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THE FORCE OF EXAMPLE.

IT is not necessary to seek far, to trace the benefits arising from a good example. In every phase of life we find instances of success following success, and failure following failure, in such a manner as clearly proves that a man's course in life very materially depends on the groove in which he happens to be placed, or the ruling power he is called upon to obey. So it is with our Lodges. Slovenly members will make a slovenly Lodge, persevering brethren a prosperous one, and enthusiastic Masons a model one. If it is the custom for the rulers of a Lodge to pursue a certain line of Masonic conduct, those who join it will fall into that course, whether it be for good or the reverse; and if it be the rule for the Lodge to be conducted on a sort of "come what may" principle, its initiates will speedily show that they have no particular interest in Freemasonry. It is almost unreasonable to expect they should have, for they have never been properly educated. The Master and other principal Officers, too, what is it they cannot do or undo for a Lodge? By good example they may raise it to the highest position and prosperity; by evil example they may not only ruin the Lodge with which they are associated, but may also cause discredit to the whole body of Freemasons.

Looking to the source from which the large sums annually contributed to the Masonic Institutions is derived, we find this principle strongly illustrated. Lodges which support the Charities once, do so, in most instances, again and again, and the example thus set, is followed by the members individually. In most of the Lodges which make a feature of supporting the Institutions, we find a very large per centage of the members have personally qualified either as Life subscribers or Life Governors of one or more of the Institutions, irrespective of the share they take in voting and providing the Lodge grant, while, on the other hand, we find that the members of a Lodge which seldom or ever votes a donation to the Charities, seldom emerge from among the non-subscribing portion of the fraternity. In illustration of our views as to what can be done, we may point to the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, which has now existed about nine years. During that time it had won for itself and its members a reputation for Charity which any Lodge would be proud of; and how has this reputation been acquired? Firstly and mainly, by the force of good example. The Lodge has made an annual grant of twenty-five guineas to the Institutions, taking each in turn, and the brethren have supported that grant in a truly praiseworthy manner. During a period of seven years of the Lodge's existence, no less a sum than £1,040 was subscribed by it and its members to the Charities, thus clearly proving that the good example set in the Lodge, of voting a good round sum each year, has been an incentive to its members to adopt a similarly liberal course. The sum we have referred to represents an average of close upon £150 per annum, and that sum, from a young and comparatively small Lodge, is a stronger demonstration than any other we can give, of what it is possible to accomplish, if only the desire is shown to do so, and a proper example is set by those at the head of affairs. It is not desirable that we should attempt to discover a representative body for the opposite view of the case; those of our readers who know of a Lodge which shows

little or no interest in its work, can judge for themselves whether the neglect is due to the want of a good example or otherwise.

CANVASSING FOR MASONIC HONOURS.

THE competition which is this year taking place for the Grand Treasurership, has already imparted into English Freemasonry more than one objectionable feature, and it yet remains to be seen how much of the trickery and underhand practices of ordinary elections will not be taken advantage of, before a decision is arrived at. We think it is contrary to all the principles of Freemasonry that its prizes should be publicly sought after and systematically canvassed for. As we understand it, the honours of Freemasonry are intended for those who deserve them; and although we shall not—for the present at least—even suggest it would be better to abolish the "elective" character of the Grand Treasurership, we cannot agree with the idea—prevalent in the minds of many—that might constitutes right, deciding who shall enjoy it. It is, of course, impossible, when it comes to selection by numbers, to wholly prevent the idea that it is not always the most deserving who succeeds, but it is at least possible to prevent the result being influenced by other considerations than personal merit. We look upon public advertising and the distribution of printed circulars, as most undignified in connection with the acquirement of such an honorary distinction as that of Grand Treasurer should be. That office should be conferred by the elective voice of the Craft for merit alone. It may be urged that without the publication of a candidate's career, both in civil and Masonic life, the electors would be ignorant of his acquirements, but such an argument is bad. Those who frequent Grand Lodge, or in other ways take an active interest in the welfare of the Craft, and have to decide the question, are sufficiently well acquainted with the career of the few brethren likely to be nominated for the appointment, to be able to judge for themselves as to who is the most worthy of the honour, even if it were not the custom to allow the proposer and seconder to parade, as it were, the merits of their individual candidates. Until public canvassing is prohibited, we feel that the office of Grand Treasurer will be shorn of much of the honour which should be attached to it.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

IN 1832, Count de Laurent brought from Hayti, to New York, a Masonic Ritual of the Royal Arch, said to have been sent by the Grand Chapter of England to Hayti, in 1802. Bro. Marconnay copied that Ritual in 1833. In 1882, Bro. John Barker, the well-known New York Masonic publisher, kindly allowed me to take to Boston the Marconnay copy. As the ritual was in the French language, Bro. de la Granja translated it for me into English. I was at first somewhat staggered at the change which the Royal Arch Degree had undergone. But, as all the old rituals differ from the present one, I supposed the Royal Arch Ritual was also changed. And

again, I could not exactly understand how the English Degree of the Royal Arch found its way into Hayti, where the French language is spoken. But, finding in one of Bro. Gould's English Lodge Lists that in 1809 the Grand Lodge of England had chartered a Lodge in Port au Prince, and another in Cayes, both located in Hayti, I therefore came to the conclusion that the Grand Chapter of England may have sent there a charter for a R.A. Chapter too; and that the transcriber of the Ritual may have changed the date, making it 1802 instead of 1812. Up to the Union of the Ancients and Moderns the R.A. was called the "Fourth Degree," but since the Union the said Degree is, in England, neither fourth nor third, but something *betwixt and between*; thus, the articles of the Union declare that ancient and pure Masonry consists "of three degrees, and no more, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch." In America, however, the Royal Arch is called the Seventh Degree of the York Rite, and in the preface to the said Ritual Marconney designates it the seventh of the York Rite. Take it all in all, I was satisfied that I had an early Ritual of the English R.A. before me.

The following were the titles of the Officers, and I also give the history of the Degree from the Ritual, so that the reader may compare the past with the present.

"ROYAL ARCH."

"Seventh Grade of the Ancient Rite of York."

OFFICERS.

The Grand High Priest.	The Grand Orator.
The First Grand Master.	The Grand Secretary.
The Second Grand Master.	The Grand Treasurer.
The Third Grand Master.	The Royal Arch Captain.

HISTORY OF THE GRADE.

Recited by the G.O.

"I am not going to relate to you, My Dear Brother, the history of the grade of the Royal Arch in full. You will find that in the history of the Grand Patriarchs, Masons whom Solomon appointed to be the Twelve Chiefs of the Temple, giving to each the government of a Province or Tribe, to conduct and distribute the works; giving to the Grand Hiram the inspection of all. I will limit myself to recite the principal facts of that time.

"The Brethren of the Royal Arch were all sons and descendants of the race of Joshua, a line which was always distinguished in the wars of the Israelites to conquer for the twelve promised tribes by the Supreme Architect to the descendants of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob.

"Solomon being prepared to build that edifice to the honour and glory of the Supreme Architect, made a close alliance with Hiram King of Tyre, with whom the King Prophet [David] had been also allied as his near neighbour, and who was a great lover of the sciences; greatly protecting them in his kingdom, so as to develop the talents of the celebrated architect expert in the knowledge of metals and the construction of edifices.

"It is well to dwell here upon this prosperous event, so much more interesting as it had transmitted to us those mysteries by excelling of the Royal art, in which chance ever seems to have produced the discovery, in the same way that some of the greatest things have been discovered by the smallest means.

"To the understanding of those facts it is also necessary to say that, independently of the mysteries of each different Masonic grade, which must never be lost sight of, there was the grand secret which the wise Inspector of the art never confided to any others than HIRAM, surnamed ABIF, and to MAHABAN, another chief whom he also cherished in accordance with their talents and their antiquity in the Royal Arch.

"Certain historians pretend, notwithstanding, that Solomon entrusted this grand work to *Hiram the King*, but our history does not say anything of this subject. Besides, Hiram the King, not professing the Judaic religion, would not be initiated into the mysterious secrets of the Temple. It is true, nevertheless, that they were united by a sincere friendship in regard to that which he had had for King Prophet, father of Solomon.

"The respectable Hiram Abif was assassinated by the three ruffians, who, to obtain the grand word, con-

spired, although in vain, against him. The elect and the history of the Patriarchs introduced us in regard to his sad end.

"When the Temple and the ornaments were finished, Solomon confided this grand secret to *Jakin* and to *Boaz*, exacting from them the promise of secrecy and never to divulge it to any one under the penalty of the most terrible excommunication of the tomb of the wise adepts.

"Notwithstanding this, great many other distinguished Masters made supplication to Solomon to announce to them their admission to this sublime grade; but that wise Prince, faithful to his oath, gave them recompenses in keeping with their talents and their labours, telling them, '*Go, my friends, work, persevere; some day the Sub. Arch. will give it to you;*' and this promise was fulfilled, as will be seen by what follows.

