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RESUMING ACTIVITY.

THE "Seasonable" festivities may now be considered over, and like all other ordinary mortals we settle down once more to work. We are most of us just now engaged in stock-taking—in making up our balance-sheets, and calculating whether our credit is likely to be good during the year. These operations have to be conducted, not alone in a commercial, but also in a social and a moral sense, if indeed commercial stock-taking can in any way be dissociated from moral considerations. Unhappily there are people who go in for credit on a fictitious foundation socially as well as commercially, but their discovery and disgrace are only a matter of time, and all the while they are assuming the air of success, and inducing people to believe in their unimpeachable honour and respectability, they are thinking of the true balance-sheet, locked in the private ledger of their own self-consciousness, and marked with symbols of inevitable bankruptcy. Such a life of foreboding, of hypocrisy, of falsehood, is scarcely worth the living; and perhaps but for the hope that some day they may at last attain truly to what they now only pretend, few men could bear it. They would summon all their courage, and with a resolution that shook all their body and soul would throw aside their smug assumption of moral and mercantile solvency, and, proclaiming themselves beggars to the world, would pay the uttermost farthing and begin afresh on the lowest rung of the ladder, where they might even eat the bread and drink the water of affliction with a certain savour of safety and relish of untempted obscurity. Hypocrisy is the homage which vice pays to virtue, and is often accompanied by the feeling that one of these days it may cease to be hypocrisy because of the attainment of the virtue which it simulates. So the trader who goes into reckless speculation, and yet so lays his plans that he obtains a reputation for solid prosperity, may look with eager desire for the time when the prize that he is striving for may be gained, and the appearance of substantial success be no longer fictitious. Even the dishonest dealer who begins by following some immoral custom of the trade, and then goes a little farther into crime on his own account, may wish that he may one day be able to afford to take to fair dealing, and at last crown the edifice of a fortune by a genuine probity. Of course these things do not often happen. For the most part the life is infested by the lie, and if success be the result of fraud, it is a lying success. Whether in a social or moral or commercial sense, the apparent benefits so gained resemble that illusive wealth bestowed by mocking fairies, of which every golden coin turned to a dry and withered leaf directly the owner thought to buy with it that which he most desired. The preacher and the moralist may go on warning the world against the danger of making haste to be rich; but the world has little inclination to stop and listen, for the truth is, that in the tremendous pressure of the crowd that hurry towards the golden goal, preacher and moralist are often carried away also. The deceitfulness of riches may be the subject of a sermon from a pulpit orator who is known to be as eager to make himself friends for the mammon of unrighteousness as any of the worst perverters of Scripture among his congregation. We are all going together, not with unison, or in any high sense with a united purpose, but in a fighting, frantic throng, fiercely seeking an opportunity to supersede each other in the tremendous business of "getting on,"

which is the name we give to the act of devoting our lives to the acquisition of wealth, which some of the most successful in the struggle have neither time to count nor heart to enjoy, till time is too short for counting, and the heart too worn and battered for much beside regret. It is perhaps a good thing for us that in the past year we have been suffering so generally from the effects of the feverish conditions that have previously affected every department, not only of trade, but of industry. There have been fears lest we should altogether lose our position, both as the workshop of the world, and the centre of the world's commerce. Strikes and trades unions, and the resulting disputes between masters and workmen, sent a vast amount of manufacturing enterprise out of the country, and made us competitors in countries where labour was cheaper and raw material was protected. There seems to be some promise of amendment in all these respects. Business is assuming a more certain basis. Technical and general education is receiving earnest attention—thanks, in a great measure, to the energies of the Craft—and we have yet belief in the ability of the workmen that we shall still hold our own, and that there are still evidences that the elasticity of our enormous trade will keep us in the position of the foremost nation in the world, both in commerce and manufactures, if we are wisely patient and quietly sagacious enough to look well into our balance-sheet of the past year, and manfully determine to expunge every false entry, to investigate every doubtful transaction, and, while honestly endeavouring to do our duty by each other, sternly demand that those whom we employ in our public service shall be held responsible for their acts, or cease to derive any benefit from privileges which they cannot reasonably expect in return for thorough and efficient work. These thoughts are suggested by the fact that the holidays are over, and that the Lodges are once more "settled down to work." There is little doubt that those brethren who have the onerous task of dealing with the financial condition of Lodges have taken their estimates, too, for the coming year, and we can only conclude with the hope that in Masonry, as well as in trade and commerce, the present year may be "better than the last."

THE MASONIC LIBRARY.

"WE want thinkers, we want them," said Coleridge, speaking of the bigotry and superstition of the Church in his day, and there is a sense in which the expression is applicable to Masonry. We want intelligent Masons, we want them. We want Masons who can give a good reason for the faith that is within them. Masonry has a rich and varied literature, much of it as fascinating as romance, yet it is a fact that a very large proportion of its members are groping in darkness so far as a knowledge of its history, symbolism and jurisprudence is concerned. Ask the first man you meet to give you a definition of Masonry that will individualise and distinguish it from all other Orders, and the chances are that he would be nonplussed. It might even puzzle him to explain the meaning of the emblems he wears suspended from his watch chain. Many who pass as "bright Masons," who are proficient and brisk in degreeism, ritualism, and ceremonial, the use of mystic signs and words, would find themselves greatly confused

in attempting to give an intelligible account of the traditions of the Fraternity and the doctrinal significance of its imposing symbolism. They have the form, not the substance of Masonry.

And this ignorance is largely owing to the carelessness of our officials and Lodges in providing the means of information. There is no possible excuse for this state of things. In all our large towns and cities it would not be difficult to find Lodge rooms sumptuously furnished and brilliantly lighted, and the officers decorated in costly jewels, that have not the nucleus of a library. The money that is annually spent in banquets, banners, parades and pageantry would be amply sufficient to endow the Lodge with a well-selected collection of Masonic books, magazines, and papers. With a little economy and at a trifling sacrifice, every Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery could have a good library and reading room attached to their respective halls.

It is a duty that we owe to the young neophyte we encourage to come among us. He is usually taught that there are immutable signs and phrases that he should learn by heart and be able to repeat readily, and this is well, is indispensable. But, if he is of an inquiring turn of mind, he soon finds that these antique phrases and fixed signs are merely the alphabet of Masonry, the cabala that enshrines an occult science and history. He goes on climbing, through the twilight, the mystic ladder, hoping to find in the strange turretted height and cupola of the ancient temple the hidden glory, but only finds a new vocabulary. He enlists in the army of crusaders, starts with pilgrim staff and scrip to the Holy Land, confident that near the sepulchre and place of crucifixion he may find the grand sun-burst of glory, but everywhere he finds ritual and ceremony, pageantry and drill, of which he soon grows weary. He would penetrate the arcana of mystery, the wondrous symbolism, as explained by Rebold, Folger, Findel and Hughan, or woven into liquid verse by such poets as Rob Morris, but there is no one to show him the way. He has been invited to a feast, but the elegant dishes are empty. He asks for bread, and is given a stone; and this will ever be so as long as we are unable to lead our Brother into a room adjoining the hall, richly supplied with the treasures of Masonic lore, as interpreted and expounded by our great historians, juriconsults, poets and thinkers.

And now see how this works. Our young neophyte has threaded his way through the curriculum of degreeism. He has a good memory, and can repeat with parrot-like exactness its ritual and ceremonial. He is proficient in the work, is elected to a Warden's chair, and aspires to fill the Oriental seat of King Solomon. But is he really competent to preside and shape the character and destiny of a Lodge, because he can confer the Degrees and open and close the Lodge and not trip for a word? What does he know of the traditions? Can he give a good account of our history? What idea has he of the different rites? Is it not a lamentable fact that in the great majority of instances these questions would have to be answered in the negative? And now, by virtue of his office, he is entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge. Is it any wonder he is a wallflower there? Is it strange that the business of the Craft falls into the hands of a few men, who at the sessions of the Grand Bodies are overwhelmed with work? Not at all. The hour from which our novitiate passed the gates of the Temple, he has been familiar with nothing but the showy wardrobe of Masonry, and we repeat again, that those who govern the Craft and oversee the workers of the quarries are, in a measure, responsible for this lamentable ignorance, for not encouraging a taste for reading and enforcing it by precept and example. What can we expect of a Fraternity whose members are absorbed in regalia, parades, the glory of Templar uniforms, and who think that proficiency in degreeism and ritual is the acme of Masonic knowledge? who are content to remain in ignorance of its literature, who rarely ever open a Masonic paper or magazine, and are actually ignorant of what is passing in their own jurisdiction, to say nothing of what is transpiring further away from home. This is an evil that should be remedied if we would enlist the appreciation of the talent and intellect of the age, enliven the usual weary monotony of the Lodge meetings, and remove the slur that Masonry is only another form of club life, a pleasant saturnalia, a plausible excuse to stay out late at night.—*San Francisco Masonic Record.*

THE MASONIC NEW YEAR.

IN FIVE ACTS.

THE year of light 5885 opens auspiciously upon the Craft in Pennsylvania, and generally upon the Craft throughout the Masonic world. Fraternal harmony prevails, the eternal principles of the Brotherhood are upheld, wise and discreet rulers govern the Masonic bodies, the handful of anti-Masons "hide their diminished heads," and the outlook for the future is one of which Freemasons may justly feel proud. We congratulate the readers of THE KEYSTONE upon these facts, and wish them, one and all, a Happy New Year.

Privileges, be it remembered, however, are always accompanied by corresponding responsibilities. If we would maintain the prosperity of the Craft we must be diligent in the performance of our several Masonic duties. Each one of us is an ashlar in the Temple, and if one be weak and crumbling, all will be weak together. Let us review this matter a little. Let us see wherein we can, not merely equal, but even improve the past. Let us not criticise others, but examine ourselves. Each of us owes all that he is in Masonry to the Fraternity that gave him Masonic birth, and as our *Alma Mater*, the Craft is entitled to receive both our grateful homage and our fraternal affection—an affection that not merely voices itself in words, but makes itself felt in acts, for the continued glory and prosperity of our ancient and honourable institution.

Act I.—Never miss attendance at your lodge meetings, unless compelled to do so by imperative necessity. Avoid the possibility of getting into the *habit* of non-attendance through thoughtlessness. It is extremely easy to glide into and abide with the large company of absentees. They are a great cloud of witnesses against themselves. They include, sometimes, from fifty to seventy-five per cent. of the membership. Their Masonry is the merest veneering, for they are scarcely ever heard of, while living, although upon death very often the Lodge is expected to take charge of their remains, and inter them with Masonic honour. If the *first act* resolved upon, for this new year, be to regularly and punctually attend the meetings of your Lodge, and other Masonic bodies, there is promise of a *second act*, which shall give both pleasure to yourself and profit to the fraternity.

Act II.—*Live* your Masonry, as well as profess it. Freemasonry is not a cloak, to be put on when you enter the Lodge Room, and taken off again when you return to the outer world. It is to be a constituent part of yourself, wherever you are. Its principles are intended to permeate your life. A surface Mason is but the parody of a Mason, better suited to be a scarecrow to warn off the profane from Masonry than a Brother who by the purity of his life naturally invites others to follow in his footsteps. Every bad Mason—who is in truth no Mason at all—deters good men from connecting themselves with the Fraternity. We may not advertise *for* candidates, but every faithless Brother is a standing advertisement to warn all the profane *against* seeking initiation. No verbal eulogy of Freemasonry can cancel the effect of a wasted, wrecked Masonic life.

