor, Millington Secretary; also Bros. Mortimer, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mortimer candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mortimer, of the Old Kent Lodge, was elected a member. After which Lodge was closed.

Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—Held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday, 24th inst. Present—Bros. Underwood W.M., Recknell S.W., Cooper J.W., Shepherd S.D., Stewart J.D., Boyden I.G., Galer Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, Bro. Slyman candidate. Bro. Shepherd offered himself as candidate, he was entrusted, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. Recknell, of the mother Lodge, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday, 13th inst.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—On Monday last, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, Bros. Hammond W.M., Bonner S.W., Oxley J.W., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, B. Stewart Secretary, Stewart I.G. The work of the evening comprised the first and second sections of the lecture by Bro. Stewart, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hammond assisted Bro. Stewart to work the third section. Bro. Hammond was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting on 7th April. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday 31st March, by Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 993, when we hope there will be a numerous attendance of the brethren.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the weekly meeting, at Hornsey Wood Tavern, on 18th instant, Bros. Edmunds W.M., Moore S.W., Mercer J.W., Gush as Preceptor, Berry Secretary, Snelling S.D., Haynes J.D., Oldis I.G., and Bros. Chorley, Tremere, and Knight. After formalities, the first section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Snelling. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed. Lodge resumed in the first degree, and the report of the Audit Committee was read and approved. The following brethren were unanimously elected Officers for the ensuing year—Gush Preceptor and Berry Secretary. The appointment of Treasurer was deferred. After ordinary business, Lodge was closed. We have no doubt, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Gush, this Lodge of Instruction will take a prominent position.

On Tuesday, 25th instant, Bros. Moon W.M., Mercer S.W., Spencer J.W., Berry Secretary, Gush Preceptor, Catchey S.D., Haynes J.D., Knight I.G. After due observance of formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the first, second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Gush. Bro. Davies was then unanimously re-elected as Treasurer, and Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Tuesday next, the 1st April.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The great variations of temperature, the fogs, and the foul vapours which permeate the atmosphere try the respiratory channels terribly; hence arises hoarseness, quinsies, loss of voice, bronchitis, and the whole train and endless variety of throat and chest affections which now prevail. Neglect of these in their early stages is almost criminal, as many a life may be saved through early and prompt treatment by means of Holloway's well-known remedies. This treatment can be readily and easily carried out, and soon disposes of the attack in a most satisfactory manner, by restoring the balance between the circulation and respiration, by lessening the inflammation, abating the febrile symptoms, and by soothing the irritability of the nerves

THISTLE LODGE, No. 62, S.C.

ON Monday evening a special meeting was held, for the purpose of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Joseph Pogson, who for the last three years has filled the R.W.M.'s chair to the honour and advantage of the Lodge. There was a large turn-out of brethren, including Crawford W.M., Coulart S.W., and Cohen J.W. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the S.W. called upon the W.M. to make the presentation. Bro. Crawford then very gracefully alluded to the efficient way in which the affairs of the Lodge had been conducted during the three years Brother Pogson had acted as W.M. They had worked heartily and harmoniously together, and he must say that to present a tribute of the Thistle Lodge to Brother Pogson was one of the pleasantest duties he had ever had to perform. It would be superfluous in such a company to dwell upon the many high personal qualities of their esteemed brother, who was so well known, not only in his own Lodge, but in all the Lodges of the province, to which he had cheerfully rendered most valuable assistance. The handsome Masonic jewel was handed to Brother Pogson amid much cheering. It bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to P.M. Joseph Pogson by the brethren of Lodge Thistle, Dumfries, No. 62. March 1884."

In reply Bro. Pogson thanked the brethren for the great honour conferred upon him. Since he had been installed Master of the Lodge he had found himself in many difficult and trying positions, but until that moment he had never experienced what it was to be overwhelmed. During his term of office he had received great kindness and marked courtesy from the brethren, which had assisted him to fulfil his duties with success. He had succeeded a long list of able and honourable Masters, who had brought the Lodge into an efficient condition, and he would have been grieved indeed had any negligence or lukewarmness on his part allowed the Lodge to suffer, or had any action of his tended to abuse the confidence so generously placed in him. The W.M. then called upon the S.W., who after corroborating the remarks of the W.M. respecting Bro. Pogson, under whom he had been an office-bearer, and who had ever comported himself with becoming dignity and moderation, stated that subscriptions for the presentation flowed in so rapidly and unexpectedly that the committee were enabled to purchase a present for Mrs. Pogson, which he now had the honour and pleasure of handing to their worthy brother on her behalf. Brother Pogson suitably acknowledged the gift, which consisted of a beautiful gold brooch, upon which was inscribed an expression of the respect and esteem with which her husband was regarded by the Craft. The J.W. Bro. Cohen, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the testimonial committee, the vote being acknowledged by Brother Murphy. The remainder of the evening was spent with song and sentiment, the gathering throughout being a most harmonious one.

PORTSMOUTH MASONIC "AT HOME."

THE committee of this popular class gave a juvenile party in the large Banquet Hall of the Freemasons' Club on Tuesday. Between fifty and sixty children, with their chaperones, attended, and it is only fair to state that the adults enjoyed the play of Punch and Judy and the vagaries of Johnny Stout and the prancing steed, with its attendant jockeys, as much as their more juvenile friends. Mr. Wilton's efficient band, as usual, provided a choice selection for the votaries of Terpsichore, and a most agreeable and enjoyable evening was spent, the party breaking up at twelve o'clock. The dresses of the little folks reflected great credit on their guardians, and afforded a most pleasing spectacle.