"Solomon and the allied Masons, wishing to preserve to posterity this profound mystery, constructed, with their own hands, an underground Lodge or laboratory, where they laboured in a dignified manner, with that profound knowledge with which the dispenser of all things had adorned them, and deposited the secret therein.

"Although this place had not a visible issue, considered almost impenetrable, it was discovered by chance by a supernatural inspiration.

"At the return of the captives from Babylon, the Grand Zorobabel made an arch in the walls of the Temple, and discovered on the first tabernacle, supported by three pillars, an immense amount of ingots of the purest gold, and the inextinguishable fire which enclosed the sacred Word.

"After the destruction of the Temple, Zorobabel abandoned the search of the edifice.

"Some time after the death of Jesus Christ, and during the reign of Titus, son of the Emperor Vespasian, some zealous Masons assembled, and, for reasons unknown, began to search in the ruins of that famous Temple. One of them, named Gibulum, descendant of the old race of the first Masons, during the search, observed that his pickaxe had stuck in a large ring. Calling his companions to him, and carefully examining the place, they found that the ring was attached to a trap-door of the same metal, which they could not even shake, but by the use of a lever they succeeded in raising it, but could not see anything but a very dark tunnel or shaft. Gibulum, full of Masonic zeal, offered to descend, and, for safety, tied a cord around him, and indicated the signal at which his companions should pull him out.

"Scarcely had he penetrated into the subterranean when he perceived that it was mined, and that its arched roof was supported by grand arcades, built one upon another. This wondrous place, and its damp, cold air, suspended first the ardour of Gibulum to such a point that, arrived to the third arcade, he made the signal agreed upon, and was taken out. Questioned by the Brethren about his discoveries, he told them that he had found a frightful vault, enough to frighten even the most brave; but, nevertheless, if any one among them was willing to accompany him, he would descend again; but no one offering it, he pursued alone the enterprise, penetrating into the subterranean a great deal further than he did the first time. The profundity of the vault again frightened him, and feeling that his senses were leaving him, he pulled the cord, and was again taken out; and he did not regain his senses so as to follow his enterprise with more ardour. Notwithstanding the obstacles, and even the danger, he provided himself with a lighted torch, a pencil and paper, made a prayer to the Supreme Being, and trusted himself again to his dangerous work. It was then that the prophesy of Solomon was fulfilled. After descending for the third time, Gibulum arrived at the last arch, and gave a blow with the hammer upon the wall, which was responded to by an echo, intimating that the wall was covering another wall; he struck blow after blow with intense ardour and energy, that, although with an indescribable arduous work, he succeeded in piercing the wall, making a breach large enough to admit his body. The light of his torch reflecting upon something extremely brilliant, he became almost blind for an instant, but perceiving that this light was the reverberation of his torch upon a magnificent Sun and a gold triangular altar, on the front of which were initial letters announcing an alliance of Solomon with Hiram and Hiram Abif. The inscription had the following characters: S. R. H. R., H. A. and higher still, S. R. H. A. M. B.,

which signify Solomon Rex, Hiram [Rex, Hiram Abif and Mahabon.

"These three illustrious architects] had [had [this] place constructed for the celebration of their most [secret] and grand mysteries, which they had written in gold letters upon a white marble table.

"The first movement of Gibulum, in view of this luminous place, was to bend his knee, and, with the right hand extended before the eyes, to make a sign of astonishment, respect and admiration. He approached the altar and acquired the knowledge of the grand mysteries and read the oaths and obligations prescribed under the greatest penalties, written by those three illustrious and ancient wise depositories of the sciences.

"Gibulum, astonished at his discovery, gave praise to the Almighty, and pulling the chord for the third time was taken out of the vault. Once out in the light of day all the brethren surrounded him, and seeing the satisfaction depicted in his eyes, fraternally embraced him, shouting, *Hurrah! Gibulum is a good Mason.* He told them all that he had seen, but carefully kept to himself what he had learned.

"It is thus that from this line came out the Scotch, those illustrious who after this epoch have so well distinguished themselves in the wars of the crusades, although the Grand Architect of the Universe did not grant to their arms all the success they hoped for. With increased ardour and zeal they returned to Europe with the Knights of the West, where they acquired the greatest celebrity, not only by their valorous deeds but for their riches and powers. From them descended the ancient Templars, the history of whom terminated with the defeat of the Grand Molay."

The last paragraph, about the Crusaders, is awkwardly tacked on to the history of the period of Emperor Titus. I shall call attention to it again. But I must here add, that the above Ritual is minus of the ceremony of the veils. The Grand Orator, who seems to act as Master of Ceremonies, conducts the candidate to four apartments in succession; at each door a word is demanded, but, instead of uttering the word, the Master of the Ceremony shows a medal on which the desired word is engraved. One of those words was "MERIT."—*Masonic Truth.*

(To be continued.)

THE LEGEND OF THE LOST WORD.

THIS legend, as briefly stated by Dr. Mackey, is as follows:—"The mystical history of Freemasonry informs us that there once existed a WORD of surpassing value, and claiming a profound veneration; that this word was known to the few, and that it was at length lost, and that a temporary substitute for it was adopted."

This idea of a mystic, all-powerful "word" was an ancient and widely-diffused superstition. Just how this notion originated has not been handed down to us, either by tradition or otherwise. It, however, probably came to be entertained in the following manner:—It was generally known to the *profane*—i.e., the uninitiated—that those who were admitted to the "Mysteries" were entrusted with a certain sacred word, under a most solemn pledge not to reveal it to the world; and as the scientific knowledge, also secretly imparted to those who were initiated, gave those who took the higher degrees the power to work apparent miracles, the ignorant and superstitious multitude naturally thought, and were perhaps taught to believe, that it was by the use of this "word," so sacredly concealed, that the priests were able to perform all their wonderful works. This word was, however, nothing but the "password," which went with the "sign," by which the initiated could make themselves known to one another. This idea of an all-powerful word was very prevalent among the Jews, no doubt derived from their long stay in Egypt. The notion was that this "word" consisted of the true name of God, together with a knowledge of its proper pronunciation, and that the fortunate possessor of this knowledge became thereby clothed with supernatural power—that by the speaking of this word he could perform all sorts of miracles, and even raise the dead. According to the Cabalists, "the very heavens shook, and the angels themselves were filled with terror and astonishment when this tremendous word was pronounced."

Jewish tradition states that God himself taught Moses

his true name and its correct pronunciation at the "burning bush." And they believed that Moses, being thus possessed of the "Word," used it to perform all his miracles, and to confound and overthrow Pharaoh and his hosts. The Jews of a later date, seeking to account for the wonderful works of Christ, asserted that he unlawfully entered the "holy of holies," and clandestinely obtained the word used by Moses, which was engraved upon the stone upon which the ark rested. The superstition in relation to a wonder-working word also prevailed among the Arabians, who said that King Solomon was in possession of this "grand omnific word," and by its use subdued the *genii* who rebelled against God, many of whom Solomon imprisoned by the use of his magical seal, upon which the word, contained in a pentacle, was engraved.

It was from these, and other similar legends thus widely diffused among the ancient Oriental nations, that the veneration for a particular word arose, together with an earnest desire to obtain it, and a laborious search for it, by ambitious believers in its power. All the magicians, enchanters, and wonder-workers of the East, and the adepts of the West, were supposed to have, in some mysterious way, become possessed of this "word," and were known to the aspirants and students of the occult sciences (not yet so fortunate) by the name of "masters," and the "word" was called by them the "master's word." This ancient superstition seems to have left its impress on our ritual, for the word, of which we hear so often therein is assumed to be, something more than a mere "password," although we, as Masons, now use the phrase "master's word" in a very different sense from that of the adepts of former times.

In former and less enlightened times the possession of the true name of God and its proper pronunciation, or some substitute for it, authorized by divine command, were even supposed requisite in order to worship him aright; for it was ignorantly thought that if God was not addressed by his own proper name he would not attend to the call, nor even know that the prayers of his worshipper were really addressed to him, and not to Baal, Osiris, or Jupiter; or, if knowing, would indignantly reject them. In the East, to address even an earthly potentate by any other than his own proper, high and ceremonious title, was considered both irreverent and insulting. Among the Jews, however, the pronunciation of the true name was supposed to be followed by such tremendous effects that a substitute, for which they believed they had the divine sanction, was enjoined. Accordingly, we find in the Old Testament that whenever the name of God occurs, the substitute is used instead of the true name. The word substituted is generally "Adonai," or Lord, unless the name follows that word, and then "Elohim" is used; as "Adonai Elohim," meaning Lord God. From this long-continued use of a substitute for the real word, the latter, or at least its correct pronunciation, was thought to be lost. A trace of all this is found in our ritual, and perhaps furnishes the true reason why a substitute (as Dr. Mackey informs us in the extract we have quoted above from his "Symbolism") was adopted.

(To be continued.)