Act III.—Study Masonry—the entirety of Masonry. First study the work. It requires, and will repay, study. It is not easy of acquisition. Careful, prolonged thought must be given it, so that it shall be embedded in the memory. Once there, it will remain; and it is a possession of which any Brother may be proud. It is the portal to a school of philosophy and a system of morality—the introduction to an intellectual arena which calls forth the noblest powers of the mind. It is the foundation of the Craft, upon which the entire superstructure is raised. But it is not all of Masonry. Springing from it, in airy and beautiful form, are the philosophy, the morality and the jurisprudence of the Fraternity. These are to be studied, as well as, and in connection with, the work. This pursuit leads the earnest Freemason into the company of the literary lights of the Craft—those gifted Brethren who have devoted a large part of their lives to an investigation of the origin, the history, and the philosophy of Freemasonry. Once thoroughly imbued with this spirit of investigation, a new world of pleasure is opened up to the seeker after light. He never looks upon a fine architectural edifice without specially enjoying its symmetry and beauty, and recognising

the fact that it was *his* Craft that in early and mediæval times led the way in the noble science of architecture. The European traveller who is a Freemason derives treble the enjoyment from his tour than one of the profane does, simply from a recognition of this truth, in the enhanced pleasure he receives from a view of the mediæval abbeys, cathedrals and castles.

Act IV.—Impart your Masonry, on request to your Brethren—freely ye have received, freely give. We owe it to our Fraternity to be teachers whenever we have opportunity. Do unto others as others have done unto you. You owe much of your Masonry to the individual communication of your Brethren. We are all learners one of another—let us also be teachers. No Freemason has a right to deny instruction to another—always being sure that that other is entitled to receive instruction; that he himself is capable of giving instruction, and that it is imparted at the proper time and in the proper place.

Act V.—The closing act of all, be faithful to your obligations until death. It is easy to have an appearance of enthusiasm for Masonry for a few months or years, but it is a different thing to have both your head and heart initiated, to be a Mason all over, to have the root of the matter in you so that only death shall separate you from participation in active fellowship with your brethren here below. Think over these suggestions at the beginning of this Masonic New Year. Re-dedicate yourself to Freemasonry, assured that it is a noble Science, a royal Art, worthy of the life-long enthusiasm of every Brother who is connected with the Fraternity.—*Keystone.*

EXTRAVAGANCE.

IN scanning our exchanges, and they are sent us from all parts, we have frequently found of late many earnest protests against what the protestors consider the extravagant expenditure for Lodge refreshments. Condensed, the arguments are, that the spending of so large a per centage of the Lodge funds upon laid suppers and alcoholic beverages is repugnant to the principles of true Masonry, has a demoralising tendency, and is a thriftless and unwise expenditure, utterly unjustifiable when the Charities of the Order are in a languishing and inoperative condition. No true Mason can gainsay one word of this, and those protests strike home to Australian Lodges in which the expenditure referred to is so absurdly lavish as to cripple the finances of many Lodges, and offer the censurable inducement to convivial brethren to look forward to "refreshment after labour" as the real cause for their attendance. Applying the arguments of these protests to ourselves (and by ourselves we mean the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales), we find too much truth in them to be pleasant or flattering. Our Charities are on the most limited scale, for though 3,000 strong we have no refuge for indigent Masons, in which the weary brother can find a soothing substitute for home. The relief afforded by Lodges is limited and unreliable, solely because the funds available for relief are reduced by the expense of the selfish pleasures of the table, thus, when the call is made, the help given is dispiriting to the recipient, and is controlled by the paltry balance in hand to the credit of the Lodge. In some Lodges the expenditure on refreshments is so great that though intrants are numerous and dues are paid promptly, yet the Treasurer has rarely a ten pound note in hand for the relief of unfortunate brethren seeking help or to contribute to the "widow and orphans' fund," so sadly in need of help. We know of one Lodge that exceeds its monthly receipts by the expenses of its elaborate monthly supper, at which a variety and a profusion of intoxicants is provided and freely indulged in. We know of other Lodges in which a debt actually exists solely through the cost of the supper table. This is an undesirable state of affairs, and demands the serious consideration of the Worshipful Masters, with whom mainly lies the remedy. If they were to put the matter clearly before the brethren, and appeal to their pride in the soul-stirring traditions of the Order, to the history of its magnificent Charities, to its elevating moral teachings, its world-wide fame as a haven for the weary and the loyal protector of the widow and the fatherless. If this were loyally done, we are confident that a welcome-all-round reform would soon spread like an

epidemic, and that, as a result, the charity funds under the control of the Grand Lodge would show a substantial increase, and soon become sufficient to justify an attempt being made to erect a Masonic almshouse or orphanage, as the tangible outcome of the self-denial of the brethren collectively. The reform we advocate is worthy of the gravest attention of the Grand Lodge with a view to an appeal being made.—*Sydney Freemason.*

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your readers must have been struck with some surprise at the extraordinary resolution which was submitted to the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, held at Exeter, to the effect "that no publication of the meetings of Freemasons or the business transacted therein shall be permitted without the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master for the time being in writing, and that no publication of the business of a private Lodge be allowed unless with the approval of the majority of the brethren in open Lodge assembled." The narrow majority by which this motion was carried was sufficient to show that a diversity of opinion certainly exists as to the publication or otherwise of the proceedings which take place within the Lodge room or at the banquet table. For my own part, I consider the day has long since passed away when the popular idea of Freemasonry is that it is a mere huge social club, or something more, and that its doings are such as Masons would be ashamed of the world knowing. We all know the insidious attacks that are even in these enlightened times made upon the actions of the Craft—how that it is condemned and maligned as a secret society, in the same sense as the appellation is applied to the Fenian, Dynamite, and other "brotherhoods," whose aim is to excite evil passions, and to revolutionise society. This tendency to regard the ancient and honourable Order of Freemasonry as hostile to the well-being of the community would be only stimulated and increased if any such resolution as above quoted were made general, and that a gag should be placed on all the records of Masonic gatherings. In my humble opinion Freemasonry has attained its present true reputation, of being a respectable order-loving and benevolent institution, mainly, in the first instance, through the instrumentality of the Masonic Press, and afterwards by the judicious efforts of brethren attached to respectable journals in the provinces, who have discreetly opened their columns to matters of interest to the sections of the Craft in their respective districts. I know that some fossilised brethren stand aghast at even the mention of their Lodge doings finding its way into a newspaper, but the same foolish conservatism existed at one time among Boards of Guardians and other public bodies, who had hitherto transacted their business in solemn conclave. Such obsolete ideas were, however, demolished by the voice of public opinion, and representatives of the Press are now almost invariably admitted at meetings of such institutions.

It may be argued that Freemasonry is not a public institution, and in a sense this is true. But it is positively absurd to imagine that the proceedings of so representative a body should be kept a sealed book. If so, what becomes of the interchange of that opinion amongst Lodges at home and abroad, and in various parts of our own country, which has been of such benefit to the Craft, and which has gone so far to cement and adorn the Order with that spirit of cosmopolitan brotherly love which we now find in its ranks? The only thing which, in my view, is required is, that proper care should be exercised by those who undertake the duty of furnishing Masonic reports to the Press. And if, as is too frequently the case, a member of the Lodge makes the journal with which he is associated the medium of saying spiteful or personal things of a brother Mason, it is a proceeding which should at once draw down upon him such a salutary rebuke that a repetition of the offence is seldom possible.

It is notorious that in many country towns there is considerable friction between those who belong to the Craft and those who do not, and the smaller the place the more bitter the feud becomes. There is an idea that Masons ruin trade, and that the brethren use their connection with the Order to "favour" each other in business. But it is equally certain that the very men who raise such an outcry against this "trading on Masonry," simply because a rival tradesman might display the Masonic emblems on his shop-front or in his trade card, are the very ones who would force their way into the charmed circle if their presence could be tolerated, or if they could do it "on the cheap."

There are very few "gentlemen of the Press," I imagine, who, when they join a Lodge, do so actuated by "mercenary or other unworthy motives," and when they publish the proceedings of their own Lodges they do so in a spirit of loyalty and brotherly love, and would scorn to say anything in their columns which would detract from the interest and welfare of the body into which they have been admitted. Public opinion and "freedom of discussion," which you recently spoke about, are the best means of keeping alive the present enviable prestige of Freemasonry, whereas coercion as to silence would only revive the calumnies which have for so many years rested upon one of the best and most lofty and beneficent of human institutions.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A COUNTRY EDITOR.

[We fully endorse the opinion expressed by our correspondent, and may have occasion to refer more fully to the matter at some future time. Meanwhile, we shall be pleased to receive the views of others who may have given the subject serious consideration.—Ed. F.C.]

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

THE installation meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, where there was a fairly good attendance, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. Thomas E. Davey. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Shipley I.P.M., L. Steingraber S.W., J. N. Crossley P.M. acting as J.W., J. E. Harling P.M. Treasurer and W.M. elect, J. Driscoll P.M. Sec., A. Couldrey S.D., W. Boyce D.C., S. Lampen I.G., H. Meyer Steward, P.M.'s W. Ansell, Hiram Cosedge, C. Davey, and J. Clark, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), W. Manger P.M. 1314, R. Ollendorff P.M. 1017, J. Thompson, E. A. Francis 1658, C. T. Shuttleworth P.M. 190, S. Richardson J.W. 183, J. Hartnoll 1538, J. D. Tarr 1293, C. H. Gray 1703, &c. Lodge was opened, and after reading the minutes the auditors presented their report, which showed the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition with regard to its finances. Bro. Murrell was subsequently raised to the third degree, after which Bro. J. E. Harling P.M. was presented for the benefit of installation. As we recently explained, Bro. Harling was requested to accept the chair, for the second time in this Lodge, in consequence of the death of Bro. J. Linscott. But, with a view to maintain the "rotation" of offices, and enable all to pass through the minor chairs, it was agreed that it would be advisable that a P.M. should be asked to officiate for a year, and Bro. Harling readily acceded to the wish of the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters having been duly constituted, Bro. Harling was installed into the chair of K.S. by his immediate predecessor, the ceremony being performed in masterly style. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was greeted with the customary honours, and he invested his officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. T. E. Davey I.P.M., Louis C. Steingraber S.W., A. Couldrey J.W., W. Ansell P.M. Treas., J. Driscoll P.M. Sec., C. Fassheber S.D., S. Lampen J.D., W. Boyce J.G., H. Meyer D.C., C. Davey P.M. W.S., C. V. Howard A.W.S., and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's well-known style, and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. In reference to the toast of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Harling said he was one of those who thought that the great increase in the number of Lodges since the accession of his Royal Highness was not an unmixed benefit to the Craft, but that was no fault of his. The Prince of Wales had done his utmost to promote the good of Freemasonry, and when they found that he intended in due time to bring his eldest son into the Order it was the best proof they possibly could have of his admiration of, and affection for, the Craft. In these days, when Freemasonry was attacked by the outside world as being a disloyal body, it was a convincing sign to the contrary when the Prince of Wales and future King has expressed his intention of allowing his son to join the Institution. In giving the toast of the Grand Officers' the Worshipful Master spoke of them as a body of men who performed their important duties with great ability, smoothing over many difficulties, and conducting the affairs of Grand Lodge to the satisfaction of all interested in the Craft. Bro. T. E. Davey I.P.M. then proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, a toast which he knew would be received with the utmost pleasure by all present. He need scarcely remind them that this was the second time Bro. Harling had occupied the chair of the United Mariners' Lodge, and it was agreed on the first occasion that he acquitted himself with the greatest ability. From what they knew of him they might expect that he would equally distinguish himself on this occasion. He need scarcely remind the brethren that he (the speaker) was going up as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and he should be glad of the utmost support they could give him. The W.M. in responding said, although it was a pleasant task to speak in praise of others, he found it difficult to speak of himself while acknowledging the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. Especially was this so on the present occasion. Twenty-one years ago he was initiated in this Lodge, and he then made a vow that he would become Master of it. He worked very hard in the various offices, and made himself proficient for the position to which in due time the brethren elected him; but he never expected he should be a Dick Whittington. Circumstances, however, had arisen that the honour was a second time conferred upon him, and it afforded him unusual pleasure. On the first occasion he thought it a great honour to be elected Master of so old a Lodge as the United Mariners; but this was an additional honour, because there had been a great deal of unselfishness shown in placing him in that position. The Lodge had for some years made him their Treasurer, which, he thought, was all he could expect at their hands, and with that he should have been satisfied. There were many worthy P.M.'s who were more entitled than himself to have been elected to the chair, but in their unselfishness they asked him to accept the position, and he thoroughly appreciated their kindness, which he should remember to the end of his days. He trusted that during his year of office he might have a good deal of work to do, and that many worthy brethren might be added to their Lodge; and in doing that work he hoped to be able to sustain the prestige which the United Mariners' Lodge had enjoyed for many years. There was never pleasure without pain, even in being Master of a Lodge. When he filled that position some years ago he initiated fifteen members, but when he looked around him to-night he found there was only one (Bro. Cosedge P.M.) left; and he had stood aside in his unselfishness to help to place him (the speaker) in the position he once more held in the Lodge. If there were any suggestions made by brethren