MR. CHARLES DU-VAL, who gives his entertainment, at St. James's Hall, is an entertainer with a method quite his own. "Olds and Ends" is the title of a variety entertainment in which the performer presents with great success a number of humorous *charades* that involve strongly varied contrasts and rapid transitions of costume. His aim is to amuse, and he succeeds admirably. In these portentous times, when the shadow of the Georgian democracy and a hundred attendant crazes threaten us with universal dulness, Mr. Du-Val's entertainment should be welcomed, especially by all who remember, with a sense of grim irony, one ancient characteristic of our country. Though we have little leisure to grow fat, we may still laugh and correct the serious tendency of our days with such whimsical impersonations as Professor Dalbore and Betsy Scrubbe, which indeed are excellent alternatives, as the medical men say. Mr. Du-Val's happy disguises and surprises, his pleasant humours and ready quips, should be quite as beneficial to the dyspeptic as the lights and glitter of the theatre, or the flinging of a stone—remedies so earnestly advocated by the ingenious Mr. Green in his witty poem of "The Spleen." There is no doubt about the heartiness of the laughter Mr. Du-Val provokes; it has all the contagious force of genuine merriment; in Professor Dalbore's scientific lecture the least elevation of the savant's eyebrow, and the slightest drop of the mouth, arouse those curious isolated outbursts, so full of individuality and so pleasant to hear, that fill the pauses in the general laughter like the explosion that follows the surrender of a long-held citadel. In truth, the lecture is irresistibly funny. Not less good, in another style, are the female impersonations. Mrs. Clearstarch, the landlady, who has had "fifteen childer and brought 'em up respectable," and who, in a moment, is transformed into Miss Dashaway, the belle of the ball, shares the honours with her successor. The young lady's singing is one of the cleverest illusions in the programme. Better than these, more racy, more complete and distinct, is the maid of all work, Betsy Scrubbe. Another notable feature in the entertainment is Mr. Pallette's exhibition of portraits, where the faces of prominent public characters are very cleverly imitated. The entertainment is altogether remarkable for its versatile humour, the never-failing spirits of the unassisted impersonator, and a commendable freedom from vulgarity.—*Saturday Review*.

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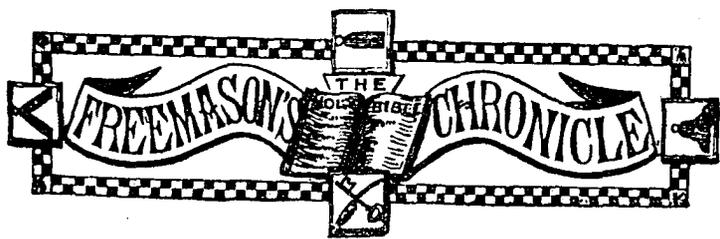
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CONSECRATION OF THE RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

WE are continually being told that it is of no use brethren who seek to establish new Lodges laying the flattering unction to their souls that they have a chance of succeeding in securing the coveted prize unless they can clearly show there is an absolute need for any extension of the means of Masonic intercourse. If this assertion is correct, we fear we must accept the conclusion that certain districts within the Metropolitan area have hitherto been most sorely neglected. True it is there has been a rapid extension of building operations in the district we are now about to refer to, but we fail to see the need there has been for the granting of so many warrants as is indicated by the establishment, within the past twelve months, of fresh Lodges at Acton, Chiswick, Ealing, and Richmond. The question has been put to us,—Does kissing go by favour in these matters. Our answer must be,—We suppose it does. However this may be, we fail to see how the prayer of so distinguished a body as is represented by the founders of the Richmond Lodge, which was formally consecrated on Tuesday last, could be resisted. It had been arranged that Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, should perform the ceremony of the day, but illness prevented his attendance, and his place was ably filled by Brother Thomas Fenn Past Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge of England. The proceedings commenced punctually at four o'clock, when Bro. Fenn was supported by Bros. Robert Grey P.G.D. as Senior Warden, and Bro. W. T. Howe P.G.P. as Junior Warden. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. acted as Chaplain, and Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Cere-