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 members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, will hold a ball at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 4th February, under the patronage of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Nottage, and the Lady Mayoress. A special dispensation has been granted for the brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. An efficient Board of Stewards has been appointed. Bros. A. J. Henochsberg P.M. 1562 J.W. 205 and J. Da Silva P.M. will be President and Vice-President respectively. Gentlemen's tickets 15s; ladies 12s 6d; double tickets 25s, to include refreshments and supper. It is anticipated a large attendance will be the result.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 4th day of February next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes regret to have to report to Grand Chapter the death, on the 27th November last, of Comp. Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton, Past Principal Grand Sojourner, and President of the Committee of General Purposes.

The Committee feel confident that the Members of the Order generally will unite in deploring the loss of a Companion who has for very many years, and especially while officiating as President of the Committee of Grand Chapter, rendered such valuable services to Royal Arch Masonry.

The Committee have also to report that His Royal Highness the Most Excellent First Grand Principal has been pleased to appoint Companion Robert Grey P.A.G.Sojr., to be President of the Committee of General Purposes, in succession to Lieut.-Colonel Creaton deceased.

The Committee have further to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th October 1884 to the 21st January 1885, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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Balance Grand Chap-			Disbursements during		
ter	167	6 11	the quarter	208	1 10
„ Unappropriated			Balance	315	4 5
Account	186	16 4	„ in Unappropriated		
Subsequent Receipts-	355	18 10	Account	186	15 10
	£710	2 1		£710	2 1

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Thomas Pibble Payne as Z., William Berry as H., George Grant as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780, Southampton, to be called "The Albert Edward Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Albion Place, Southampton, in the County of Hants.

2nd. From Companions Montague John Guest, M.P., as Z., Giovanni Paulo Festa as H., Francis Robert Whitcombe Hedges as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, London, to be called "The Montague Guest Chapter," and to meet at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London.

3rd. From Companions the Reverend Alfred Hayman Cummings as Z., James Giesman Chillingworth as H., Frederick Wood as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, Belvedere, to be called "the Saye and Sele Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, in the county of Kent.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Ley Spring Chapter, No. 1598, heretofore meeting at Leytonstone, having memorialised for permission to remove to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London, and the reason stated in such memorial being considered sufficient, the Committee recommend that permission to remove the Chapter to Fleet-street be granted.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, P.A.G.S.
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
21st January 1885.

We are requested to state that the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586 will hold their meeting on Monday next, at the White Hart Hotel, Church-street, Upper Norwood. As Bro. Stevens's lecture occupies at least two hours, the Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. sharp. Visitors from neighbouring Lodges will be welcomed.

We have much pleasure in stating that the Creaton Lodge of Instruction has again started on its useful career. It has been removed from the Albert Tavern, Notting Hill Gate (where it was started), to the Wheat-sheaf Tavern, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, where the brethren meet every Thursday evening. Bro. W. H. Chalfont is the Secretary, while the functions of Preceptor have been entrusted to Bro. George Davis, whose zeal in Freemasonry is well known and appreciated.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

AT the first meeting of this Lodge after its annual Festival, held on Tuesday, 27th inst., one gentleman was initiated, and two brethren were passed by the new W.M., who was ably supported by his Officers. The Secretary announced that through the kind offices of Bro. Murton P.G.D. two minute books had been restored to the Lodge, one commencing in the year 1767 and ending in 1779, and the other beginning in 1787 and ending in 1802. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. Murton, and Bro. Gould P.M. said he would endeavour to prepare a sketch of the history of the Lodge for presentation at the Festival in December, or, failing that date, on some later occasion. Present—Bros. Bertram Noakes W.M., Alfred Dent S.W., S. Shorter J.W., T. L. Wilkinson Treasurer, J. Houle Secretary, A. Pringle S.D., Tweedie I.G.; P.M.'s Gould and W. Noakes.

ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 342.

THE installation of Bro. William Gannell as Worshipful Master of the above Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, 79 Commercial-road, Landport. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. Henry Croucher P.M., who received a cordial vote of thanks for the manner in which he had performed his task. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. E. Buck I.P.M., F. Sanders S.W., W. Beuttell J.W., J. T. Craven P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Rand Secretary, A. W. Hewett S.D., W. H. Sperring J.D., W. E. Leamy I.G., J. S. Dyer D.C., and J. Hewitson and A. Holley Stewards. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a well-served repast was furnished in the most satisfactory manner by Bro. E. Kingwell, the Manager and Steward of the Institution. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and met with a hearty response from the large company of brethren assembled. The following were among the Visitors and brethren:—Bros. Major W. Shalden Smith 2016, R. J. Rastrick 1069, J. Ogburn 342, R. E. Glasspoole 728, R. W. Beale 487, J. Collings 804, J. Wallingford 903, W. Dart 804, T. Good 1834, G. F. Brown 1834, W. D. Parkhouse 1834, G. P. Arnold 1428, W. Miles 1776, J. Gieve 309, G. Wilkins, J. Friedeberg, R. J. Turney, H. J. Gny, J. W. Willmott, S. R. Ellis, C. Knott, and H. Croucher 342, J. E. Buck 342, J. Dempsey 903, E. Naylor 928, W. T. Dupree 1069, G. Aylward 1776, W. H. Baker 1834, T. Kinshott 1314, W. Bates 487, G. Pannell 804, W. H. Jennings 670, W. White 1776, W. Maybourn 1903, G. T. Cunningham 1834, A. M. Judd 309, J. L. Edwards 342, H. Wellstead 304, J. Guyatt 1776, G. C. Sanderson 487, G. Barnden 1776, &c.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE, No. 1321.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park. Lodge was opened in due form by the deservedly popular W.M. Bro. W. B. Fendick, who was well supported by the following brethren, viz., Bros. Hunter S.W. and W.M. elect, Meads J.W., Willson P.M. and Treasurer, Swan P.M. Secretary, Kirkaldy S.D., Englefield J.D., Boyell I.G., Esling Steward, Busch D.C., Forest I.P.M., Edgington P.M., May, Kent, Parker, Koenen, Millar, Salisbury, Potter, Edwards, Price, Barrow, Newns, Priestley, Clark, Lester, Bannell, Baines, Sladen, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Brindley W.M. 1604, Rogers P.M. 1670, Hamlyn P.M. 1622, Maxsted P.M. 180, Trontbeck 1549, Hartley 1426, Kedge 749, Joyce 1158, G. A. Laundry 188, R. P. J. Laundry 1681, Harrington 1563, Chapman Lafayette (U.S.A.), Wetherilt S.W. 1681, Piercy 1853, Brander 1563, Vernon 1242, Gulliford 1614, Reynolds 1614, Webster 186, Mace 45. Mr. Percy Farquhar Sladen was balloted for and initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. A. C. Lester was passed to the second degree. The W.M., Bro. Fendick, in a masterly manner then installed Bro. H. S. Hunter S.W. and W.M. elect into the chair of K.S., who invested Bro. Fendick as the I.P.M. The ceremony of installation having been concluded and the brethren readmitted to the Lodge, Bro. Swan P.M. acting as D.C., the W.M. invested the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. R. A. Kirkaldy S.W., G. F. Meads J.W., G. F. Swan P.M. Secretary, W. Englefield S.D., W. R. Boyell J.D., H. Esling I.G., E. F. A. Busch Steward, S. H. Barrow D.C., A. G. Clark Organist, G. Austen Tyler. Then with a few appropriate remarks he presented the I.P.M., Bro. W. B. Fendick, with a P.M.'s jewel which had been unanimously voted him by the Lodge, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the Lodge, and the efficient way he had worked the ceremonies and discharged the duties of Worshipful Master during the past year. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet prepared by the worthy host, Bro. W. T. Buxton. The W.M. in proposing the Loyal toasts gracefully alluded to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and his eldest son, and the recent reports relative to them, which were received with considerable satisfaction. The toast being duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. in brief but appropriate remarks. The W.M. in a neat speech in reply said that it was his great desire to justify the choice the brethren had made in unanimously electing him for their W.M. He thanked them and Bro. Fendick for his kind remarks, and in conclusion he said he hoped the brethren would part with him at the end of his year of office in the same kind way they had received him. The toasts of the Initiate and Visitors having been given and very ably responded to, the W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Brother Fendick, who had so impressively installed him into the Chair that