for the advantage of the Lodge they should have his earnest attention; thus he hoped they would work harmoniously and successfully together during the coming year. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master he said it afforded him much pleasure to know that it had become a custom in this Lodge for each retiring W.M. to instal his successor, and he hoped that would be the case for many years to come. When he was previously Master of this Lodge he feared he was rather a lazy Mason, and did not do this, and it had been a source of regret to him ever since. This, however, should not be said of him again, now that he had another opportunity. He then spoke of the excellent manner in which the duties of the chair had been discharged during the past year by Bro. Davey, and said he had that night crowned his former successes by installing him into the chair in excellent manner. This afforded him much pleasure, for he had seen Bro. Davey's father initiated in the Lodge, and then installed; he had seen the son initiated and afterwards installed; and, now, he had himself been installed by the son. Having seen two generations in various positions in the Lodge, it afforded him additional pleasure to bear testimony to the manner in which the duties had been fulfilled by his predecessor. He then, in the name of the Lodge, presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Davey, and, in expressing the gratification it afforded him to do so, hoped that the recipient might live for many years to wear it, and to enjoy the esteem and affection of those by whom he was surrounded. As he had seen both father and son initiated and installed in Freemasonry, might he live to see the son's son likewise initiated and installed in the chair of K.S. The I.P.M., in reply, said he did not know how sufficiently to thank them for the way in which the toast had been received. Success had been pouring in from all sides more than he had anticipated. On going round with his list for the Benevolent Institution he collected £6 5s 6d, bringing his total to £40 17s 6d, and since then one of their visitors (Bro. Terry) had passed a note to his father, "Kindly place on your son's list, in my name, the sum of ten guineas, as a personal compliment." (This was the signal for hearty applause.) Then he had had a jewel presented to him, and, although he could not say that was unexpected, nevertheless he should esteem it with every appreciation and pride, and trusted he should live to wear it amongst them for many years. The Worshipful Master then, in graceful terms, extended a welcome to the Visitors, for whom Bros. Shuttleworth, Ollendorff, and Manger replied; and, in responding for the Past Masters, Bro. Driscoll said he did so with pleasure, mingled with a small degree of sorrow; inasmuch as, though not very aged, he was the oldest member and the oldest P.M. of the Lodge. This told him that his turn must come; and some one else would occupy his place as Senior Past Master. As long as he was amongst them he should be proud of the distinction and of the kind consideration which was paid him by every member of the Lodge. The Past Masters recognised the kindness of the brethren, so much that they gave every question due weight before it was put for the decision of the Lodge, and if they gave a proper reason for the disposal of funds or other matters, he knew the Past Masters would be always supported by the brethren generally. He hoped to live long enough to see all the brethren present pass the chair, and said it afforded him great pleasure to see Bro. Harling there once more, because, fifteen years ago, he had the honour of installing Bro. Harling as his successor. But now "Othello's occupation's gone," for the brethren would take care to be so well up in their work that he should never have the chance again. The W.M. then proposed the Masonic Charities, and associated with the toast the name of the worthy Secretary of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry, who was cordially received, replied in a long, strong, and eloquent speech, in the course of which he said, with respect to the present position of the Institution, they were in a very peculiar line. The Girls' School was, and he hoped ever would be, pre-eminently successful. Its funds were in such a condition that in April next the Committee would be able to elect 22 girls out of a list of 30. The Boys' School was in a better position than for many years, and they would be able to elect 25 members out of 45 candidates. But the very reverse of the picture took place when they mentioned the Old People. They had 127 candidates—46 men and 81 widows. At the present moment there were twelve vacancies on the male fund, but not one for the widows. Therefore, if the Festival next month was not a greater success than ever before, they would not be able to elect one widow out of the 81 who were seeking admission. He concluded by making an earnest appeal on behalf of the funds of the Institution. The health of the Officers was responded to by Bros. Steingraber S.W., A. Couldrey J.W., and S. Lampen J.D.; the latter of whom tendered his heartiest thanks to the Lodge for having given him another step towards the chair. He, as an Officer, would do his best; and try to get the work done as it should be done. In reference to their Lodge of Instruction, when they opened it about twelve months ago there were only ten members, whereas now the Lodge numbered over 70 members, and they had an average attendance of from 18 to 20 every Wednesday evening. It was now a well-established Lodge of Instruction, and much appreciated by brethren resident in the Peckham district. On Wednesday next the Fifteen Sections would be worked, and he should be glad to see the W.M. of the mother Lodge and as many of the brethren as could make it convenient to attend. The proceedings were of a very enjoyable character throughout, and were enlivened by some excellent singing.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE installation meeting of this select and eminently prosperous Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a gratifying attendance of brethren and visitors. Lodge was opened at four o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Arthur Haig-Brown, who was

supported by Bros. Thos. F. Harvey S.W. and W.M. elect, F. J. Dellow J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Sec., and other officers and brethren. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the auditors' report was submitted, and we may be allowed to congratulate the Lodge upon its steady and solid progress. We have long been aware that the Sincerity Lodge is not prone to nurse its resources, but has ever given with a liberal and unstinted hand to the cause of charity in any form which has presented itself. By the balance-sheet we observe that during the past year the Lodge has made a grant of ten guineas to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in addition to placing £28 12s 6d to the credit of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, which now amounts to a total of £105 10s 7d. Of this amount £50 11s 3d is invested in 3 per cent. Consols, and there is remaining in the Treasurer's hands £44 14s 4d. The report was received with unanimous expressions of satisfaction. Bro. T. F. Harvey was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the retiring W.M. in a manner which elicited frequent expressions of approbation. Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. acted most efficiently as Director of Ceremonies. After the newly-installed Worshipful Master had received the customary congratulations from the re-admitted brethren, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. Arthur Haig-Brown I.P.M., F. J. Dellow S.W., H. J. Cant J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treas., John Newton P.M. Sec., Charles Blain S.D., W. Wiles J.D., G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Organist, J. A. Keable D.C., J. Miller W.S., and J. Very Tyler. During the evening it was announced that the W.M., Bro. Harvey, had undertaken to serve as a Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next month, and the Lodge voted him ten guineas on his list, which gift was supplemented in a manner characteristic of the Sincerity Lodge. Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. Treas. referred to the fact that a most important event had recently taken place in the happy family circle of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, namely, the coming of age of his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor. A feeling of joy and delight had found its way to the heart of every member of the Craft throughout the British Empire. His Royal Highness had at all times identified himself with all that was conducive to the general welfare of mankind, and as it had already been announced that the young Prince contemplated joining the Craft, he (the speaker) ventured to say he would meet a most cordial reception. He therefore moved that a humble address of congratulation from the members of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, be transmitted to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, in commemoration of the happy and important event—the coming of age of Prince Albert Victor. The resolution having been seconded by Bro. John Newton P.M. Sec., and carried amidst acclamation, it was resolved that the same should be forwarded to Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, for transmission to the proper quarter. At the conclusion of some other business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, following which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master being received with special enthusiasm. Regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. Jones P.M. and Bro. Miller W.S., both of whom had been prevented by indisposition from attending the installation meeting. The Health of the Visitors was most heartily received, the toast being responded to in a few happily-chosen sentences by Bro. Rogers, of Jersey, Bro. T. J. Barnes, and Bro. Huzzgett P.M. 1625. Bro. James Terry in responding to the toast of the Masonic Institutions, thanked the Lodge for its sustained efforts on behalf of the necessitous brethren and their widows and orphans. The Sincerity Lodge made it a rule that it should be represented at the Benevolent Institution Festival every year, and at one or other of the Festivals for the Scholastic Institutions in addition. This was an example that might be copied with advantage by many other Lodges. The proceedings, which were of the most harmonious and enjoyable description, were enlivened by some excellent selections of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. G. T. H. Seddon P.M., assisted by Bro. G. Weige P.M. and other brethren.

A feature of the evening must not be passed over without mention. On the motion of Bro. John Newton, seconded by Bro. John Bulmer, the Senior Past Master of this Lodge, it was unanimously agreed to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Brother Norris, for many years the Warden of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon. As is well known to most of our readers, Bro. Norris was initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, in the year 1812. At the present time his son and grandson are connected with the Sincerity Lodge as members, and both speakers to the motion made happy allusion to the sterling qualities of their deceased brother, and expressed a fervent hope that his son and grandson would live equally respected among their fellows.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY, No. 185.