monies, while Bro. Walter Goss performed the duties of Inner Guard. We have lately so frequently detailed the proceedings of a Consecration ceremony that we may be pardoned for confining our remarks on the present occasion within modest limits. The oration was given by Bro. Woodford with telling effect, and the way Bro. Fenn carried out the ceremony denoted he had exercised his wonted care in preparing himself for the task, and when we remember that Bro. Fenn was called on almost at the eleventh hour, we are the more justified in awarding him his due meed of praise. At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, Bro. Fenn intimated that his official duties as Secretary of the Prince of Wales's Lodge necessitated his immediate departure, but that Bro. Frank Richardson would undertake the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Fenn then retired, and Bro. Richardson took the Master's chair; the W.M. designate, Bro. B. E. Blasby, P.M. 780, was introduced and regularly placed in the chair as first Master of the Richmond Lodge. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—J. Nunn P.G.S.B. I.P.M., C. I. Digby P.M. 933 S.W., E. J. Goodacre P.M. 1260 J.W., W. F. Reynolds P.M. 820 Treasurer, W. R. Phillips P.M. 975 Secretary, J. P. Houghton S.D., E. Dare J.D., H. Sapsworth I.G., J. Ireland D.C., T. Callander A.D.C., C. Maton W.S., Banks Tyler. The founders of the Lodge were invested with a handsome jewel, commemorative of the occasion; and the appointment to office of Bro. R. Messum, to whose assiduity in assisting in the foundation of the Lodge full reference was made, was deferred in consequence of his enforced absence through a domestic bereavement. The services of the Consecrating Officer and his assistants received the customary recognition of honorary membership of the Lodge, and Bro. Woodford acknowledged the compliment. Propositions for initiations and joinings were then handed in, and Lodge closed. A capital banquet was supplied by Brother Munro, and then the Worshipful Master introduced the preliminary toasts. With the toast of the Grand Officers, the W.M. coupled the name of V.W. Bro. Southey P.D.G.M. South Africa, Lieut.-Governor of Griqualand. In acknowledgment, Bro. Southey thanked all present for the honour they had done him. He had witnessed, with great pleasure, an interesting ceremony—the establishment of another Lodge under the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. When he looked around, he saw not strangers, but brother Masons—in fact he never saw strangers in a Lodge. The Grand Chaplain had told them that Masons assembled together in love and harmony, no matter what creed or nationality they were. In South Africa they had many Grand Lodges, with separate jurisdictions, but when the brethren assembled there was no distinction. In this country the cause of Charity was nobly supported, while in the district he referred to they endeavoured to do what they could. Whenever the widow of a soldier could show that her husband was a Mason she was always taken care of and sent back to her own country. He thanked the brethren for their hospitality. The W.M. next proposed the Consecrating Officer and his Assistants. He regretted the absence of Bro. Col. Clerke, but felt they had been fortunate in securing so efficient a substitute as Bro. T. Fenn. He had never seen the ceremony of consecration more efficiently performed. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford responded; he regretted the absence of Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, the esteemed and hardworking Grand Secretary; he would have spoken to the toast with full authority, and would have received that reception from the brethren he so well deserved. He equally regretted the enforced absence of Bro. Thomas Fenn, than whom no abler exponent of our ritual existed. For the Consecrating Officers he returned hearty thanks for the kindness extended towards them. His brethren and himself were only too happy to render any assistance they could. As he was now a very old Mason, he might be permitted to congratulate the brethren of the Richmond Lodge on the success of the day's proceedings, and the undoubted augury of future Masonic excellence their consecration afforded their new Lodge. He was also glad to have the opportunity—though shortly, as he ventured to think short speeches were wisely becoming the order of the day—to impress upon his younger hearers the value and importance of Freemasonry. It seemed to him, after many years' apprenticeship, that its worth and reality increased more and more, and that, amid these divided days, it afforded a rallying point and meeting ground for men of different and differing views, where all could assemble, forgetting severances and antagonisms, and work together in love, unity, and harmony, ignoring all that might have a tendency to keep them apart in the world without. Let them all believe in Freemasonry, and it would, indeed, afford to them many happy hours of social friendship, and teach them the goodly lessons of brotherly love, charity, and toleration. Bro. Frank Richardson had great pleasure in taking part in the consecration of the Lodge, not only because his esteemed friend Bro. Joshua Nunn was connected with it, but because he had other associations with Richmond, and was once himself a member of the Lily Lodge of Richmond. The Grand Secretary, in responding to this toast, always cautioned the members of a new Lodge; advising them to be very careful as to whom they admitted to the privileges of Masonry. Not numbers, but character, was to be considered; once an objectionable member got into a Lodge it was difficult to get him out again. He congratulated the W.M. and brethren on the excellent start they had made, and wished them all success. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford proposed "The Health of the W.M." He always found it a pleasure to have to propose the health of a W.M., for they could assume he would not fill that post of high dignity unless he had received and merited the sincere suffrages of his brethren. He felt this pleasure still more strongly when he proposed the health of the first W.M. of a new Lodge, because, as they all knew, he had been selected by his brethren for the reason that he was emphatically the brother in their opinion best qualified to guide and direct the energies and progress of a new Lodge. From what they had seen that evening he felt sure Bro. Blasby justified the choice of his brethren, and he was convinced that at the expiration of his year of office he would have a good account to render of the Lodge. The W. Master, in reply, said that when Bro. Hubbard, the W.M. of the Lily Lodge, was asked, he readily agreed to support the petition for the