evening, and who had during his year of office as W.M. discharged his duties efficiently and satisfactorily, the Lodge having been by his energy and perseverance greatly benefited. The I.P.M. having responded, the remaining toasts were given and replied to, and the brethren separated at a late hour, apparently thoroughly satisfied with the result of the evening's work and entertainment.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE, No. 1287.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Bros. C. Kempton W.M., T. E. Bathard S.W., R. Cain J.W., S. Webb P.M. Treas., Staton P.M. Secretary, Lancaster S.D., Edgar J.D., J. Hemming I.G., P.M.'s Christie, Jupe, Cleghorn, T. Owen. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. T. E. Bathard S.W. and W.M. elect, who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting, was duly installed into the chair by the I.P.M. Bro. C. Kempton, who performed the ceremony in a very perfect manner. The newly-installed Master having been saluted according to ancient custom, appropriately appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. C. Kempton I.P.M., Cain S.W., Lancaster J.W., S. Webb P.M. Treas., Staton P.M. Sec., Edgar S.D., J. Hemming J.D., Brooks I.G., Rose Chaplain, Paul D.C., Rawles Tyler. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Chapman, Barter, Elliott, and James Jackson, which were unanimously in their favour; they are to be initiated at the next regular meeting. The Lodge was then closed until the third Thursday in February.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE above numerous and flourishing Lodge met on the 21st inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of the W.M., Brother G. Edwards, H. Lovegrove P.P.G.S.W. Middx. S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., Jas. Willing junior P.M. Treas., Perks Sec., T. C. Edmonds S.D., W. J. Bates I.G., G. F. Bruce Organist, J. H. McEwan A.D.C., Fraser W.S., C. J. Scales P.M. Visitors:—Bros. Walter Smith I.G. 1319, W. Scurrah J.W. 2048, W. Simpson W.M. 201, Smyth 1974, R. Taylor P.M. 144, J. Stevens P.M. 1426, Chapman W.M. 1922, Murch W.M. 27, McLeod P.M. 884, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. J. Hunt and J. Cuthbertson were raised to the third degree. Bro. F. Ball and J. W. Baggi were passed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. O. L. Coles and Jules Pfeifer, which were unanimously in their favour, and both gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order in a very able and impressive manner. A letter of apology was read from the Bros. Stiles, who were unable to be present owing to the serious indisposition of their younger brother. The W.M. announced his intention to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Heartly good wishes were given, and Lodge was closed until February. The brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, prepared by Bro. Clemow. The W.M. in eloquent terms proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Scales P.M. said he regretted the absence of the I.P.M., but he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., who all would agree was entitled to their respect. They had seen Bro. Edwards' excellent working, and they had experienced his genial presidency; he hoped the brethren would give the toast a hearty reception. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Scales for his kind remarks, and also the brethren for their reception of the toast. His services were always at their command, and he felt a great pleasure to think his efforts were appreciated. The toast of the initiates came next. The W.M. said that they had introduced two gentlemen into the Order who he thought would be a credit to it, if he might judge by the manner they had paid attention to the ceremony. Bros. Coles and Pfeifer in brief but appropriate terms responded, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters. He regretted the absence of the I.P.M. and Bros. Stiles, but they had two brethren well-known in the Craft, Bros. Scales and Jas. Willing, who were a honour and a credit to the Lodge. Bro. James Willing P.M. said he regretted being late in attendance, but he had been detained at the Lodge of Benevolence. The services of the P.M.'s were not usually in request here, as the W.M.'s in general, and the present Master in particular, needed no assistance. Bro. Scales P.M. followed with a few sensible remarks. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. Simpson W.M. 201, Jas. Stevens P.M. 1426, and McLeod, who severally acknowledged the compliment. After a few more toasts the Tyler was summoned, and he brought the proceedings to a close.

ECCLESTON LODGE AND CHAPTER, No. 1624.

THE seventh Annual Ball in connection with the above Lodge was held on the 23rd inst., at the Westminster Town Hall, Caxton-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Bottle, and an efficient body of Stewards, Bro. A. A. Johnston fulfilling the office of Secretary. An excellent band was provided by Bro. Seaton, and there were about 130 guests present, most of whom wore Masonic clothing. During the interval a very excellent supper was served in the large hall, provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and superintended by Bro. Wood. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Bottle, who proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Vincent P.M. rose to propose a toast. He said they had met to enjoy themselves, and they had an excellent Master to preside over them. As long speeches were not the order of the evening, he would merely ask

them to drink his health. The W.M., in an appropriate speech, responded; he thanked Bro. Vincent for proposing his health, and hoped all present would spend a pleasant evening. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Ladies, said he had much pleasure in calling on his esteemed friend Bro. Charles Tayler to respond for them. He was the last Master, moreover, a bachelor. After a suitable reply had been made, dancing was resumed, and continued until an early hour. Bro. Chilcott ably performed the duties of M.C. Altogether the ball was a great success.

COBORN LODGE, No. 1804.

A MEETING was held at the Bow Vestry Hall, on Thursday evening, the 22nd inst., Bro. Robert Logan P.M. presiding, supported by Bros. Robey S.W., C. J. Tijon J.W., Edinger Treas., Sorick S.D., Johnson J.D., Ellerton Org., Wheatley I.G., Earlam Steward, and several members of the Lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hancock W.M., Kennett P.M., L. Potts P.M., of the All Saints Lodge 1716, and T. Tyer P.M. 1306. Bros. Osborne and Thompson were raised to the degree of Master Mason, by Bro. Potts, who afterwards initiated Mr. T. H. Smith into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual toasts were duly honoured, and the W.M. specially remarked upon the loss sustained by the country and Masonry generally by the death of Bro. Colonel Burnaby, who had been known and respected as a brave soldier, an energetic Mason, an indefatigable explorer, and a clever writer. The W.M. called upon the brethren to receive in silence "The Memory of our deceased Brother," which was duly honoured. As an instance of Colonel Burnaby's interest in Masonry, Bro. Potts related that, a few months since, being with Colonel Burnaby at a City Company's dinner, the gallant Colonel was called upon to respond for the Army, whereupon he rose and said, "Worshipful Master and Brethren." This caused a laugh, when he immediately corrected himself and said, "Worshipful Master, Gentlemen, and Brethren," which was received with many cheers.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 29th January, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present: Bros. Stringer W.M., J. J. Pitt S.W., W. E. Dilley J.W., Banks, P.M. Treas., S. A. Speight P.M. Sec., C. Bolton P.M. S.D., Prior J.D., Penrose I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchings (Preceptor), Ingram, J. W. Freeman, also Bros. Enticott, H. C. Freeman, Greener, Dale, and Emblin. After preliminaries the Ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed. The questions leading to the Second Degree were then put from the chair and answered by the members. The Lodge was advanced, and the Ceremony of Raising rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, after some formal business had been transacted, was closed in due form and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 16th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., C. E. Botley S.W., Turner J.W., F. Botley S.D., Thomas J.D., Bailey I.G., Andrews Preceptor, Maton. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Preceptor gave the lecture on the tracing board of the second degree. Brother Andrews was elected Treasurer in place of the late Bro. Tucker. The rules of the Masonic Benevolent Association in connection with the Lodge were submitted, and sanctioned. The meetings of this Lodge of Instruction are now well attended.