EVEN visitors who are the least observant cannot fail to have occasionally noticed—upon entering a Freemasons' Lodge—where order, harmony, and loyalty should prevail, a certain laxity in the proceedings, in respect to scrupulous attention to the laws as provided in the Constitution of the Order; a negligent disregard of the service, and sometimes a transparent cliquism, which is unlikely to conduce to foster those sentiments of fraternal affection which should form the distinguishing characteristic of every Masonic assembly. Happily, to the vast mass of Lodges such strictures do not apply, and among those deserving praise for strict attention to duty in all its details must be classed the above. The extraordinary prosperity of this Lodge is further sustained by the intelligent zeal and conspicuous ability of the Officers, from the Worshipful Master, Bro. Sol. Barnett, who presided at a meeting held on the 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., to the brother holding the lowest office, and the eagerness with which the Past Masters

embrace every opportunity to further the interest and uphold the dignity of the Lodge. The business on the present occasion consisted in admitting three gentlemen into the Order, and electing the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The suffrages of the brethren were unanimously in favour of Bro. S.M. Boas, the S.W., to be the W.M. for the coming term. The result was heartily applauded, and, in reply to the congratulatory remarks of the W.M. presiding, the W.M. elect expressed his thanks to the Brethren for the distinguished honour thus conferred upon him, and thought that the confidence placed in him by this election was mainly owing to his endeavour to bring to bear upon his work such diligence and ability as he possessed, and to his constant attendance to his duties. He trusted that his future conduct might always be such as to induce a continuance of the favourable opinion of the brethren towards him. Bro. W. D. Bayley P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, with hearty wishes from all that he might be spared to be re-elected for many years to come. Bro. Potter P.M. was re-elected Tyler. The W.M., who is a most genial chairman at the banquet-table, ever having the comfort of the brethren in view, was obligingly brief in his speeches, so that those to whom the exhalation of fumes is a solace might indulge in their favourite taste, and those who vote after-dinner orations a bore might be satisfied. Bros. Roberts P.M. 392, Harris 177, Williams 728, and Lee 821 were Visitors. They, in response to their health being drank, remarked upon the excellent working of the Lodge, and the deliberate and impressive manner in which the ceremonies were conducted by the W.M. Bros. Bayley, Ross, Tipper, and Thompson, in conjunction with Bro. Barnett, Organist, rendered valuable service by their vocal and instrumental efforts. The Past Masters present were J. R. Staley I.P.M., W. D. Bailey, Harfeld, Bloomfield, Gluckstein, N. Moss, F. Croker, J. D. Barnett, T. W. C. Bush and E. Gottheil.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE installation meeting of this Craft Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall Devizes, on Friday, 16th instant. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees by Bro. J. A. Randell P.M., who afterwards vacated the chair in favour of Bro. William Nott P.P.J.G.W. Wilts Prov. C. Secretary, who proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Henry Bush S.W. into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The following is the list of Officers for the ensuing year, as invested by the newly-installed W.M.:—Bros. S. M. Badham I.P.M., F. S. Hancock S.W., T. C. Hopkins J.W., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treasurer, William Nott P.M. Secretary, W. L. Tucker S.D., H. J. Johnson J.D., W. H. Burt P.M. Director of Ceremonies, N. I. Beale Organist, W. P. Bouverie I.G., Harry Howse P.M., F. Sloper and W. Cooper Stewards, Charles R. Barnes Tyler. In addition to the brethren named there were many other members and visitors present, amongst the latter being P.M.'s Bros. John Chandler 355, Jas. Sparks 1271, A. J. Beaven 1271, W. S. Bambridge 1533, J. W. Jones 632, F. G. Bellingham 471. After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where the host, Bro. N. I. Beale, had provided an excellent banquet.

GOSPORT LODGE, No. 903.

THE installation of Bro. John Dempsey S.W. as W.M. of this Lodge, took place at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Tuesday, 12th inst., and was followed by a banquet. The installation ceremony was performed by the I.P.M. (Bro. Irons) in a very effective and efficient manner. After being duly installed the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Irons I.P.M., Thornton S.W., Smith J.W., Rev. Dr. Ring Chaplain, Downing Treasurer, Stretton Secretary, Gibbons S.D., Pearson J.D., Crisp D. of C., Batson I.G., Pawsey and Turle Stewards, Misselbrook Organist, Larkins Assistant Organist, Calvin Tyler. The following visiting Officers and brethren were present:—Bros. Jolliffe 257, Gieve 309, Hill 309, Buck and Gunnell 312, Collins 804, Cook, Rastrick, Dapree, House, all of 1069, Batchelor 1705, Miles 1776, Mason 1423, Westaway and J. S. Gardener 1834, Wallingford, Mitchell, Powell and Branwin. The banquet, which was provided by Bro. Bond, was all that could be desired, and was followed by the usual Masonic toasts, &c., interspersed with songs. Bro. Sylvester accompanied on the piano, and sang in his usual masterly style. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a close about 11 p.m., a steam launch being provided for brethren residing at Portsmouth.

PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

THE first regular meeting for the present year was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 19th instant. Bro. W. Laird W.M. opening his Lodge assisted by Bros. G. Treves S.W., J. D. Arnold J.W., C. Everist I.P.M., James Stevens P.M., C. Palman P.M., T. Poore P.M. and Secretary, G. Allen P.M., G. Lilley P.M., A. Leonard S.D., F. Puckles J.D., Dr. Lewis Jones I.G., A. C. Wood D.C., J. Ash W.S., C. Thomas Tyler; Sabin, Debenham, Dibbens, and other members; and visitor Bro. Frederick Walters P.M. P.G.D. Middlesex. The Lodge having been opened and minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for two joining members, which was declared unanimous in their favour. Lodge was opened in F.C. and Bro. Sabin proved proficiency, and was duly raised in M.M. to the third degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony, for the first time, in a very careful and effective manner. Lodge having been closed down, Bro Stevens P.M. brought the case of a distressed brother a P.M. of the Mariners Lodge, No. 249, before the Lodge and the brethren voted him two guineas. A letter was read from Bro. W. MacFarland of the Theatre Royal, Dundee, stating his desire to secure the erection of a memorial stone in the New Cemetery,

Aberdeen, to mark the resting place of Bro. N. W. Hodges, a P.M. of this Lodge, and the sum of two guineas was voted towards that purpose, with an intimation that, if needed, further assistance should be given to Bro. MacFarland, whose kindly interest in the matter was greatly appreciated. Notifications from several brethren interested in candidates for the respective Masonic Charitable Institutions were freely responded to, the keynote of the entire proceedings of the evening being, both by word and deed, Charity. As a result the supper partaken of after the closing of the Lodge was more than usually enjoyed by the brethren, who still further exemplified that "greatest of all" the Masonic virtues by practical remembrance of the "poor and distressed." The usual toasts were given, Brother Walters replying to that given in his honour in terms of great gratification with his visit. Songs and recitations were interspersed throughout the remainder of a very pleasant evening, which terminated at a reasonable hour.

MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 179.

THE installation meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on the 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. W. Dickeson W.M., W. T. Hughes S.W., J. Ellwood J.W., Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, Kew P.M. Secretary, Westman S.D., A. J. Hearne I.G.; P.M.'s Benet, Lovett, Dettmar I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Hatfield 1585, Grunberg 235, Gilbey 1194, Giddings 1446, Mulvey 788, Marx 957, Weston 1602, Marsh 1326, Von Joel 957, Scurrah 2048, Baker, Kauffmann 1732, Nadenitz 1744, Dickey 1744, May, Durant 441, Pratt 957, Smeed 1585, Court 1559, Mason, Montgomery 1475, Child 175, Howard 1708, Kay 63, Woodruff 957, Harrington 160, Woolsey 228, Turner 534, Reid 349, Age 957, Wolsey 228, Lash 1475, Smith 1744, Draper, Berner 130, 1305, Boydon 212, Bisney 1305, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After all preliminaries had been observed in regard to opening Lodge and confirming the minutes of last meeting, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Hughes S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Dickeson, who displayed some perfect working, and gave an impressive rendering of the ceremony. He was warmly congratulated on its conclusion. There were nineteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The lay members having been admitted, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Dickeson I.P.M., Ellwood S.W., Westman J.W., Hopekirk Treasurer, Kew Secretary, Hughes S.D., Hearne J.D., Brinckman D.C., Kew A.D.C., Baker Musical Director, Taylor A.M.D., Hughes W.S., Koester P.M. Tyler. Bro. Kew efficiently acted as D.C. Applause followed the investment. The newly-installed W.M. at once showed his proficiency by initiating Messrs. Bromley, Thomas, and Smith into the Order. The Officers were equally perfect. The W.M. presented an elegant P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Master, for his valuable and efficient services to the Lodge during his year of office. Brother Dickeson had set a good example to those who might succeed him; the brethren were proud of his working, and gratified at knowing the respect he is held in. Bro. Dickeson in brief but appropriate terms returned thanks; he fully appreciated the valuable gift; his services were always at the command of the brethren. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed until the third Thursday in February. The brethren, who mustered 80 in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Brother F. Clemow. The W.M., who ably presided, in appropriate terms proposed the toasts. In speaking of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, he said we all love and respect the Prince of Wales, and hope at a future date to see his eldest son, who, has just attained his majority, join our Order. The R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England was the next toast given. It met with a most enthusiastic reception. Bro. Dickeson I.P.M. then rose; it was a pleasure, in his position of I.P.M., that it devolved on him to give the next toast, the health of the Master. He was proud to be the I.P.M. to propose it. Bro. Hughes had shown them how he could work, by his rendering of the ceremony so soon as he was installed. He had initiated three gentlemen, while in the brief time he had already presided he had shown he was capable of fulfilling his duties thoroughly. He (the I.P.M.) felt it an honour and pleasure to have installed one so worthy to fill the chair. The W.M. thanked Bro. Dickeson; he could scarcely find words for what his heart dictated. However, he hoped he might be able to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. He was gratified to have had the pleasure of initiating his three friends. When he left the chair, at the expiration of his year of office, he hoped to do so with the approbation of the brethren, and with the same amount of credit as had been accorded his predecessor. The toast of the Initiates came next. The W.M. well knew and respected them; he was sure they would be good and true Masons, and in due course become a credit to the Order. Bros. Smith, Bromley, and Thomas, in brief but appropriate terms responded. The toast of the Masonic Charities was next given. The W.M. would serve as Steward at the next anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This was one of those Charities we are all bound to support. Brother Terry, the worthy Secretary, was present at his initiation; he was with them also that night, at his installation; he was pleased to see him and to associate his name with the toast. Brother James Terry in a very eloquent speech responded; he advocated the cause of the other Institutions, and detailed the number of candidates to be admitted. He hoped they would support the Benevolent Institution, and help the poor and distressed in their declining years. Bro. Terry paid a just tribute of respect to the late Bro. Hughes P.M., the father of the W.M.; every one who knew him respected him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and coupled with it the names of Bros. H. M. Levy, W. Smeed, May, and Marx, who severally responded. In speaking of the Installing Master, Bro. Dickeson, the W.M. said he could hardly find words to express his appreciation of