Richmond Lodge; the founders had then little difficulty in obtaining a warrant for its consecration. He assured the brethren he would do all in his power to secure its success. He intended the Lodge should support the Charities of the Order, and he relied with confidence on the Officers who had been appointed that day to support him in his efforts. He felt great pleasure in being the first W.M., and thanked all present for the kind reception they had given to the toast. Bro. Blasby also intimated his intention to serve the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Visitors were next complimented. There were several present that evening, many of them brethren of repute, who had passed through various offices and attained to high honours. He wished particularly to allude to Bro. Walter Goss P.M., who had initiated him (Bro. Blasby) into Freemasonry; also to Bro. Pearson, who as an old friend he was especially pleased to see. Bros. Goss, Pearson, Hilton, Jonathan Pearson, Latreille, and Hubbard responded, the latter expressing a hope that the Richmond Lodges would work amicably together, in a friendly spirit of emulation. Several other toasts followed. The music performed during the evening was by Bros. John Stedman, L. Hodges, L. Frere, C. E. Tinney, and Bro. Stedman's choir boys, under the direction of Bro. E. H. Sugg P.M. P.P.G. Organist Surrey. The following is a list of those present as Visitors:—Bro. R. Sonthey late Lieut.-Governor of Gignaland, Past District Grand Master, T. Weaver 889, G. T. Thomas P.M. 1632, T. Macdonald 820, J. Hooke P.M. 463, W. V. Braham 1471, G. C. Young P.M. 820, C. Hubbard P.M. 820, W. H. Myers P.M. 880, W. Lake P.M. 131, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, F. C. Moullet S.W. 1305, H. Davies P.M. 865, G. T. Hickman 890, T. G. Smith 194, W. Hilton P.M. 780, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, J. M. Lucas 780, John Stedman W.M. 1764, C. E. Tinney S.W. 1319, John Hodges P.M. 1796, A. L. Fryer 1624, W. Goss P.M. 780, E. H. Sugg P.M. 452 P.P.G. Organist Surrey, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, C. Sims 861, O. L. Latreille P.M. 1260, Robert Meggitt 890, W. E. Scantlebury 975, Samuel Blasby 780, F. D. Kennedy P.M. 820 P.P.G.S.D., T. Skewes-Cox S.W. 8, J. Pearson P.M. 1196, E. T. Smith 1765, A. A. Richards P.M. G.S.L., C. J. Turner P.M. 157, C. Phillips P.M. 820, F. A. Crew 1363, C. J. Wade P.M. 180, A. Turner Secretary 1818, J. W. M. Margason 975, W. Clifford 975.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE members of this influential Lodge invited their lady friends to a Ball, which took place on Saturday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, where there assembled a very large party to support the Worshipful Master, Brother F. T. C. Keeble. The arrangements were entrusted to the following Board of Stewards:—Bros. W. Baber S.W., R. Fendick J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. and Treas., G. W. Blackie P.M. and Sec., James Stevens P.M., John Seex P.M., H. S. Bertram S.S., J. L. Hudd J.S., Jas. Archer, Owen Bowen, H. Dottridge, J. R. Greening, J. K. Gwyn, J. R. Hartley, Julian Hartley, John K. Hooper, Thos. Lawes, J. L. Nissen, G. G. Parker, A. F. Roberts, and Edwin Wesley. The duties of Secretary to the Ball Committee had been admirably carried out by Bro. John K. Gwyn, but we regret to say, at the last moment, an attack of illness prevented him from participating in the enjoyment of the evening. Dancing commenced at six o'clock, and was carried on with great spirit till nine, when a capital supper was served in the Pillar Room of the Hotel. The few toasts customary on these occasions were given with commendable brevity, and the responses made were as terse as could be desired. Dancing was then resumed, and kept up with spirit till the hour so disastrous to the fair Cinderella. The services of a capital band had been secured, and Bro. Taylor as M.C. was most assiduous in promoting the enjoyment of the guests.

THE COMING ROYAL VISIT TO PETERBOROUGH.

SIR Digby Probyn has written to state that the ceremony at the laying of the foundation stones of the Central Tower of Peterborough Cathedral will be of a Masonic character. The Grand Secretary of the Freemasons of England will consequently visit Peterborough shortly with a view to make the necessary arrangements. Bro. F. G. Buckle is the Secretary of the local Lodge. At a meeting of the Restoration Committee, on Friday, it was decided to invite the Town Council to co-operate with the Committee in making the necessary arrangements to give His Royal Highness a proper reception. The Committee have arranged that admission to the ceremony shall be by tickets, which will be issued in accordance with the rate of subscription. After all subscribers have thus been accommodated, and if any room is left available, non-subscribers will be admitted. One ticket will be issued to every subscriber of £1, and up to £10, two tickets to subscribers of from £10 to £50, and three tickets to subscribers of sums above £50. This does not merely apply to subscriptions already given, but also to subscribers who may yet wish to give. Seats and staging will be erected, under the superintendence of the contractor, so that the ceremony may be witnessed from all parts. The north-east pier, where the stone will be laid, is now about 4 ft. from the level of the floor, and a clearance has been commenced in its vicinity.—*Peterborough Advertiser.*

After an association with 7 Bank Buildings, Lothbury, for over thirty-five years, the business of the Accident Insurance Company, in consequence of the expiration of the old lease, and the desirability of obtaining more expanding room, has been removed to St. Swithin's House, 10 St. Swithin's-lane which has recently been built by Mr. Deputy Brass, from the designs of Mr. W. Wimble, the well-known architect. The building is in every way most eligible for the conduct of the business of this successful company, as well as attractive to the passer by. It is situated between the Messrs. Rothschild and the Hall of the Salters' Company, and is opposite the City Carlton Club.—*City Press, 3rd March 1884.*

A circular has just been sent out by the Executive of the Mark Benevolent Fund, soliciting brethren to take upon themselves the duties of Steward on behalf of the next Festival, which is to be held at the Crystal Palace on the 23rd July, under the presidency of Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, Provincial Grand Mark Master of North and East Yorkshire. The fund deserves the hearty support of the Mark Masons. It provides for the relief of distressed Mark Master Masons, their widows and children. There is also an educational branch of the the Fund by which Mark Masons' children are educated in the locality in which they live. These children are elected after having been approved as candidates. One of the conditions of a grant for such education is, that there shall be a quarterly report to the General Board of the progress, conduct and health of the child assisted. On account of the Benevolent Fund there is now £2,000 invested, and to the credit of the Educational Fund, £1,000. At the present time there are eleven boys and four girls being educated by the latter.