On Friday, 23rd instant, Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Turner S.W., Thomas J.W., F. Botley S.D., Sperring J.D., Bailey I.G.; Bros. Sherring, Morton, Wing. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, the W.M. giving the charge. The questions leading to the second degree were answered; Lodge was advanced and ceremony rehearsed. The W.M. gave the lecture on the second tracing board. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Turner elected W.M. for 30th January.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on 19th inst., at the Station Hotel, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Rhodes S.W., Brock J.W., Le Grand S.D., Collingridge (Secretary) J.D., Trewinnard Preceptor, Giffard I.G., and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fluck acting as candidate. Brother Stockhall, a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Rhodes was elected W.M. for Monday, 2nd February. The following brethren were elected members—Giddings 1446, Le Grand 766, and Brett. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 29th inst., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, E. Present—Saint W.M., Pringle S.W., Rutter J.W., Horley Secretary, Moss S.D., Otley J.D., King I.G., Webb P.M., Fenner Preceptor; also Bros. Da Costa, Mosquito, Valentine, Nunn, Gildersleve, Smith. Lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Da Costa acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the 1st lecture, assisted by the brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pringle was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE installation meeting of this old and vigorous Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Cannon-street Hotel, where there was a large and distinguished company of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, J. A. Gartley, who was supported by Bros. E. H. Norden S.W. and W.M. elect, A. J. Henochsberg J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, S. Jacobs S.D., F. Paton J.D., Hamis Organist, &c.; P.M.'s H. J. Phillips, H. M. Harris, E. J. Ehrenberg, J. Da Silva, L. Norden, A. Bassington, S. Harris, I. P. Cohen, M. J. Emanuel, W. Littaur, S. Hyman, H. Hart, T. Wallace, A. Abrahams, J. Jacobs, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Terry and Binckes (Secretaries of the Benevolent and Boys' Institutions), Rev. Dr. Maguire, J. L. Mather P.G.S.D. Herts, E. Bowyer P.G.S.B., C. E. Tinney W.M. 1319, W. H. Hopegood 1044, H. Palmer 1044, Johnson W.M. elect 1320, J. Roper 879, C. Chaffiona 1201, C. H. Webb P.M. 1607, N. P. Valentine S.W. 1017, W. J. Mann 1328, Davis 1017, A. J. Martin W.M. 188, G. H. Graham 1777 P.P.G.O. Middlesex, Benjamin W.M. 1017, Barnett W.M. 185, McKenzie, G. Kenning P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C., Hovenden 21, Bowring 1329, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, H. Massey P.M. 619, D. M. Davis 1017, Chevers, and many others. Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the Auditors' Report was read and adopted, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £94 9s 6d, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund of £850 5s 1d. A board of Installed Masters having been constituted Bro. E. H. Norden S.W. and W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. A. Gartley, the retiring W.M., in the presence of 24 W.M.'s and Past Master's, and in a manner that reflected the highest credit on him, and elicited the warmest encomiums of the brethren present. On the readmission of the brethren, the W.M. in appropriate terms invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. H. Gartley I.P.M., A. J. Henochsberg S.W., S. Jacobs J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. Hogard P.M. Sec., J. R. Haines Organist, Paton S.D., J. Jacobs J.D., Mesquita I.G., Rev. John Leedham Org., Hunter and Hart Stewards, L. Norden P.M. D.C., Rawles Tyler. At the conclusion of the Installation ceremony the W.M. presented to Bro. Gartley a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been specially designed by Bro. Rev. M. Haines. The jewel figuratively represents the most essential points connected with Israel's faith. In the centre is a shield on which is the word "Israel" in Hebrew characters, and the number of the Lodge, 205. Supporting the shield on one side is Moses with the sacred rod, and on the other Aaron, with breast-plate and censer, both robed in official dress. On the top of the shield is a crown, over which are the words, "The Crown of the Law," also in Hebrew. A curious coincidence is that the last letters in these two words (which are marked in the jewel) numerically represent 205, the number of the Lodge. There is also a facsimile of the two tablets of stone. In presenting it, Bro. Norden hoped his predecessor would accept it as a mark of the esteem and high approbation in which he was held by the Lodge, and wear it as a reminder of the great affection evinced by the brethren towards him. This was supplemented by an eloquent speech from the Rev. Bro. Haines, Chaplain, and also a very elegantly bound Bible, the gift of the brethren invested during Bro. Gartley's year of office. The collar and silver jewel with which the I.P.M. was invested were presented by the wife of Bro. H. J. Phillips P.M., as a free gift to one whom her husband had spoken of in terms of such great respect. Bro. Gartley appropriately returned thanks for the valuable gifts which had been presented to him, and called attention to the fact that a dispensation to wear Craft and R.A. clothing at the ball to be held on 5th February, at Cannon-street Hotel had been granted by the M.W. Grand Master. Bro. Cohen P.M. proposed, and Bro. Hogard P.M. and Sec. seconded, that two guineas be given annually to the Boys' School, two guineas to the Girls' School, 25s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and 25s to the Widows Fund, in the name of the Secretary for the time being. Bro. J. Da Silva proposed that a banner, valued at ten guineas; be painted, with the appropriate design on the jewel, to be hung over the W.M.'s chair. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and letters of apology were read from Bros. Sir Albert Woods, Sir John Monckton, Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Grand Treasurer; the Lord Mayor, T. Fenn, Frank Richardson, Long, and others. Lodge was then closed. Subsequently the brethren sat down to banquet. The W.M. expressed regret that there were not more Grand Officers present, as he had fully expected several. However, he was pleased to see two amongst them that evening, Brothers Lewis Thomas, and Edgar Bowyer, and these he associated with the toast of the Grand Officers. Brother Lewis Thomas felt deeply sensible of the manner in which the toast of the Grand Officers had been received. He only wished some who held high positions in the Craft could have been present to acknowledge the toast, and see the enthusiasm with which the names had been mentioned. He also wished they had been present to witness the excellent working of this old Lodge, and to have seen Bro. Gartley instal his successor into the chair. They heard some little in the Lodge about the feeling of friendship and cordiality which existed between Masons in various nations, and he quite shared in and reciprocated that feeling in every possible way. He entertained the greatest respect for the Lodge of Israel, and when he had the pleasure of visiting it that feeling was greatly enhanced. Bro. Edgar Bowyer thanked the brethren heartily for the manner in which they had coupled his name with the toast. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the newly installed Worshipful Master, in doing which he said there had been that evening installed into the chair of the Lodge of Israel one well worthy of that high and honourable position. He was quite sure, from what he had seen of Bro. Norden—and he had known him for many years—that when his term of office had expired they would have every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which he had discharged his duties. The W.M., who

was cordially received on rising to respond, said it afforded him great pleasure to acknowledge the toast which had just been given in such an enthusiastic manner. When he first joined Freemasonry he had no idea he should be called upon to be Master of the Lodge of Israel in so short a time; indeed, it seemed to him only two or three years since he was initiated by the brother who had so ably done the work of installation that evening. It had been said that he must endeavour to excel even Bro. Gartley in his working, but that would be an impossibility, though to equal it would be his ambition. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office they would have no reason to regret having placed him in the chair of the Lodge. He then proposed the Masonic Charities, and the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund, with which he associated the names of Bros. F. Binckes, J. Terry, and A. M. Cohen. Bro. Binckes, in responding, said he felt that any one rising to reply to this toast would meet with a sympathetic audience in the Lodge of Israel. He was glad to see Bro. Cohen looking so well and flourishing, and to hear that the Benevolent Fund over which he presided was flourishing also. In connection with the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School, he hoped their I.P.M. would meet with a considerable amount of support. They had kindly voted an annual subscription of two guineas, and had extended their benevolence to the same extent to the other Institutions. Whatever they might do in extending their alms towards the Masonic Charities, no one here or elsewhere could ever regret. He did not know he had any need to make any urgent appeal to the brethren of the Lodge of Israel in the cause of Charity, for the liberality of this Lodge from year to year was tolerably well known in support of all the Masonic Institutions. If he (Bro. Binckes) were to dilate upon that subject he should be only speaking of that which the brethren of this Lodge well knew, but as one of those whose duty it was to attend these meetings on behalf of the Charities—and he did enjoy to a very great extent the society of his brother Masons, cementing old friendships and endeavouring to make new ones—he should be glad in the future if, instead of having to make appeals on occasions such as the present, they could find a spontaneous recognition on the part of the brethren of their duty to support the Institutions. It was many years since he had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge, and he called to mind what enormous strides Masonry had made during that time, and the consequent demand there was upon the Charities of the Craft. It was of no use his trying to pit one Institution against another on its particular merits. They had all their special claims and necessities. He felt perfectly certain no egotistical appeal was necessary on behalf of any one Institution when addressing brethren on occasions of this sort. They all knew the Committee of the Boys' School were erecting a Preparatory School for the admission of boys, and this would entail an additional annual expenditure. It was merely in connection with that project that he ventured to issue an appeal recently, which appeal, he was glad to say, had been favourably received, and by none more readily than by the members of the Lodge of Israel, whom he had now the pleasure of seeing around him. Bro. J. Terry was also most cordially received on rising to acknowledge the toast. He felt it necessary to say only a few words in response, merely to briefly speak in support of the list which their excellent I.P.M., Brother Gartley, intended to take up at the approaching Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. He asked for their support of Bro. Gartley's list when he made an appeal to them in view of the coming Festival. Unless they got a considerable amount in aid of the Widows' fund, it would be impossible for the Committee to enlarge their borders. Last year they placed twenty additional annuitants on the fund; the year before fifteen, and the year before that twelve; yet with all their increase they had now reached the culminating point in the history of the Institution. There were eighty-one candidates on the Widows' side, and not a single vacancy. Such a thing had never before occurred in the history of the Institution, and he hoped it would never occur again. He left it in their hands to relieve the enormous amount of distress by supplementing to the utmost of their power Brother Gartley's list, all the more as they had a widow of a member of their Lodge on the funds of the Institution. Bro. Cohen P.M. responded on behalf of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and announced that a sum of £16 19s 6d had been collected in the room that evening. The Worshipful Master in proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, remarked that the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year, and the way in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day, left nothing for him to say in proposing this toast. He therefore, without any preface, asked the brethren to receive the toast as it deserved. The I.P.M. was warmly cheered on rising to respond, and in the course of his observations in reply he said he sincerely thanked them for the hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and accepted. He was rather late in the field, perhaps, with regard to the Charities, but he hoped to be well supported, as he invariably was in the Lodge of Israel. He congratulated Bro. Cohen upon the success of the Benevolent Fund, and expressed the hope that Bro. Cohen's desire to see it reach four figures might be realised. At the same time he wished them to think of him on behalf of the Old People when he went up as Steward in the coming month. Visitors were not allowed to subscribe to the Lodge Benevolent Fund, nor could they derive any benefit from it; but if they would contribute to his list for the R.M.B.I. he would swallow all qualms of conscience and accept what they might be pleased to give. The Visitors were heartily welcomed, and the other toasts were the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music and recitations, a notable feature in which were Bro. Graham's whistled selections from *Il Traviatore* and his ever favourite song "The Speaker's Eye." The *réunion* was one of thorough harmony and enjoyment.

THE THEATRES.

OLYMPIC.