his working. Throughout his year of office he had done well. He had also ably installed his successor; that he, personally, never could forget. In reply, Bro. Dickeson said if he had performed the duties of the chair satisfactorily he was amply repaid. He felt it was his duty to instal his successor, and was proud he had met with approbation. He took this opportunity to thank the Officers for their support and assistance; they had always attended at the time named, and had thus rendered the ceremonies in a complete form. His thanks were due to the Past Masters; without their co-operation he could not have carried out his duties. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, the pillars of the Lodge. Bros. Dickeson, Hopekirk, Dettmar, Benet, Lovett, all indeed, were a credit and an honour to the Lodge. Bros. Kew, Benet, and Dettmar responded. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, and said he felt a pride in asking the members to drink their health. He was sure, by their excellent working, they would eventually reach the Chair. The S.W. and J.W. made suitable replies. The Tyler's toast was then given. Bros. Kew P.M. and F. Hughes W.S. looked well after the comfort of the brethren visitors. A musical entertainment was provided, under the direction of Bros. Baker and Cain, while Bro. F. C. Smith proved an able accompanist. We must not omit to refer to the charming singing of Miss Helen Burnelle; also to an excellent recitation from Miss Annie Burnelle, and to the vocal ability displayed by Messrs C. Richardson, H. Crispin, and Bro. W. Baker.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE anniversary festival of this, the senior Lodge of Reading, took place at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, 20th January. It was one of the most numerous and brilliant assemblages that has ever been witnessed in this model Lodge-room. Among the members present were the High Sheriff of Berks Bro. Charles Stephens P.M., Rev. Canon Garry Chaplain, the Installing Master, W. W. Moxhay P.M., R. Bradley P.M., and F. J. Ferguson P.M., who was chiefly instrumental in the improvement of the Lodge premises during his year of office, and others. Among the visitors were the W.M. of 1101 Bro. J. H. Hawkes, the I.P.M. of 1101 Bro. W. W. Ridley, whose genial hospitality during his Mastership will not soon be forgotten, the venerable late Secretary of 1101 Bro. W. P. Ivey P.M., W. Ferguson P.M. 1101, R. C. Hurley P.M., R. Dowsett P.M. 1101, who has kindly undertaken the office of Almouer for the three Reading Lodges, W. G. Flanagan P.M. 1101, and now W.M. of the Kendrick Lodge, and a number from the various Lodges of the province and neighbourhood. The principal business was the installation of Bro. M. J. Withers as Master of the Lodge. The ceremony was performed by the I.P.M. Bro. S. Wheeler jun., who conducted it with admirably correct precision, this being the first time that a W.M. here has installed his successor. We congratulate Bro. Wheeler on being the pioneer of a system which was always advocated by the late Bro. J. Gibson P.M., who said he would never give a P.M.'s jewel to a Master who could not instal his successor. Before vacating the Chair Bro. Wheeler asked permission to present the Lodge with three pedestals, for the Master, and Senior and Junior Wardens, for which a cordial vote of thanks was carried with acclamation. They were made of British oak, with an appropriate emblem on each, and were much admired. After the business the brethren retired for refreshment to the Great Western Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Flanagan.

CAMDEN LODGE, No. 704.

A REGULAR meeting of this excellent Lodge was held on the 20th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. Trinder W.M., Bindon S.W., Hehl J.W., Goodchild Treasurer, Osborn S.D. Sayers J.D., Eyers Steward, Coffin as I.G., Schubert Organist, P.M.'s Bros. Frost, Pocklington, Morrill, and Soper. Visitors—Bros. Stock 1791, Dodd 1194, Coplestone 834, Bigg 1791, Underwood W.M. 1366, Count Nydpruck (Brussels), H. M. Levy P.M. 188, C. E. Aveling 1929, H. Donnelly 749. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Martin was then passed to the second degree. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Devine, Robinson, M. H. Whiting, and (by fiat) T. Whiting. The ceremonies were perfectly and impressively delivered. The resignations of two brethren were accepted, with regret. A distressed brother was relieved from the funds of the Lodge. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Lodge was closed until the third Tuesday in March. The brethren sat down to a very excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Clemow. The W.M. ably presided, and proposed the usual toasts. Bro. Frost, in proposing the health of the W.M., said Bro. Trinder was devoted to the interests of the Lodge; he hoped he would leave the chair with the same amount of esteem he is now held in, and that the Lodge might be in a prosperous condition. The W.M. said he felt great pleasure in listening to the remarks of Bro. Frost; his best energies should be devoted to promoting the happiness of the brethren. The toast of the Initiates was next on the list. The W.M. was very pleased to have had the privilege of initiating three brethren into the Order. From the manner they had listened to the ceremony, he augured happy results. The Initiates in brief but appropriate terms responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bros. Coplestone, Bigg, H. M. Levy, Aveling, Underwood, and Count Nydpruck (Amis Philanthropie) severally responded. The Past Masters were next complimented; the W.M. referred to their excellent qualifications; these had sustained the Lodge in its present high position. Bro. Frost, one of the Founders of the Lodge, remarked how pleased he was to see the Lodge in so prosperous a condition; he trusted it would continue so. Bro. Frost was followed by Bros. Morrell, Pocklington, and Goodchild. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens and Officers, said no better Wardens could be found; both knew their duties thoroughly.

He hoped to see them fill the chair; the same remarks applied to the Officers generally. Bro. Bindon, in response, regretted the absence of the J.W., Bro. Hehl, who, through pressure of business, was unable to stay to respond. Bros. Osborn and Sayers also addressed a few words to the brethren. The Tyler's toast in due course was given, and the proceedings came to a close. A most enjoyable musical entertainment was provided. Bro. Schubert artistically played on the piano-forte, while Bros. Bindon, Osborn, Robinson, Douelly, Coffin, and the W.M. contributed to the harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE installation meeting was held on the 13th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. Present:—Bros. G. Coleman W.M., John Jacobs S.W., H. W. Kedgley J.W., E. Jacobs P.M. Treas., W. Bourne P.M. Sec., H. Dickson S.D., Bower Solomons J.D., S. Jacobs P.M. D.C., Rev. P. M. Holden Chaplain P.P.G.C. Middx., J. Stacey P.M. Org. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Taylor 1567, B. Da Costa 1349, L. A. Da Costa 1349, Cox P.M. 190, Mordecai P.M. 1348, Smith J.W. 1563, Morris 177, Cohen 811, Gardner S.W. 2012, Jacobs late 1614, N. Smith 1348, Renault 1623, Roots 1273, Osmond 1348, Gorham 382, Robinson 1681, Legger 753, Boyton 1839, Hayes 1348, Clark P.M. 1227, Perryman P.M. No. 3, Smeed P.P.G. Middx., Gow 619, Nagle 186, Tiffen 95, Anidjah 1987, Rutter 1273, Thomas 654, Isaacs 1816, Levien 1349, Horace Robbins 25, Elliot 73, Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. Bros. W. A. Dowsing No. 2012, and W. Belsham 733 were elected joining members. Bro. A. Bryan was raised to the third degree. Bro. G. H. Foan was passed. These ceremonies were ably and excellently rendered by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. John Jacobs S.W. and W.M. elect was duly placed in the chair by the I.P.M., in a most creditable manner for so young a Mason. He received the congratulations of the brethren and Visitors at the conclusion of the ceremony; there were 20 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The newly Installed Master on the re-admission of the brethren received the customary salutes, and then appointed and invested his Officers:—G. Coleman I.P.M., Kedgley S.W., Dickson J.W., E. Jacobs P.M. Treas., Bourne P.M. Secretary, Bower Solomon S.D., Bassett J.D., Reynolds I.G., Rev. P. M. Holden P.P.G.C. Middlesex Chaplain, S. Jacobs P.M. W.S., Stacy Organist, Thorpe D.C., Howard Steward, Potter P.M. Tyler. The Report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. The W.M. in eloquent terms presented the retiring W.M., Bro. G. Coleman, with a Past Master's jewel, with suitable inscription, which had been unanimously voted him for the able and efficient manner he had in every respect carried out the duties of his office, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. G. Coleman in suitable terms returned thanks. Four candidates were proposed for initiation, and after hearty good wishes from the Visitors the Lodge was closed. The brethren now sat down to a sumptuous and recherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and personally superintended by Bro. Bettiui. The tables were artistically decorated, and buttonholes were provided for each guest—there were 88 present. Grace having been said by the Rev. P. M. Holden, the W.M. proposed in appropriate terms the Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., allusion was made to Prince Albert Victor attaining his majority. The W.M. was sure the brethren wish him every happiness through life, and that he might live to be a source of pleasure to his honoured parents and a credit to the nation. Bro. G. Coleman P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Jacobs had fulfilled his duties hitherto with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. The brethren had seen his working in the minor offices: He (Bro. Coleman) was sure they would have reason to be proud of him. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Coleman for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their reception of the toast. So far as the interests of the Lodge were concerned, his services were always at command. He would strive to conduce in every way to its prosperity. In introducing the next toast, the health of the I.P.M., the W.M. said Bro. Coleman was an example to the Lodge. There were few like him, either in this or any other Lodge. He might say he was perfect in his working, punctual in his duties, and well calculated to rank as a Past Master. All were proud of him. He asked them to give a good reception to the toast. Bro. Coleman eloquently responded; he was proud to wear the jewel presented to him; it was with zest he started on a new era; while he had health and strength his energies would be at the service of the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said there were forty-six present. The Lodge was proud to receive them. He would call on Bros. Smeed P.P.G.W. Middlesex and Perryman P.M. No. 3 to respond. After these brethren had made suitable reply, the W.M. complimented the P.M.'s; they were our guiding stars; any assistance the Lodge might require of them they were always ready and willing to give it. Bro. E. Jacobs in reply said the Past Masters were always most willing to give the Lodge all the assistance in their power; while in any case of doubt they were glad to advise. He was proud to say that, with one exception, the Past Masters had installed their successors and he hoped the future Masters would do the same. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, said all knew the interest they took in the Lodge, and how they did their duty; he asked the brethren to drink the toast most heartily. Bros. Jacobs and Bourne responded; they would do all in their power to forward the interests of the Lodge. Bros. Kedgley S.W. and Dickson J.W. responded for the Officers; each assured the Worshipful Master they would do all they could to assist him in the working of the Lodge, and trusted that at the end of his year of office he would report well of them. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening. The absence of Brother W. H. Gulliford

P.M. was frequently regretted. Bros. S. Jacobs and Howard looked well after the comforts of the Visitors. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by song and recitations, by the following brethren:—Bros. Rev. Holden, C. Ralph Rinaut, E. Jacobs, W. A. Dowling, Rorts, C. Solomons. Bro. S. Mordecai gave some clever display tricks with cards.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, on Wednesday evening, the 4th February. Bro. Walter Martin, S.W. of the Southwark Lodge, the able Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction, will preside, and a very enjoyable evening is anticipated. Brethren are cordially invited to attend, and they may be assured of a welcome.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Joshua Nunn; Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune occupying their chairs respectively. The brethren confirmed grants to the extent of £275 recommended at the December meeting. There were 47 cases on the list, including those postponed from the former meeting, the President stated, for the information of brethren, that last year the Board had had to draw upon the invested capital to the amount of £3000, having exceeded their income to that amount. The consideration of the new list was then proceeded with. Out of 47 petitioners, 32 were widows. Three cases were dismissed, and eight were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total sum of £750. This was made up with one grant of £80, two of £50 each, one of £40, ten of £30 each, four of £20 each, one of £15, ten of £10 each, and seven of £5 each. There was a full attendance, and the sitting was an exceptionally long one.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. will, it is anticipated, be present at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk, to be held on Monday, at King's Lynn, under the presidency of Lord Suffield, Prov. Grand Master. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened in the Town Hall at 4 p.m., and a banquet will follow at 6.30. The Great Eastern Railway Company announce that return tickets will be issued to Freemasons attending this meeting, at a fare and a quarter for the double journey, and that a special return train will leave Lynn at 11 p.m. for Yarmouth, via Dereham and Norwich, calling at intermediate stations as required to set down passengers. We anticipate a very large gathering, as the presence of the Grand Master will, no doubt, attract brethren from all parts.

We appear to have been led into an error in describing the present of Sir Bruce Seton to Miss Desanges, on the occasion of her recent marriage with General Brownrigg, as being "for Grand Lodge." The presentation was entirely of a private character, and not on behalf of Grand Lodge, of which, by the way, Sir Seton Bruce is not a member.