The case of Minnie Woodward, a candidate for the Girls' School, is one that will commend itself to brethren of the Military profession. Her father, then a colour serjeant in the 31st Regiment, was initiated into Masonry in the Inhabitants Lodge, Gibraltar, of which at the time Bro. R. F. Gould was the W.M. and Bro. F. G. Irwin the S.W. The same year he became a founder of the Meridian Lodge, No. 743, attached to the 31st Regiment, and remained a subscriber till his death. William Woodward served three campaigns with this regiment, and retired from it with the pension of a Serjeant-major.

The Installation Meeting of the Holmesdale Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 129, was held on Thursday evening last, at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, when Worshipful Bro. J. S. Harris was installed in the chair of A. by the Very Worshipful Bro. J. D. Podevin Deputy Provincial G.M.M. A report of this meeting will appear in our next.

"Ye Antiente Fraternitie of ye Rahere Almoners" will give their fourth Smoking Concert for the season at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Monday evening next, the 31st instant. For this occasion Bros. Sinclair Dunn and G. S. Graham have arranged, with the assistance of Mdles. Susetta Fenn and Amy Graham, and other artistes, an attractive programme of National Ballads and other vocal selections, which will doubtless ensure for this Concert equal success to that which has attended the former entertainments of this useful Charitable Society.

THE CEDARS HOTEL SMOKING CONCERT.

THE fifth of a series of excellent smoking concerts which have been inaugurated by Messrs. Gibbs and Flew, the proprietors of the Cedars Hotel, West Kensington, took place on Monday night in the large saloon billiard-room of the hotel, which was crowded on the occasion. Mr. J. H. Squires, the well-known proprietor of the Salisbury Hotel, Fulham, officiated as chairman, and Mr. Ablett C. Lester (of Messrs. Squires and Lester), occupied the vice-chair. The programme, arranged by the manager (Mr. W. T. Lee), was of a most varied and attractive character, including an excellent selection of songs, recitations, and solos on the pianoforte, concertina, and cornet. All the performers acquitted themselves so admirably that it is almost invidious to specially allude to any of the entertainers; but it may be mentioned that Mr. E. Grime's "Jack of Ours" was rendered in a charming manner, for which he deservedly obtained an encore, as did also Mr. A. Weston for his song of "The Last Watch." Mr. Charles Knight also merits special mention for his excellent recital of the scene between Sir Peter and Lady Teazle from Sheridan's "School for Scandal," and Mr. J. Benn's recitation of G. R. Sims's poem of "Christmas Day in the Workhouse," both of which were well received. The programme included pianoforte solos by Messrs. R. Knight, S. H. Davis, and Sinclair Mantell; a concertina solo by Mr. R. Knight, a cornet solo by Mr. Foghill, and the following songs and duets: "The Blind Girl to her Harp," by Mr. Frank Taylor, of Brighton; "Anchored," by Mr. Stewart Beckley; "The Battle Eve," by Messrs. A. Weston and E. Grime; "The Old Arm Chair," by Mr. F. Taylor; "Gipsy John," by Mr. J. Daly; "Queenie," by Mr. Arthur Weston; "Bedoniu's Love Song," by Mr. E. Grime; "Only Once More," by Mr. Bonny; "Big Ben," by Mr. Harris; and the duet of "What are the Wild Waves Saying," by Messrs. F. Taylor and R. Knight. At the close of a most enjoyable evening's entertainment it was announced that Messrs. Gibbs and Flew, the proprietors of the Cedars Hotel, had handed to Mr. Joseph Harbour, the Governor of the Licensed Victuallers' Schools, a donation of 20 guineas for this charity.

REMINISCENCES OF A SECRETARY.

FROM THE NEW YORK DISPATCH.

ONE evening while a degree was being conferred in the Lodge, I retired to an ante-room to look over some old account books, and while thus busily engaged, the old Tyler came in, and tapping me on the shoulder, pointed to a lady in deep black who was sitting there waiting to see the Secretary. I laid my books aside, and, taking a chair, sat down beside the visitor and asked her wish. She said that she desired to see the Secretary of the Lodge, and upon assuring her that I was that functionary, she removed her heavy English crape, displaying a marvellously sweet face, adorned by a sad, resigned smile; she was a very pretty blonde of perhaps thirty summers, her hair modestly combed down in wavy folds close to her temples, and as she gazed at me I looked into a pair of blue eyes of the purest deep azure and expressive of intelligence. She was rather stout, and somewhat voluptuous looking, and though she was dressed in deep mourning, and a sad smile constantly hovered about her lips, her face and figure did not indicate much suffering, or else she did not take her troubles much to heart; in fact, she seemed to attract interest rather than excite sympathy.