CERTAIN theatres, like certain countries, become as it were a mere typographical expression. The Olympic, like Byzantium of the Lower Empire, has had so many phantom rulers, that it might rather belong to Myth than to History. It was once illumined with the genius of Robson, it enjoyed an interval of prosperity with Henry Neville; but for a long time talent and energy have seemed powerless to bring the public to Wych-street. To those who were present on the first night of Mark Quinton's new play, "In His Power," it seemed that a magic martingale had been discovered, and Mr. Bruce found a new success as great as that of "Called Back" or the "Private Secretary."

The action of the new play lies in Paris, at the time of the siege. The hero, Captain Graham, an Englishman, in the French Hussars, is married to a lady he supposes to be a widow. She had been, tricked into a false marriage, had left her betrayer, and six years ago received news of his death. The scene opens on the first anniversary of her marriage with Graham. She has promised to tell the story of her life to her husband, but he, seeing how much she is distressed, refuses to hear it. He leaves her, and as she sits in happy meditation, Scara, her betrayer, now a spy of the Germans, makes his way into the room. She looks up, horror-stricken at the sight; he demands money as the price of his silence, and when she refuses and defies him, makes her believe her husband's life is in his power, and, to save it, she at last consents to get a copy of the despatch with which he is to be entrusted for General Schenzy. He gives her a sleeping draught to effect this object. The Captain unexpectedly returns. Scara hides, and then follows a powerful scene, in which the wife, agonised by fear for her husband, humiliated by the treachery she is guilty of, endeavours to obtain sight of the paper. We heartily congratulate Mr. Kyrle Bellew on the thoroughly manly and unaffected portrait he gives us of Graham, the tender husband and brave soldier. His kindly unwillingness to refuse his wife, gradually changing to indignant impatience at her persistence, could not have been more delicately rendered; it was a study by Meissonnier. He is the simple-hearted hussar, free from any of those airs and graces which at one time Mr. Kyrle Bellew's friends greatly objected to. He enters so completely into the character that some of his most effective touches are gained by the silent eloquence of facial expression and attitude. Miss Ada Cavendish, as Marie, acted throughout this trying scene with poignant intensity. When Graham finally turns from his wife's cajolements with vexation, and sits down to study the despatch he is ordered to deliver verbally, Scara emerges from his hiding place, and signs to Marie she must obey. Coffee is brought, and she, with white face and shaking hands, drugs her husband's cup. He falls asleep, and Scara copies the paper now fallen from the captain's hand, and hastens away, taking by mistake Graham's overcoat instead of his own. Marie leaves the room. Dr. Cameron (Mr. J. G. Grahame), a friend of the family, enters, finds the captain in heavy sleep, suspects foul play, and finds trace of chloral in the coffee cup. Suspicion seems inevitably to point to Marie, and here Kyrle Bellew's fine touch was apparent in the undercurrent of agonised suspense, showing through the self-possession befitting a soldier. Scara's coat is discovered, and his address on a letter.

The first act lasted an hour and forty minutes, but the interest so gathers and accumulates as it proceeds that probably not one of the audience had realised the flight of time. When the act drop fell the artists were recalled again and again, Miss Ada Cavendish and Mr. Kyrle Bellew dividing the chief honours, though liberal applause was given to Mr. Cartwright and Mr. J. G. Grahame, both summoned by name, and doubtless there was as much pleasure behind the curtain as "in front." The next scene opens in Scara's lodgings, and here we find a latent Nemesis in the boy René, whom Scara has steeped in vice in order to secure a ready tool. René asks for money, and is refused, with mockery, by his master, who no longer needs him. Mr. Mark Quinton plays the boy, and though but a small part it gains great tragic force in his hands. René leaves, swearing vengeance, and presently Marie steals in to learn on what terms she can be rid of her persecutor. The interview is interrupted by the arrival of her husband and Dr. Cameron, and her attempted concealment, flight, and final discovery. Here, through the crowded house every breath was hushed, and Marie's helpless, hopeless despair, and Graham's speechless horror at her seeming falseness held the audience spellbound.

In the third act, thanks to the kindly doctor, Marie is reconciled to her husband. Scara, who has been unmasked by René, and is flying for his life, seeks protection from Grahame, and begs a safe conduct as the price of silence. Graham, for his wife's good name, is about to give it, when René, who is leading the pursuit, springs from the balcony into the room and demands justice on the traitor. Scara attempts to stab him, when a wild shout is heard without, a body of soldiers hurriedly enter, and seize their prisoner. Marie, from the window sees Scara dragged off by the mob. She turns away in horror, when the sharp sound of rifle bullets pierce the tumult; there is a shout of fierce triumph, and we know justice has been done. As the curtain fell on the last act the applause that had greeted each preceding one broke forth with still greater enthusiasm. Miss A. Cavendish and Mr. Bellew were summoned again and again, Mr. Cartwright and Mr. J. H. Grahame received their full meed of honour, and then came loud calls for the author, who had to appear four times; on the last occasion the young hero of the night being led on by his happy manager, Mr. Bruce. For so youthful an author the play is a great success, and though after the glamour of the brilliant interpretation we seek to judge the work on its merits, it may be easy to find weak points in construction, and well-worn melodramatic tricks, yet the story sweeps onward with such vigour and life that the spectator has no moment for critical carping if only he ignore the

inartistic and quite useless "comic relief" which has been pitchforked into the story. This is represented by Mr. and Mrs. Walker, an impossible pair of Cook's tourists, who are staying in Paris during the siege, how one cannot guess why. They have no connection with the plot. Mrs. Walker is a severe matron, and to escape her wrath her husband enlists in a line regiment, and then, to oblige her, discharges himself without further formality. Mr. Elsworth and Miss Lizzie Claremont had a very ungrateful task in their efforts to amuse the gods. They did all that was possible with such material.

Mr. Mark Quinton tells us the play is original, else we should have imagined there were symptoms of its French origin, though no French author would have entrusted despatches for General Chanzy to an English volunteer, nor have made a tourist from Camberwell play at soldiers in Paris during that awful time of hardship and starvation. The Scara of Mr. Cartwright is very powerfully and carefully thought out, except here the artist forgets that this man has been able to win the love of a pure and lovely girl; he should therefore surely cloak his villainy in some outward show of grace and plausibility.

We can congratulate all concerned in the production of "In His Power," and especially the playgoers who have for some months to come true artistic enjoyment before them.

HER MAJESTY'S.

HER Majesty's ill-fated Opera House in the Haymarket is at last escaping from the frosts which have blighted the hopes of successive managers, whether they have produced there live bloodhounds, black minstrels, or international tragedies. M. La Fargue has secured Odoardo Barri to conduct the orchestra; his name is an assurance of the care and finish we shall find in his work. On Saturday an immense crowd gathered in the auditorium, and had evidently come to enjoy the music. The multitudinous shilling behaved with the decorum of a "Musical at Home." The violin performances of Mdlle. Lang and the delightful singing of Mdlle. Segur created enthusiastic applause. Among so much that is good we cannot but regret the introduction of the short-skirted chorus ladies to sing a vocal waltz (the Fan). Their hair powder and patches seemed in questionable taste outside a music hall, but the limelight effects, blue, red, and yellow, are quite beyond justification. Mr. King's patriotic songs were much applauded, and "Jack's Reward" especially delighted the audience.

VAUDEVILLE.

THE doubts and misgivings that existed on the first appearance of "Saints and Sinners," lest Mawworm's susceptibilities should prove fatal to Mr. Jones's latest production, have not been realised. The poignant and touching story, and the admirable interpreters it has found in Mr. Thorne's company, find full and appreciative audiences. Mr. Thorne's rendering of the gentle old pastor has the pathos and finish of a picture by Faed. Mr. Macintosh, as Samuel Haggard, has gained still more trenchant individuality in his striking portrait, whilst certain touches suggesting exaggeration have disappeared. "Saints and Sinners" will probably run for some months to come.

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Bro. James Francis, of the Mohawk Minstrels, Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, announces that his thirteenth annual benefit will take place on Thursday, 5th February.

Messrs Spiers and Pond's tender for the refreshment departments at the forthcoming South Kensington Exhibition has been accepted by the Executive Council.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 31st January:—

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Brethren 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, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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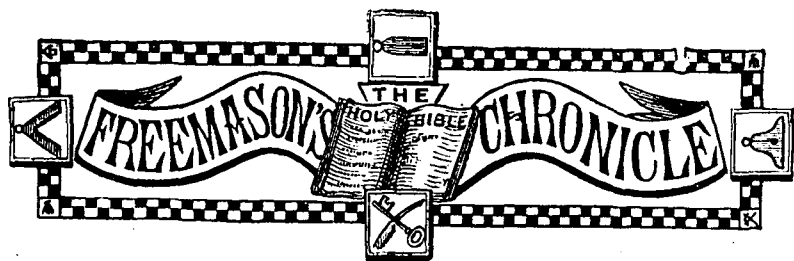
NEVILLE INNES CHAMBERLAIN,

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.
- * Nathaniel G. Phillips P.G.D. P.G.S.N. England, 23 Belgrave Road, S.W.
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- F. J. Leville G. Sup. of Works Grand Lodge Bombay.
- * J. Beavan 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.
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- J. Nowill, Esq., Nagpur, Corinth Lodge, No. 1122 E.C.
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- Harris P.M. Old Concord Lodge, Baron's Court Hotel, W. Kensington.
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- Dr. Waters, St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.
- * A. J. Pritchard P.M. 162, 9 Gracechurch Street, E.C.
- * G. Pritchard, Heath Street, Hampstead.
- G. King, Secretary Old Concord Lodge, Charterhouse, E.C.
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P.O. will be received by those marked thus *, and by the Grandfather, Rev. J. A. Chamberlain, 1 Mallinson Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.



PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Town Hall, King's Lynn, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Rt. Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, who was supported by Major Penrice P.G.D., Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a very large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. At four o'clock the members of the different Lodges assembled, and shortly afterwards the Prov. Grand Master, preceded by his Grand Officers, entered the Lodge room, when Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form. After the Prov. G.M. had been saluted according to ancient custom, and due recognition given to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary suggested that the Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business should be taken as read. This having been agreed to, the Roll of Lodges of the Province was called, and representatives of each responded. The Minutes of the Annual and Special Provincial Grand Lodges held at Norwich on 13th December 1883, and 22nd April 1884, were then read, put for confirmation, and sanctioned.

At this stage of the proceedings it was announced that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master desired admission, and, attended by Stewards specially appointed, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales entered the Lodge. His Royal Highness having been saluted, the Charities Committee presented their Report. This embraced a proposed scheme for an Education Fund which had been suggested by the Special Committee appointed for the purpose at the Provincial Grand Lodge held on Thursday, 13th December 1883. The proposed scheme was as follows:—

1. That a Provincial Education Fund be established; that the means of ensuring a permanent and sound source of income be discussed, and decided at the next Provincial Grand Lodge.
2. That annual subscriptions as well as donations to this Fund be solicited throughout the Province.
3. That a list of subscribers and donors be published annually, and circulated throughout the Province.
4. That all donations to the Fund be invested in the name of Prov. Grand Secretary, as Treasurer to this Fund, and that of the Secretary to Charities Committee, and the interest thereof be only expended.
5. That the Lodges be solicited to become annual subscribers as well as donors to the Fund.
6. That the selection of the children to be educated be left entirely with the Charities Committee.
7. That in order to start the Fund with the least possible delay, the Provincial Grand Lodge should be appealed to through the Board of Finance, to make an immediate grant of fifty pounds.

In the course of the discussion that ensued the Prov. Grand Master referred to the difficulties attending the election of candidates into the Central Scholastic Institutions. Hitherto the proposed scheme for the district had not perhaps been so fully considered as it might have been, but he was of opinion something might be achieved by the brethren of his Province. It was very desirable the brethren should give expression to their sentiments. The M.W. the Grand Master was present, and he (Lord Suffield) knew His Royal Highness, who had selected their county for residential purposes, personally felt an interest in, and would give attention to, any remarks that might be elicited. After several brethren had given expression to their sentiments, the first six clauses, as above, were agreed to, *en bloc*, and a suggestion was made that each Lodge in the Province should contribute, say £2 2s from its funds. This arrangement was tacitly agreed to, and then the seventh clause as above was formally submitted for consideration and agreed to. The Fund may therefore be said to be fairly started. Contri-

butions from individual members of the Province were invited, and one brother at once intimated his intention to contribute £5. The Provincial Grand Master then declared the offices held in Provincial Grand Lodge vacant, and requested the jewels and clothing appertaining to such offices to be delivered up. Brother Major Penrice was requested to again serve as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Brother Hamon le Strange was re-elected Grand Treasurer. The other appointments were then made, as follow:—

Bro. H. G. Barwell P.P.G. Sec. 52 ...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
C. A. B. Bignold P.M. 52 ...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. J. R. Slight W.M. 107 ...	Prov. G. Chaplain
G. W. G. Barnard P.M. 933 ...	Prov. G. Registrar
J. B. Aldis P.M. 52 ..	Prov. G. Secretary
W. T. Coy W.M. 102 ...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
T. C. R. King P.M. 213 ..	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
W. W. Lake P.M. 93 ...	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
S. J. Carman P.M. 1500 ...	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
A. R. T. Woolbright P.M. 1808 ...	Prov. G. A. D. of Ceremonies
F. A. Crisp P.M. 85 ...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
E. C. Chapman P.M. 1114 ..	Prov. Sen. G. Standard Bearer
Hy. Owles W.M. 100 ...	Prov. Jun. G. Standard Bearer
A. H. Cross 107 ...	Prov. Grand Organist
Hy. Blomfield 52 ...	Prov. G. Assistant Secretary
H. Rosling W.M. 807 ...	Prov. G. Pursuivant
John Reeve P.M. 1741 ...	Prov. G. Asst. Pursuivant
Robert Gann P.M. 93 ...	Prov. G. Tyler
J. G. Churchman 107, S. B. Ffolkes 107, J. W. French 100, D. R. Gaul 1808, A. Massingham 996, W. H. Moss 943 ...	Prov. G. Stewards

The routine work of Provincial Grand Lodge was then proceeded with. His Royal Highness the Grand Master expressed his satisfaction that the members of the Province were considering the best means to relieve the distress of their less fortunate brethren and their orphans. The proposed Educational Scheme had his best wishes. He was gratified to know that a brother had already tendered a donation, and doubtless many other brethren would follow so praiseworthy an example. For his own part he (the Grand Master) would be happy to subscribe, and he trusted their efforts would have a satisfactory result. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. It was matter of general regret that the arrangements for this meeting had not been better conceived; there was a much larger attendance than it seems was anticipated. Hence arose many disappointments, especially where brethren had travelled, as was the case in two or three instances—some considerable distance to attend the meeting. A banquet followed, of which some 230 guests partook.

"YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITIE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS."

A VERY attractive Smoking Concert was given by the "Rahere Almoners" at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 26th inst. Admission was by invitation tickets, and these were sought for so freely that many friends of the Society were unfortunately disappointed. Bro. A. C. Morton, C.C., as Prior for the present year, occupied the chair. Bro. James Stevens Chancellor, and Mr. Thomas Sangster, C.C., Recorder, the two gentlemen who are the modern founders of the "Fraternitie," were present, the former in the capacity of Vice Chairman, and the latter generally attending to the comforts of the numerous guests. Bro. G. S. Graham undertook the arrangement of the Concert, and was assisted by several well-known vocalists, who are also Freemasons. The musical services of these brethren were given most effectively, and without the slightest delay, over a period of three hours, with the result that the utmost satisfaction was expressed by all present. A contribution to the alms chest of the Fraternitie was made voluntarily by the audience, and produced a sum total which will, it was said, add welcome funds to the balance in hand for the relief of the distressed. We noticed several prominent Freemasons in full enjoyment of an entertainment which reflected much credit upon all concerned in its management. It was announced that probably the "Fraternitie" will repeat this Concert, with additional support from talented artists, at the Cannon-street Hotel, prior to the close of the season.

It is with pleasure we announce that the Third City Masonic Charitable Association, held in connection with the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, London-street, is in an eminently flourishing condition. It now numbers 120 subscribers, and four ballots took place at its ninth meeting on Monday last. This makes nineteen of ten guineas each since its formation. We congratulate its able and energetic Secretary, Bro. Hugh Hobbs, to whom this success is largely due. The successful ballots were secured by Bros. Marsh, Wise, Duffin, and W. Fraser.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At an installation meeting I recently attended, the subject of Lodges of Instruction was incidentally referred to, the Worshipful Master observing that frequently when those useful "Nurseries" were established in connection with their Lodges the members were expected to attend, and that if they did not a certain slight was imparted to them. But, as he pointed out, many Lodges whose meetings are held in the City are made up of brethren resident in outlying districts, and it was difficult as well as expensive for them to attend frequently, as they might desire. There is no doubt considerable truth in this, and no better instance could be given of it than in the Lodge referred to (United Mariners, No. 30) whose regular meetings are held at the Guildhall Tavern, City. The brethren composing this excellent Lodge are drawn from East, North, and South of London, and even beyond the area of the metropolis, and the Lodge of Instruction being held at Peckham it would be extremely inconvenient for the brethren to attend the weekly meetings of the latter, although it is one of the best worked Lodges of Instruction South of the Thames. The Worshipful Master, in his speech on the subject, said it was advisable for all Masonic students to attach themselves to Lodges of Instruction near to their own homes, and in this I heartily agree, providing they can find that instruction which is beneficial and the surroundings are congenial to their tastes. But at any rate there should be a little practical support and assistance given to Lodges of Instruction by mother Lodges, and as a rule I believe such is the case. In other respects Lodges of Instruction are useful in bringing together members of various sections of the Craft who, but for such means of intercourse, might probably have remained strangers to each other, and this is a most desirable feature of the "schools," so to speak, in which intelligent and earnest Masons seek to graduate.