We must again ask for indulgence from our subscribers; several important reports, through want of space, are held over.

WESTBOURNE CHAPTER, No. 733.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held on the 15th inst., when the following Officers were present:—Comp. John Welford Z., Morrill H., Cottebrune J., T. Waller P.Z. S.E., C. Davison P.S., Humphreys First A.S., E. Collins P.Z., Long P.Z., Ascott P.Z., C. Thomas Janitor. Bros. Sæger and Belsham, of the Westbourne Lodge, were exalted. Comp. Morrill was elected M.E.Z., Cottebrune H., and Collins P.Z. J.

In noticing "Marvels in Photography," which have recently been produced by a member of The Great City Lodge, we inadvertently gave that Brother's name as Snell, whereas it should have been recorded as Small, he being a member of the well-known firm of Boning and Small, photographers, of 22 Baker-street, London, W.

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Brothers are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brothers will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjab, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1649, Budneira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

- Edward Tyrrell Leith, District Grand Master Bombay.
- Andrew Hay, P.D.D.G.M. Bombay.
- * W. Bro. J. Percy Leith P.G.D. P.D.G.M. Bombay.
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- Astley Cooper, M.D., Surgeon-Major, Hissar.
- F. J. Leville G. Sup. of Works Grand Lodge Bombay.
- * J. Bevan Phillips P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.W. Western Division South Wales.
- * Aaron Stone P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.W. Western Division South Wales.
- * William Bowen P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.D. Western Division South Wales.
- * James Heywood, Constantinople.
- * W. Harvey P.M. 687 P.Z. 107 Secretary and P.D.G. Secretary for Turkey.
- * G. Kenning Vice-Patron, P.M. 192 249 1657 P.G.D. Midd., Upper Sydenham.
- * G. S. Graham Past Provincial Grand Organist, St. John's Villa, Ferulca Road, Balham Hill.
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- J. Nowill, Esq., Nagpur, Corinth Lodge, No. 1122 E.C.
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- Dr. Waters, St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.
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- * Thos. Spearing W.S. 902, Garfield House, Bullen Road, Clapham Junction.
- W. W. Morgan W.M. St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.
- Stevens P.M. Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, 39 High Street, Battersea, S.W.
- W. Radcliffe P.M. and Secretary St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, 41 Aldersgate Street, City.

Proxies will be received by those marked thus *, and by the Grandfather, Rev. J. A. Chamberlain, 1 Mallinson Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.

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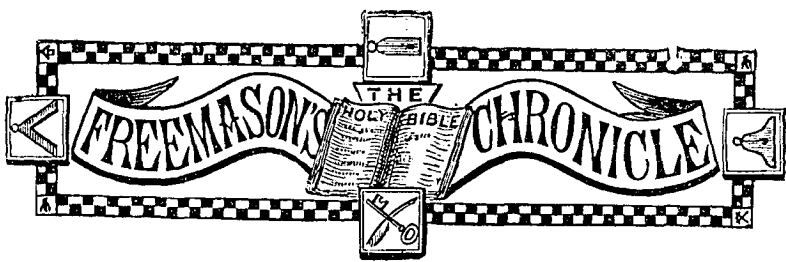
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**UNION OF MALTA LODGE, No. 407 E.C.**

THE regular meeting of the above named Lodge was held at 27 Strada Stretta, Valletta, Malta, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., Bro. J. C. Stanley I.P.M. presiding, for the transaction of general business, and for the especial purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. John F. James S.W., when a large gathering of the brethren were present. Among them were Bros. W. Kingston D.G.M., W. Watson D.D.G.M., Read P.M., Dahn P.M., Glenday P.M., Yeoman P.M., Montgomery W.M. 1926, Cooper P.M., Webster Paulson W.M. 1923, and J. W. Starkey D.G. Secretary. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last regular, and of a Permanent Committee meeting, held on the 3rd instant, containing a satisfactory account of the Lodge funds, were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then passed to the second degree, and the W.M. elect presented to the Installing Master for Installation, which ceremony was performed by the D.G.M., Bro. Kingston, in a most able and impressive manner. After Bro. James had been duly installed into the chair of King Solomon the M.M.'s were admitted who saluted their W.M., in the ancient manner; subsequently the F.C.'s and E.A.'s were admitted, who saluted the newly Installed Master after the manner of their degrees. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Hy. Pearce S.W., R. J. W. Coward J.W., W. Read (elected at a previous meeting) Treasurer, F. J. Coward Hon. Sec., C. F. Easterbrook S.D., A. E. Rose J.D., A. Rowse I.G., J. A. Sperring Org., and R. Beck (unanimously elected by the brethren) Tyler. The W.M. accompanied the investment of his Officers with a suitable address to each, wherein he exhorted them to be zealous workers in the Craft, to steadfastly support him during his term of office, and thus prove that his selection and appointment of them was not undeserved. Bros. Kingston and Watson addressed the W.M. in encouraging terms, and prophesied that under his rule and direction the Union Lodge would still continue to flourish. The W.M. in a few appropriate words thanked the brethren for the great honour conferred upon him, assured them that it would be his earnest endeavour to merit the approval of the brethren, and hoped at the termination of his year of office to hand the Charter of the Lodge to his successor as pure and unsullied as he had received it, and concluded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Kingston and Bro. Watson for their valuable services in connection with the Installation ceremony. This was seconded by Bro. Read, and carried unanimously, with acclamation. Two brethren were proposed on the permanent Committee of the Lodge, and one to represent the Lodge on the Masonic Hall Committee. On the proposition of Bro. Caraco, seconded by Bro. R. J. W. Coward J.W., it was unanimously decided to present the I.P.M., Bro. May, who is now doing good Masonic work in Portsmouth, with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his year of ability as W.M. Several candidates for initiation and joining were proposed, and hearty good wishes received from Lodges, Nos. 319, 515, 1923, 395, 1926, 420, 398, 1321, 1428, 616, 1205, 411 E.C., and 387 I.C., after which the Lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a récherché repast was prepared by the esteemed Tyler, Bro. R. Beck, to which ample justice was done. The W.M. presided at the social board and gave the usual Loyal and Craft toasts which were received with great enthusiasm, and in proposing the toast of the District G. Lodge of Malta and its Officers dwelt upon the untiring energy, assiduity and great ability displayed by the D.G.M., Bro. Kingston during his long rule over this District, and who was ably supported by his Deputy, Bro. Watson, both of whom had enjoyed a most brilliant Masonic career. The W.M. said that eulogising Bros. Kingston and Watson was like painting the lily, or gilding refined gold, so he asked

the brethren, while drinking to the D.G. Lodge of Malta to pledge their D.G.M. and his Deputy in a bumper. This toast was received enthusiastically, in true Masonic style, and responded to in most appropriate terms. Bro. Kingston assured the brethren that though it was now nearly 30 years since he was initiated in this Lodge his zeal for Masonry was unabated; he counselled the brethren to strive to uphold the ancient landmarks of the Order, to continue to work in brotherly love and harmony, and to be guided in their Masonic career by the example of those great and good Masons who had been initiated in the old Union of Malta. Bro. Watson thanked the brethren for so kindly receiving his name, and thanked the W.M. for his flattering mention of him. He felt assured that under the sole rule of Bro. James the "Union of Malta" would prosper as well as its most ardent admirers, could wish. Bro. Kingston, in proposing the health of the W.M., spoke in high terms of eulogy of Bro. James, who he was pleased to learn had been elected to so exalted and honourable a position, which, on account of his past services as Secretary and S.W. of the Lodge, was thoroughly well deserved. He felt confident that the Union of Malta Lodge was safe in the hands of the present W.M., and felt assured that under his rule the Lodge would lose none of its former lustre. He concluded by calling upon the brethren to drink to his health. This was most enthusiastically received, and suitably responded to by Bro. James, who in thanking the brethren for so hearty a reception of the toast of his health assured them of his intention of endeavouring to the utmost of his power to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. The toast of the P.M.'s and Visitors having been given and suitably responded to (the P.M.'s by Bro. Stanley, and the Visitors by Bros. Starkey, Montgomery, and Paulson), a most enjoyable evening was terminated with the much respected Tyler's song and toast.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

AT the meeting of this Lodge on Friday, the 9th inst., it was decided to send the following telegram to H.R.H. the Grand Master:—

"From the W.M. and brethren of the United Service Lodges No. 1428, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth. To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Sandringham.—At the regular meeting of the above Lodge held this evening, a resolution was unanimously passed that a vote of congratulation be forwarded to your Royal Highness on the coming of age of your eldest son, Prince Albert Victor."

The following telegram was received in reply:—

"Sandringham, the Prince of Wales to the W.M. and Warden of the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth.—I thank the brethren very sincerely for their kind congratulations and good wishes."

GREYFRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 21st instant, an interesting presentation was made to Brother W. P. Ivey P.P.G.S.B., Senior Past Master, who has recently retired from the post of Secretary of the Lodge, a position which he has held with the greatest ability and success for the past twelve years. The testimonial, consisting of a purse of gold accompanied by an address, was presented by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. Hawkes, who expressed the high estimation in which Bro. Ivey was held amongst the Craft, and how much the present prosperity and high state of proficiency of the Greyfriars Lodge was due to the kind and able assistance at all times rendered by Bro. Ivey to the Officers and Brethren. Brother Ivey in a few well-chosen words acknowledged the presentation.

Brother James Stevens will deliver his lecture "Knobs and Excrescences," at the following places, and on the dates named, viz., Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1534, at the White Hart Hotel, Church Road, Upper Norwood, on Monday, 2nd February, at 7 p.m.; Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, near Champion Hill Station, on Friday, 6th February, at 7 p.m.; and the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, (Installed Masters), at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial Road, Portsmouth, on Saturday, 14th February, at 3 p.m.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons Tavern during the week ending 24th January:—

Monday—Grand Master's Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge, Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge. Thursday—St. George's Chapter, Grenadiers' Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, Polish Chapter, Vano Chapter. Friday—Caledonian Society, Jerusalem Lodge, Peace and Harmony Lodge.

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THE THEATRES.

PRINCE'S.