She told me that her late husband was a member of a Lodge in St. Louis (she showed me a diploma duly signed), and she came to New York to collect an insurance policy which was issued by a company in this city, and which the insurance people seemed inclined to protest. She came to our Lodge first, to ask just for a little aid to keep her until she could collect her money from the company, and second, to see if we could not help her in obtaining justice at the hands of her rich adversaries, the insurance people. And why did she apply to our Lodge in particular? Because her husband had been a decorator and we had several members who also followed that vocation. This was a very far-fetched reason; still I thought it possible that some of our boys might at some time have worked together with her husband, or had some connection in some way through their business. I obtained her name and address, and also found out, by way of conversation, that the "little aid" she required was to pay some board bills she already owed, and also to protect her from the rapacious and insulting demands of exacting boarding-mistresses and hungry landlords, and could I, without reporting it to the Lodge, just help her a little this evening until I had called on her and satisfied myself as to her honesty and respectability—twenty or twenty-five dollars would do. But I informed her that it would answer her purpose much better to have her case reported in open Lodge, and if she would wait a while longer I would come again and report the result to her.

Upon re-entering the Lodge, I found the Brethren waiting for me, and I at once reported the case of Mrs. Cregier, a widow from St. Louis, also mentioning her reasons for applying to us in preference to any other Lodge. Some of our Brethren, especially those who were decorators, felt highly flattered by this distinction, and at once began to make motions to take Mrs. Cregier in hand, and take charge of her insurance case, &c. The Master appointed a special committee, with limited power, to investigate, and, as I was not on said committee, I merely gave the members thereof Mrs. Cregier's address and all the particulars she had given me, and again retired to the ante-room, and told the lady of the action taken by the Lodge, and I assured her that a committee would shortly call on her. Having nothing further to do with this case, I dismissed the matter from my mind in so far as to await the report of the committee at the following meeting. This came, to my surprise, much more in favour of Madame Cregier than I had anticipated. They had given her twenty dollars, thereby exceeding their authority by ten dollars, but they had made that up among themselves, so the members could find no fault! but when the committee asked for an additional donation of twenty dollars, there was a general "Whew!" and it was very decisively voted down, to the discomfort of the enthusiastic committee.

Some time after this I visited a sister Lodge, then meeting at the Masonic Temple, corner of Broome and Crosby streets, and in the ante-room met my pretty blonde again, and, after greeting her, inquired about her success in regard to her insurance policy, and to my surprise the stout and handsome widow was very reticent about her affairs, and this seemed especially so to me as I remembered how very valuable she was on her visit to our Lodge, which then met on the lower Bowery. When I entered the Lodge the Brethren were discussing the merits of an application of Mrs. Higgins, a widow from Newark, and finally agreed to give the applicant five dollars. This case being disposed of, and the Treasurer having been sent out to give the woman the money, I waited to hear the name of my former applicant announced; but other business being brought up nothing was said about Mrs. Cregier, and the Lodge closed in due time, after which I inquired of the Secretary about the blue-eyed dame, but he knew nothing of her, in fact the only widow we had to-night, said he brusquely, was that Mrs. Higgins, and we gave her five dollars and sent her home.

It seemed strange to me that Mrs. Cregier should come as far as the ante-room of a Lodge and then go away without making any application; still I thought it possible that seeing me go in, she might have been ashamed to ask this Lodge for help, and went away without sending in her name. Again some weeks passed, and one evening as I entered the Lodge earlier than the rest, in order to get my books and minutes in order, no one being present except the Tyler, who sat in the corner, reading his paper, we both heard an audible ahem in the ante-room; the old man went out, and shortly after returned to my desk and handed me a certificate of membership, duly signed and countersigned, of Mr. Thomas Cregier, a Brother in good, &c. I at once repaired to the ante-room, expecting to find my sad, blue-eyed Mrs. C.; but, to my great surprise, there sat a dark, gaunt-looking woman, of full forty

years, with eyes as black as coal and foxy-looking. I concealed my surprise as best I could, and asked her if she was Mrs. Cregier? She answered, "Yes." "And was this your husband?"—pointing to the name on the diploma. Another "Yes," partly smothered in a long-drawn sigh. At this the thought occurred to me that possibly Bro. Cregier was a Mormon elder, and had had an assorted menagerie of wives, including blondes and others of all shades; however, I said nothing about this, but began to "pump" the lady about her wants, &c.

I distinctly connected this diploma, in my mind, with a blonde, blue-eyed woman, an insurance story, and a visit to Blank Lodge, Masonic Temple; and here we had a dark woman, who only wanted money enough to return to St. Louis, and said nothing about any insurance policy—nothing about her husband being a decorator; in fact, recited an altogether different tale of woe, and yet the diploma was there, a sort of mute witness to something wrong, very probably a fraud, so I requested Mrs. Cregier No. 2 to wait until the Lodge assembled and I would report her case to the Brethren. I retained the diploma. Unfortunately our enthusiastic decorator of the former committee did not attend Lodge that night, so the case was referred to a new set, myself among the number this time, and we retired to investigate. Upon reaching the ante-room the dark Mrs. Cregier had disappeared. The rooms were so situated that any one could go and come without being seen by the Tyler, and Mrs. Cregier had taken advantage of this and left, leaving the diploma in my hands as a trophy.

I hunted up the Secretary of Blank Lodge, and together with a Brother of a third Lodge, which had also contributed to the maintenance of Mrs. Cregier and Mrs. Higgins, we started out in pursuit of light and knowledge. The addresses of both were the same. They lived in a very stylish boarding-house in Macdougall street.