AMONG the number of offensive or futile plays which have been offered to a much-enduring London public we may place the "Princess George" in the "bad eminence" of the first rank. When produced in Paris in 1871, with the prestige of a powerful cast, including Desclée and Pearson, it was received with questionable favour, though it possessed a fictitious interest as an appeal for the right of divorce—a right which forms the text of many of the younger Dumas' comedies. The story, in its commencement, progress and conclusion is equally feeble and offensive. The Princess, who is of noble family and great wealth, has married a ruined spendthrift, who at the opening of the play has just secured half her fortune in order to elope with his friend Count Terrémond's wife. However, the Princess has employed her maid to watch her husband, and on the rising of the curtain we find her receiving the report of her confidential agent, who has watched the Prince to an hotel with his paramour. In the following scene she charges her husband with his infidelity, but he contrives to lie well enough to banish her suspicions, and even persuades her to receive the Countess at her entertainment that evening. The Princess, again by the intervention of a servant, her husband's valet (Mr. Smedley), learns she is duped; the man gives her the note with which he had been entrusted by his master for the Countess Sylvania; then, feeling compromise is no longer possible, in the presence of the guests she commands the Countess to leave the room. The Count entering almost immediately, she declares what she has done, and in reply to his indignant demand for an explanation says, she can receive no woman who comes for a rendezvous with a lover,—but will not give his name. The Count suspects a devoted young friend of his own, who has an idyllic and respectful adoration for the Countess. We presently hear a pistol shot, and for a moment hope our "Leicester-square" Prince has been "provided" for. The Princess has just cried out in wild despair to be saved from the misery of such a union, and her mother tells her nothing but death can set her free, when enter the Count, with a pistol—she, in agony, concludes her prayer for freedom has been answered, and all her old love returns. There seems nothing left for her but death. When the Prince walks in, quite unembarrassed, the Count explains he has shot the youthful De Fondette (Mr. Carne). The Princess falls into her husband's arms, and the curtain descends upon these fantastic marionettes. The play is bad, but there are situations in it which might rise to very poignant interest in the hands of capable artists. Mrs. Langtry is wholly unable to realise for a moment the tender and passionate character of the Princess; a very beautiful and beautifully dressed piece of clever waxwork, which, however, ought to be seen in profile, for the face has no expression; we should not look for expression from the Tussaud handiwork. In the opening scene she attempts, by a great deal of hand wringing and arm waving, to imply that she is in deep distress, but she was quite unable to persuade her audience of this. She is pettish, and shrewish, and angry—as though her work had spoiled a dinner—when she is supposed to be in an agony of outraged love. Again and again a titter ran through the house at the supposed pathetic passages, and in the great scene with her rival the mechanism and unreality of this pretty automaton became so evident that had it not been for the fine impersonation of her rival, by Miss Amy Roselle, the act would probably have closed amid general derision. Mrs. Langtry must have herself felt the danger of the situation, for when, in answer to what she interpreted as a call, the curtain rose, she led on Miss Amy Roselle, and so secured the plaudits of the audience. Although a great part of the Countess's rôle has been eliminated in the version adopted by Mrs. Langtry, it is to its exponent, Miss Roselle, that we are indebted for any interest in this dull and depressing performance, though we must praise the quiet and able style of Victor (Mr. Smedley), the Prince's Valet. As for the guests at the Prince's "at home" we could not but think of

"A party in a parlour drinking tea,
All silent, and all damned."

Mr. Coghlan had evidently given up all thought of struggling with the general depression. The unhappy De Fondette was so utterly insignificant that "his being provided for" by the Count seemed to interest no one either on or off the stage. A gentleman in the gallery wondered what was to be done with the body. The fashionable world was in full force to do honour to this strange fetish, which would fain possess an improving soul of art, but though she commands all the spells of the great magician Worth, and can conjure with the loveliest of his inspirations, for those who seek the artist behind the fetish there is nothing. The first night crowd was gathered from mere curiosity, or perhaps a good-natured hope that the feeble amateur who had enjoyed a *succès de scandale* at the Haymarket, had returned after many months, and their experiences, with powers worthy the interest which had been excited. It is not so, and we fear the manager of the Prince's will find that curiosity alone will not long suffice to fill a fashionable playhouse, though with the choicest upholstery behind the footlights. The hisses of the first night might easily grow to hootings as the melancholy iron curtain falls.

THE GRAND.

THE Pantomime of "Puss in Boots," which is now running at this theatre, has one novel feature—the author, Mr. Joseph Tabrar, has invested it with original music. This is of a very lively kind, and suffices to give various comic and sentimental ditties a freshness. Beyond this, Mr. Tabrar has not attempted more than to

re-dress a number of time-honoured expedients for creating laughter. This pantomime has the merit of being capitally acted, by a strong company of comedians, all eccentric in their individual walk, and able to dance with facility and sing with spirit. The adventures of Fritz, the Miller's son, played by Miss Lottie Dettmar, who afterwards becomes Marquis of Carrabas, are controlled in this instance by the Fairy Loveliness, who opposes the Demon Revilo, Fritz's enemy. The Fairy endows the young hero's cat with speech, and Puss (Mr. Tom Fancourt), in the legendary pair of boots, helps his master to conquer a terrible ogre. In the development of this idea there occurs one pretty pastoral scene, the Village of Content, with the humours of a rustic school, and a grand spectacular set representing the King's Palace, in which occurs a ballet of jesters. Some magnificent scenery has been painted by Mr. W. T. Hemsley, his Ballet and Transformation Scenes being especially beautiful. The company is a strong one; Mr. Witty Watty Walton, a clever comedian, leads, as a village pedagogue, and contributes a wonderful drunken scene, which brings down the house. He is well supported by Mr. George Vokes, a nimble dancer; Mr. Joe Elvin, Mr. Edward Fawcett, and Mr. Prior. Miss Lottie Dettmar and Miss Nellie Melnotte sing and dance gracefully, as the hero and the princess, while Miss Lillie Lingfield, as Rosie Posie, contributes a skilful skipping-rope dance. Mr. J. M. Jones leads the Harlequinade as Clown, and he is assisted by Mr. Henri Lemaire as Pantaloon, Mr. H. Lewins Policeman, Mr. Alfred Baker Sprite, Mr. R. H. Mercer Harlequin, and Miss Amy Lucille Columbine. The Pantomime, which never flags in spirit and bustle, has scored well, and we congratulate Mr. Charles Willmott on the success he has attained. Mr. Walton announced—in a verse of his popular song, "I'm not asleep"—that his farewell benefit will take place on 3rd of February. Doubtless his admirers will "not be asleep" on that occasion.

HENGLERS'

SHALL we go to Henglers'? is a question doubtless asked at many breakfast-tables every morning, and "Henglers'" is as concise an idea as who should say "Irving's." The Henglers, senior and junior, revolve round a much-applauding Continent, nor fail to return in due season to their London friends. We now find them "at home" every afternoon and evening, in their handsome and commodious hippodrome, the finest building of the kind yet erected in London. That the public appreciate the managerial liberality was evident on our visit by the crowded audience filling pit, boxes, and amphitheatre. The house is bright with gold and white decorations, and a pretty effect is obtained by rose-tinted lamps round the boxes. Messrs. Hengler have a fine stud of trained horses, and there is plenty of dash and daring in the riders. Fraulein Blumenfeld is especially remarkable for pluck and grace in her daring leaps. The "school" horses Strathmore and Gazelle went through some very clever tricks, and Herr Blennow, their trainer, was warmly applauded. The young folks were especially enthusiastic for Mr. Merriman Chirgwin, in whom their elders recognised a touch of the dear, delightful clowns when the century was young. Mr. Hengler jun. showed his hereditary gifts with an Irish mare, evidently Celtic of spirit. Then there was some good fun with some low-comedy donkeys, a grand military spectacle with thirteen chargers, then some clever gymnasts and a delicious bit of comic pantomime, Mr. Merriman Walker keeping his audience in convulsions of laughter whilst he in dumb show exhibits how an old gentleman proposes to catch a trout; finds the bait, feels the bite, plays the fish, and also, instead of landing it, tumbles into the water—and only a whip and the sawdust for properties. Then there appeared some trained dogs, who did wonderful things inside and outside some casks. Then the fair Jenny O'Brien gave her great vaulting act over her horse's back, and various other wonders of the *haute école*. Then a race with ponies and monkeys, the items of the programme following fast on each other, and concluding, to the satisfaction of Mater Familias, at the domestic hour of 10:30.

A change of programme took place at the Alhambra, on Monday last, 19th January, when Mdlle. Garetta, described as "the exquisite Charmeuse de Pigeons;" the celebrated Hanlon Voltas; and Professor Wingfield's troupe of trained dogs appeared. These new features, and other varieties, including the two Grand Ballets, "The Swans" and "Melusine," in which Mdlle. Sampietro and Mdlle. Palladino are engaged, gave great satisfaction to a large and appreciative audience.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, FRITH STREET, SOHO.—This useful charity held its annual general meeting in the rooms of the institution on Tuesday, the 13th inst. It is one of the oldest and most deserving of special hospitals, and during the 69 years it has been established, over 120,000 patients have been treated for various ear diseases within its walls. The report of the surgeons, Dr. Urban Pritchard, F.R.C.S., and Dr. F. Matheson, C.M., was read. From it we learn that during 1884 there were 8,128 out-patient attendances, at which 2,625 separate cases received careful treatment. These numbers greatly exceed any former record. Fifty patients were admitted into the in-patient wards, all serious cases and mostly children. This new department was reported to be a very great success, although it had considerably added to the expenditure. The accounts for 1884 were audited and passed. The financial condition of the hospital was shown to be only fairly satisfactory, as there was a considerable falling off in donations, although the subscriptions had increased. A vote of thanks to surgeons, treasurer, and secretary brought the proceedings to a close.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE, No. 1728.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 15th inst., on which occasion Bro. Geo. S. Recknell was installed W.M. for the year. The Lodge having been opened, under the presidency of Bro. T. W. Casburn Bush, and the minutes confirmed, was regularly advanced to the third degree, and Bro. John Webb raised in duo form. Mr. Frederick Clark was next initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, Bro. A. McDowall P.M. 1902, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks performing the ceremony by request of the W.M., who was suffering from severe indisposition. The initiation completed, Bro. T. Fenn P.G.D. President B.G.P. assumed the chair, and installed the Master for the ensuing year. In due order that brother appointed the following as his officers:—T. W. C. Bush I.P.M. and Sec., Richard Kempton S.W., A. R. Carter J.W., B. Buckworth P.M. Treas., J. Rexworthy S.D., H. J. Rolfs J.D., G. J. Garland I.G., A. R. Harris D.C., C. S. Williams Org., W. J. Westmore and A. G. Watkinson Stewards, A. B. Church Tyler. The other business of the meeting having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the brethren proceeded to banquet. A most enjoyable repast having been done justice to, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Those of the Queen and the Craft and the Grand Master having been honoured, the W.M. proposed that of the Grand Officers. They were singularly favoured that night in having among them two of the most distinguished of the Grand Officers of England, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson and Bro. T. Fenn. The W.M. and members were pleased to see them, and hoped they would favour the Lodge with their presence on many future occasions. The Grand Officers as a body were most assiduous in their attention to the Craft, taking every advantage of performing the duties attached to their respective offices to the best of their ability. Bro. Simpson was the first to respond. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which they had honoured the constitutional toast of the Grand Officers. Grand Lodge, no doubt, had many virtues, but it also had its failings. The W.M. had proved himself a true Mason, by using language which showed he considered they were called upon charitably to believe all things and endure all things. From the recent meetings of Grand Lodge it was clear they must hope and believe much, while from the awful crush they had experienced it was clear they must endure much. The Grand Officers would continue to do their duty in the state of life to which it had pleased God to call them. It had been a great pleasure to him to attend the consecration of the Temple Bar Lodge, and he had likewise experienced great pleasure in repeating his visit, at what he might now call the Old Temple Bar Lodge. They had that night seen an old and well tried Master retire from the chair, and one who seemed well up to the mark installed in his place. Brother T. Fenn followed. Since his accession to his present office he had had many opportunities of intercourse with the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and he was surprised and pleased beyond measure at the great interest he took in all that concerned Freemasonry. He need scarcely have referred to this subject, because many of the brethren were present in Grand Lodge when Lord Carnarvon came down, at great personal inconvenience, and supported, by his observations, the admirable letter written to the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Master, which showed that, notwithstanding the threats of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, His Royal Highness intended cordially and loyally to sustain those Lodges in their position which maintained their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. With regard to the Grand Officers, the majority of them were ready on all occasions to do all in their power to assist and support the interests of the Craft. Many privileges were possessed by Past Grand Officers which Masons in general little conceived; but their duties were many, and they gave up their time and abilities to them without grudging, and they were very pleased when, as on this occasion, their services were appreciated. Bro. Bush next assumed the gavel. It fell to his lot that night to perform a very pleasing duty, and one that for five years he had not had the honour of proposing—the health of the brother installed that night. His doing so recalled to his mind the first meeting of this Lodge, since the brother who had just been installed was a candidate for initiation on that occasion. For this reason, and from the fact that he was the son of a Mason, Bro. Recknell had claimed priority of the other four candidates, and was thus the first initiate in the Lodge. His bearing in the Lodge at that time, and ever since, gave promise that he would eventually rise to the office he then occupied. Bro. Bush felt sure their W.M., during his year of office, would prove himself worthy of his place, and that in his new position, as in his old, he would do his work with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. Bro. Bush tendered his thanks to Bro. Fenn, who had kindly performed the Installation ceremony for him at a time when ill health prevented his doing so, and then called on the brethren to honour the toast of the W.M. Bro. Recknell said it was with no ordinary sense of weight of responsibility that he returned thanks for the kind sentiments expressed that night. He wished he could apply them all to himself. He well remembered that on the occasion of his initiation he, being the son of a Mason, was selected as the first initiate, and to that circumstance he owed his present position of W.M. in advance of his brother initiates of that night. He was deeply indebted to the I.P.M. and the brethren for many things, but particularly for the way in which they had elected him to fill the Chair of the Lodge. He should endeavour to solve the difficulties attached to his office with all the ability at his command, devoting care and attention to the business required of him. It had been truly said that he who did his best did well. He did not say he should do well, but he assured the brethren that he should do his best, and hoped that he might succeed. He had very much to thank the brethren for in the past, and felt that with the confidence he had secured from them he should be in a position to carry out the duties of the Chair. He hoped that during his term of office the duties of

the Lodge would be performed as well as they had been in the past, and that the Lodge would continue its prosperous career. He next proposed the toast of the Installing Officer, saying how extremely grateful they all were to Bro. Fenn for the way in which he had performed the ceremony that night, at very short notice, owing to the ill-health of Brother Bush. Bro. Fenn replied. It afforded him great satisfaction to be of any use to the Temple Bar Lodge. The W.M. was quite right in saying he was animated with the best of spirit towards the Lodge. Very particular interest attached to their present W.M., inasmuch as he had been educated at the Masonic Boys' School. He (Bro. Fenn) had often wondered why it was he did not see boys educated at the Masonic School coming to the fore in Freemasonry. He had often been surprised, he might say pained, at the lack of interest manifested by old pupils, but now he was pleased to meet with an exception, and it had afforded him additional pleasure to have had the opportunity of installing their brother into the chair of his mother Lodge. The W.M. next gave the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Bush. This was a toast it afforded him great pleasure to propose. It was a very important one, made more important from the fact that the brethren intended to mark the retirement of Bro. Bush by the presentation to him of a valuable testimonial. The W.M. felt there were many present who, knowing more of the ability of Bro. Bush, could have made the presentation in much more suitable terms, but none could make it with better will than he did. The Lodge was consecrated in 1878, and at that time Bro. Bush was J.W. Since that time he had, in addition to other duties, filled the office of Secretary for a period of four years. During the whole of that time he had studied the requirements of the Lodge to the best of his ability, and had ably succeeded in what he had undertaken. As Steward to the Charities, on behalf of the Lodge, he had collected upwards of £1,000, which from so young a Lodge reflected the greatest credit on him. They could but regret the cause which had prevented his performing the ceremonies of initiation and installation that night, and hoped he might soon be restored to the blessing of health. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Bush the testimonial of the brethren, which consisted of a handsome tea and coffee service, together with a portrait in oil of the recipient himself (painted by Bro. Cyril Stanley Williams, Organist of the Lodge). Bro. Bush tendered his hearty thanks. He felt unable to express his appreciation of the kindness he had received at their hands that night and in the past. The present was a very proud moment in his life—a moment when he felt he possessed the good opinion and esteem of every brother in the Lodge. Whatever services he had been able to render had been performed as true labours of love. As a founder of this Lodge, he had felt that those associated with him were of a class who would always cause the Lodge to be looked up to, and it had been his endeavour also to add to its reputation. He felt that the presentation of so splendid a testimonial as he had that night received was a sure sign he was not considered the worst man in the universe. He hoped to be spared to be associated with the Lodge for many years to come. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured, and to this Bros. McDowell and Bailey responded. The initiate was toasted, and suitably replied to the toast proposed in his honour, after which the health of the Past Masters was given, Bro. Butcher replying. The toast of the Masonic Institutions was forcibly given by the W.M., and as forcibly responded to by Bro. Terry, after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, on Wednesday, 14th January. Being an "off-night," with but little work on the agenda, there was not the customary large attendance. Among those present were Bros. Phillips W.M., Hopekirk I.P.M. and Treasurer, Maunder Williams S.W., Henry Stokes J.W., Langley acting Secretary, Rev. Wilson Haffenden Chaplain, Hartley S.D., Hooper J.D., Knight I.G., Augustus Darel Director of Ceremonies, France W.S., and Thomas Tyler; also Bros. Jas. Worstencroft, Wootten, Bartlett, Pearson, Alfred Pitman, Bye, &c. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c., and E. A. Francis 1658. The minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was raised to the third degree and closed down. The attendance of a candidate accepted at a previous meeting was confidently expected, but at the last moment intimation of inability to attend was handed to the W.M. The election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year was therefore at once proceeded with, and Bro. H. Maunder Williams, one of the Founders of the Lodge, and a highly esteemed brother amongst the members, was unanimously elected to the former position, and Bro. Hopekirk P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Both brethren returned thanks in very appropriate terms. Bro. Thomas was re-elected Tyler, after proposition in terms of earnest appreciation of his attention and courtesy as Outer Guard. A Past Master's jewel of the Lodge pattern was voted by acclamation to Bro. Phillips W.M., for presentation at ensuing meeting. On the recommendation of one of the Visitors, a money vote in aid of a distressed brother of the Mariners Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool, was granted, and the Lodge was then closed. The installation of Bro. Williams, the W.M. elect, will take place on the second Wednesday in February.

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And at 30 FOREST HILL ROAD, PECKHAM BYE, S.E.

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, 24th JANUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 26th JANUARY.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 79—Pythagorean, 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)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk-road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield
 M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1149—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1512—Legiolum, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 27th JANUARY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 295—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Fennell-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1318—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1369—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Hendon, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)

- 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 897—Loyalty, Pleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze

- R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
 R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canctbury
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 28th JANUARY.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (In struction)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 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 3. (Instruct)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1791—Clapton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-rd., Notting-hill-gate (Inst)
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction).
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 301—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 589—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sandes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Gaswick, near Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hall (Instruction)
 1633—Aven, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1633—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Skithwaite
 1797—Southdown, Himpierpoint, Sussex
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chord, Somersetshire
 1967—Beacon Court, Gluznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Dumonaie Street, York
 R.A. 469—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Gosport
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
 K.T.—Aipass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 29th JANUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colno
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatr-street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 968—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
 R.A. 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 30th JANUARY.

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.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 28—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 8810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon

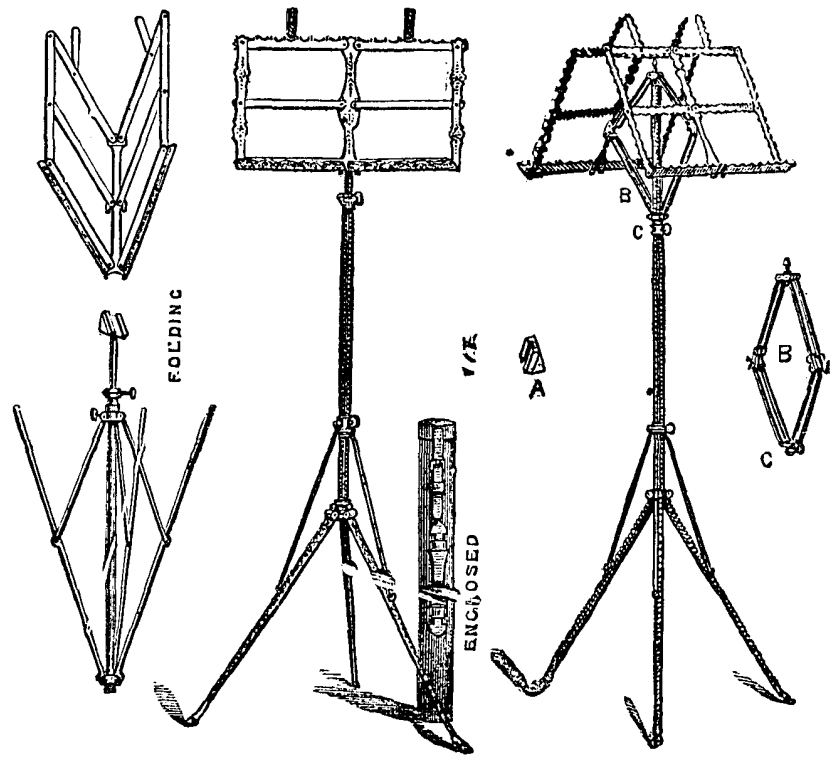
SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY.

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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
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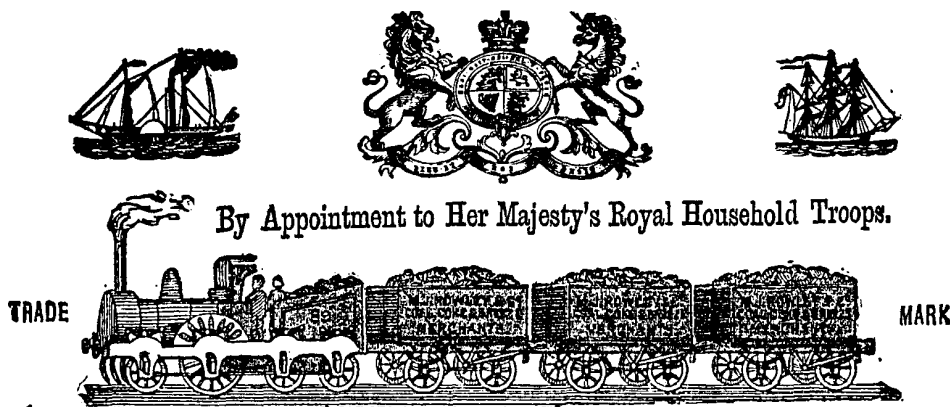
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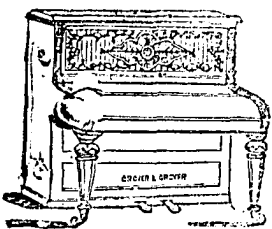
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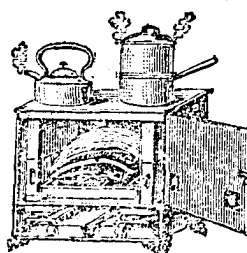
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