We rang the bell and inquired for Mrs. C., and that lady desired to know our names before allowing us to come up stairs. But we did not wait for any such ceremony. With a rather rude determination we ascended the stairs and just caught Mrs. Higgins getting ready to come downstairs to investigate us, but we politely forced her back into her room, and there had the satisfaction of facing both ladies. I told the dark one that she had forgotten her diploma; she held out her hands, but I did not return it to her. In the meantime the other Brethren mentally compared notes and came to the conclusion that we had been dexterously swindled by these two clever widows. The brunette was inclined to be indignant and showed fight, but the blonde took the *exposé* very easily and good-naturedly; she lay back in her easy-chair, laughed at us, and said:

"I told Jane, here, that we must stop this thing soon, any how, as you fellows would find us out and be after us; and, ha! ha! ha! when she came home the other night without the greasy old paper, she was just as mad as she could be; but I consoled her by confessing that mine had also been taken away from me, and, ha! ha! ha! we had made enough any way to last us for a while. Don't be in a hurry, gentlemen; sit down; we will not call on you any more, so you may as well stay a while and be sociable.

You see, we changed off with our papers; first one would go to a Lodge, then the other, and we put all the Lodges down and the amounts from each, and we then divided, share and share alike, you know—honesty is a jewel; but we lost the paper, and that confused us somewhat. Well, it is all over now. Any way, you are not riled, are you? Do sit down!" and she rattled on with a cool nonchalance which was greatly at variance with her former sad and subdued smile of grieving widowhood.

Bro. G., my colleague, was inclined to be morose over the swindlers; but the thing was done, and we certainly could not recover any of the money donated them, and the situation seemed rather comical to me. Having hunted the widows down to their lair and exposed them, and especially as their fangs had been extracted by us in keeping the diploma, I could see no occasion to grieve over spilled milk; so I rather imitated the pretty "widow" in taking things coolly and philosophically, only scoring *one* for past experience and future caution and guidance.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, on Monday evening, 31st March, at seven o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. No. 554 and 933 will preside. Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 S.W., B. Cundick P.M. No. 1421 J.W., D. Moss J.W. 1275 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Loane, Dale, Hubbert, Richardson, Musto jun., D. Moss, McCarthy. Second Lecture—Bros. R. Brittain, Bull, R. F. E. Hopkins, Cundick, G. H. Stephens. Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, I. T. K. Job, J. West. Bro. B. Stewart I.G. 1278 Secretary.

The first meeting of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey Past Grand Deacon presiding. Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Essex was elected President of the Board of Stewards, Burdett-Coutts Treasurer, Charles Hammerton Chairman of Ladies' Stewards, and F. R. W. Hedges Hon Secretary. Stewards for the Festival are much needed, and brethren are earnestly solicited to send in their names.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts will distribute the prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May next, on the occasion of the regular visit of the Stewards.

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, 29th MARCH.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1462—Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone

MONDAY, 31st MARCH.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 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)
 79—Pythagoreans, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 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)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 143—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe

TUESDAY, 1st APRIL.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 752—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Fcwall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1299—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Ellenor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 559—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 817—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 918—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linsiate, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Butc, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cocker-mouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Retcar.
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Booth, 149 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussax Street, Rhyl
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

- R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 2nd APRIL.

- 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, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 867—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1768—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 299—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Rochester
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigau
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1842—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxo Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyno
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
 THURSDAY, 3rd APRIL.
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1341—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)
 M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
 21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hincley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood

- 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 291—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
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 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1807—Loyal Wye, Built, Breconshire
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
 R.A. 759—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
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 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
 M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 4th APRIL.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 9.30.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—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)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagoreann, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leed s
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1523—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1643—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
 R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 5th APRIL.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 198—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)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hoya Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UNIVERSAL LODGE, No. 181.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. R. Norris. He was well supported by the Officers and members of the Lodge and a goodly array of Visitors. The W.M. having opened the Lodge in the three degrees, closed to the first, when Mr. George Clayton Penny and Mr. James Anderson Cameron were regularly initiated, the W.M. performing his part of the ceremony in a most impressive manner. At the conclusion of the initiations, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a most enjoyable evening was passed under the presidency of the Master. After grace the W.M. gave the first toast on the list, "The Crown and the Craft." It had been said that the sun never set on the British Empire; the same might, with equal truth, be said of Freemasonry; and so long as it continued to be as useful as it was at the present time, its popularity would be maintained. The next toast was that of the M.W. the Grand Master. The acclamation with which the nomination of H.R.H. was received in Grand Lodge, and the unanimous way in which he was re-elected, manifested the popularity which he had entitled himself to. The lustre attached to his lofty station was reflected on each true Mason, all of whom were proud of him as their Grand Master. H.R.H. had himself said, that although not so frequently among the brethren as he could wish, he yet took the greatest interest in all that appertained to the Order. After two songs, one by Bro. G. J. Dunkley, and the other by Miss Annie Larratt, the toast of the Pro G.M. and the Grand Officers was given. The W.M. felt that few words were needed to recommend this toast. The brethren were aware of the great services which the Past Grand Officers had rendered to the Craft, and there was little doubt but that those who now filled the various offices would acquit themselves equally well. The toast of the Charities came next. This was one dear to every Freemason. If it were necessary to prove the good done by the two Schools, the result of the recent Cambridge Local Examinations would be sufficient for the purpose, the result thereof being most favourable for the Boys' and Girls' Schools. If we turn to the "Aged," we should there find comfort and repose provided for many who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and who, in the decline of life, had to seek assistance from their fellows. It was here announced that the Charity-box, which had been passed round, contained £1 16s 3d—a very good amount considering the number of brethren present. The Worshipful Master then had pleasure in proposing the Initiates—a toast always dear to the Universal Lodge. No Lodge could exist without its old and tried members; neither could any continue without new members. He felt that the two gentlemen admitted that night would be a credit to the Order, and trusted that the Lodge which they had joined might prove a credit to them. Bro. Cameron considered they would be most ungrateful if they did not return thanks for the reception accorded them. He was pleased with his experience of Freemasonry, but his experience so far was coupled with one regret—that his first night in Freemasonry, when he had seen and heard so much to delight him, could not come again. There was something dear in the first of everything, but he hoped that his first night in Freemasonry might not always prove to have been the best. Bro. Penny followed, adding his thanks to those of his brother initiate. Bro. Fryer I.P.M. had once more the pleasure of giving a toast. When he last had the privilege of addressing the brethren on the subject of their Worshipful Master he told them that Bro. Norris would prove himself a good Mason and fit to carry out the work. He thought that the work they had that evening witnessed had fully confirmed the truth of his statements. The W.M. returned thanks. If his humble efforts had met with the approval of the brethren he was well satisfied. He hoped that during his term of office they would have love and harmony in the Lodge, with plenty of work at each meeting. The toast of the Past Masters was a very pleasing one for him to offer. He was indebted to his Past Masters for good and valuable advice. Not the least among them was his I.P.M. Bro. Fryer, whose labours of the past year, now happily for him at an end, reflected great honour both on him and the Lodge over which he had presided. The Past Masters were a credit to them. Bros. Fryer and Wood responded, after which the toasts of the Visitors and of the Officers were given and acknowledged. The Tyler's toast followed, and then the brethren were called from refreshment and the Lodge regularly closed. Among the visitors were Bros. Syme Mary Chapel 1 Scotland, Christie 7, Little 166, Moreton J.W. 410, Matthews 569, Daws 619, Bond I.G. 860, Johnson 1382, Perry 1382, Harding J.D. 1410, Webb 1707, Wills P.M. 1909, and Spalding P.M. 1909. The whole of the evening's proceedings were of the most enjoyable character, not the least being the musical treat provided, under the direction of Bro. G. J. Graham, who was supported by Miss Amy Graham, Miss Annie Larratt, Miss Amy Kettle, Bros. Chaplin Henry, H. P. Matthews, C. M. Mitchell, and E. C. Baron Read.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, High-bury. Present—Bros. Western W.M., Rhodes S.W., Jones J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Ware I.G., Isaac P.M. 1693 acting Preceptor; also Past Masters Bros. Kidder, Percy, Hunt, Godolphin, and other brethren. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Anthony acting as candidate. Bro. Collingridge was appointed W.M. for Monday next, and Bro. Anthony 1693 elected a member. The Annual Supper, Tickets 4s, will take place on Monday, 21st April, at the Cock Tavern, Bro. Isaac P.M. 1693 in the chair; Bro. Forge P.M. 1950 Vice-Chair. Bro. Collins Org. 1693 has undertaken the musical arrangements. Tickets may be had of Bro. Collingridge, Secretary, 66 Thornhill-road, N.

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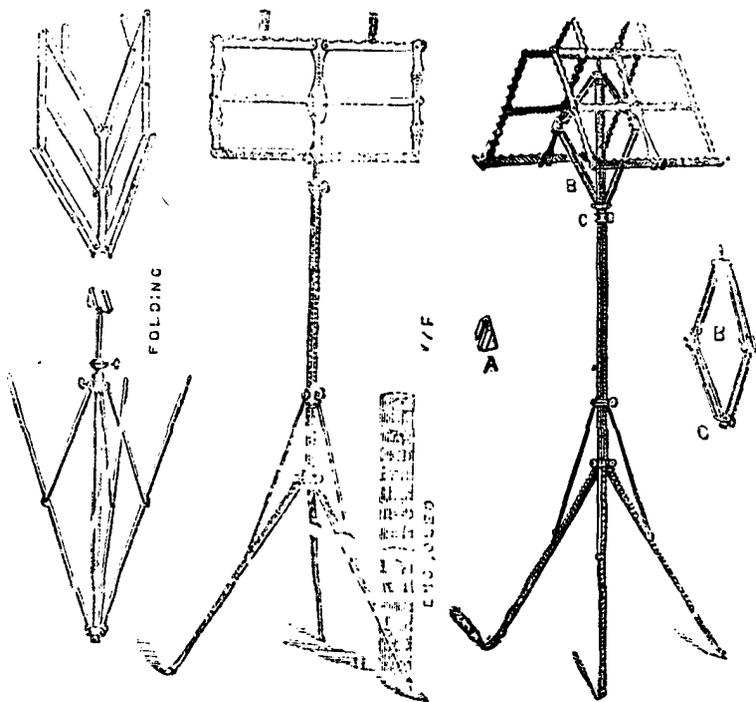
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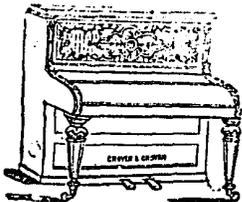
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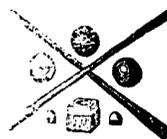
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