Yours faithfully,

MARINER.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks recently on the prospects of candidates at the coming elections were elaborated in eloquent terms by Bro. Terry, the active Secretary of the above Institution, at a Lodge banquet I attended the other night, and his statements fully bore out your observations that "the all-important question of the moment" is whether it will be possible for the committee to increase the number of female annuitants. There is very little time now left in which to answer this question, seeing that the Festival is so near at hand, and if anything is to be done to avert the ugly crisis which threatens the Institution, the effort must be "short, sharp, and decisive." I am not one of those who are always lamenting the inability to meet all the demands of charity, for in every benevolent institution—and their name is legion—we hear the same old story, that the hands of the executive are cramped for want of the necessary funds to assist all the cases which are presented to them as deserving of assistance. But in the case of our Old Folks' Asylum at Croydon, the circumstances are exceptional, and it seems to me that Brother Terry, taking the "tip," if I may be allowed to use such an expression, from your leading article last week, struck the right nail on the head when, whilst rejoicing at the prosperity of the other two Institutions, he said "the very reverse of the picture presents itself when you mention the Old People." It is undoubtedly a matter to be deplored that there should be no less than 127 applicants for the bounty of the Craft, and that of these no fewer than 81 are widows, for whom not a single vacancy is yet open. On the male side there are 46 candidates, for whom there are only a dozen vacancies, which is bad enough in all conscience; but when we consider the greater number of poor helpless widows standing on the threshold of our charity, without the slightest ray of hope of obtaining the aid of which they stand in such urgent need, the "picture" is a very gloomy one indeed.

Of course there is no knowing beforehand what the result of the forthcoming Festival may be, but Brother Terry tells us straightly that unless a greater success is achieved next month than has ever been known before, the committee will not be able to elect one widow out of the list of 81 who are seeking admission. Such a crisis in the history of the Institution has never taken place. It will be recollected that last year there was a large list of candidates, and the committee decided to place 15 extra candidates on the funds. The year before that eight additional vacancies were created, and in the year next preceding there were ten. Yet although the executive have striven to cope with the increasing difficulties that have presented themselves, the cry is "still they come." It is often urged that the constantly growing demands upon the various Charities of the Craft are in a great measure the result of the vast increase in the number of Lodges since the accession to office of our illustrious Grand Master. But this argument scarcely tells, so far as the Benevolent Institution is concerned, because those who are seeking to participate in the advantages of this Charity must have been initiated years previous to that event, otherwise they would not be eligible for admission on the Old Folks' List. A man might be

initiated to-day, and die to-morrow, and his child would be eligible to apply for the benefits of the Craft, though of course his chances would be infinitesimal; but the advantages of the Benevolent Institution are not so cheaply purchased. If it were so Freemasonry would speedily degenerate into a friendly society, which we must all hope and trust it never will become. It must not be thought that any man who can command sufficient money to defray his initiation expenses is eligible for admission into Freemasonry. He must be known to his proposer and seconder as a man of sound judgment and strict integrity—one whom he would not hesitate to admit to his own family circle; and Lodges which act up to this rule need never fear what their ultimate success may be. Men actuated by such principles are bound together by one tie of brotherhood, and when distress overtakes any of them the rest should hasten with largeness of heart to alleviate the misfortune of the bereaved widow and orphans. Bro. Terry has often pointed out in my hearing, that the boys and girls of the future must be, and will be, educated; but it becomes a different matter with the aged of both sexes when they are going down the hill of life more rapidly than they ascended it. It may be that when these aged and indigent ones appeal to the bounty of the Craft they are unknown to those who are not old enough to remember their early connection with the Order. They are too proud to seek the help of the poor-house, and it may be that; he widow suddenly remembers her husband was a Mason. She applies to the Institution, which does its best to step in and enable her to close her days in calmful peace and repose. The Craft has enabled many a poor man and widow to bless the Great Architect of the Universe that they ever belonged to Freemasonry; and this thought should stimulate all the brethren to do what they can to support the three Institutions of which we are so justly proud. One remark of Bro. Terry's always "tells," and that is when he points out that whereas children may be, and often are, taken care of and educated by relatives, it is a rare occurrence indeed to hear of an old man or widow being adopted. I remember the same earnest advocate of this Institution once exclaiming facetiously "who ever heard of a man adopting his mother-in-law?" It is therefore necessary that the most strenuous efforts should be made to strengthen the hands of the Committee at the coming Festival, so that some at least of the deserving ones now under notice may be enabled to close their lives in calm repose and in brotherly love with all mankind.

It has been pointed out that there is no time to lose if such a desirable object is to be effected; and I hope that all who may read these lines may be stirred into increased activity by the urgency of the case which is presented, and which is without precedent in the annals of the Benevolent Institution.

I remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ECHO.

22nd January 1885.

MASONS ATTENDING CHURCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was present recently at the meeting of a young Lodge, at which the subject was mentioned of the desirableness or otherwise of Masonic Lodges attending divine service at stated intervals, and especially on the days of installation meetings. Now, whilst in no way wishing to say anything disrespectful towards the clergy or ministers of religion, or those whose conscientious scruples might suggest such a parade, I question the advisability of copying the example of certain friendly societies and rural clubs of inaugurating their festivities by attending the parish church. I am not sure that such demonstrations would be legal under the Book of Constitutions, or whether it would not require a special dispensation for the purpose. Perhaps some of your correspondents can enlighten me on these points.

I looked to your report recently to see if any reference was made to the suggestion, made no doubt with good intentions by a worthy brother, but I suppose you did not consider it of sufficient public interest. But if you will allow me to point out one matter which appears to me rather ludicrous, you may perhaps recollect that the brother who suggested that Masons should attend church in a body, said he had spoken to the vicar with that view, and that the reverend gentleman was "quite willing" that they should do so. No doubt; but without any disparagement of the vicar, I fail to see any magnanimity in his "willingness" to do so. In all probability he would be more pleased than "willing," inasmuch as, besides the well-known liberality of Freemasons on such occasions, the display would draw a large congregation to the church, and thus a very convenient opportunity would be afforded of securing a substantial offertory for some object outside the Craft. I would not object to that either, but in many instances which I recollect of Masons attending church it has been at the request and not the sanction of the clergyman, who sought aid from the Masonic body to some charitable object and that aid, in such cases, is always most cheerfully and liberally responded to.

You will see the analogy between the two cases. It is no favour that Masons should attend divine service at any church, because they could do so without the sanction—I presume—of the officiating minister. But, on the other hand, when the brethren respond to an appeal from the minister to attend church, and thus excite additional outside sympathy with the cause of charity, it is a different matter, and quite within the bounds of those grand principles which are the foundation of Freemasonry.

Thanking you to insert this letter, believe me to remain,

Yours fraternally,

CHISWICK.

THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR BROTHER,—I shall feel obliged if you can find room for the following in your next issue:—I have heard for some time past that brethren who are going about canvassing votes for the office of G. Treasurer are reporting that my nominee, Bro. Cama, had withdrawn his name; this is corroborated by your contemporary, who says that he hears, on what appears to be good authority, that my nominee, Bro. Cama, intends to retire from the contest. Will you allow me to contradict these reports? which are circulated for the purpose of inducing the brethren to promise their votes to the other candidates; and who, but for these reports, would perhaps have shown their appreciation of the good works of Bro. Cama by endeavouring to secure him the honourable position to which he aspires. Having given this denial to the reports, the matter must be left in the hands of the brethren, as neither Bro. Cama nor I shall canvass the voters. But as an extract from the *Freemason* has been printed and sent to the Masters of Lodges by the Provincial brethren who are assisting Bro. Woodall, showing his support of the Craft, I may shortly recapitulate some of the good deeds of Bro. Cama. He is Patron of our three Institutions—the Old People, the Boys, and the Girls; one out the only three Vice-Patrons of the Mark Benevolent Institution, whilst Mrs. Cama is the only Patroness. She will also, during the approaching Festival, be a Patroness of all the three above named Institutions, of which the Secretaries were aware before the candidates for the Grand Treasurership were announced.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

THOS. CLARK, W.M. 1178.

26th January 1885.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "A COUNTRY EDITOR" has accurately expressed the feeling of surprise which will pervade the minds of many brethren by the arbitrary resolution which was carried by a small majority at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge held at Exeter, "that no publication of the meetings of Freemasons or the business transacted therein shall be permitted without the sanction of the P.G.M. 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.

Speaking from a wide experience, would you permit me to state that probably in no part of Great Britain does Masonry flourish more than in the West of England, and whilst paying due deference to the R.W.P.G. Masters, Lord Ebrington and Lord Mount Edgcumbe, for their zeal and ability, the proud position of Freemasonry in the West is attributable not only to the great number of distinguished men of the Army, Navy, learned societies, professions, and the leading men of commerce, found enrolled among the "free and accepted," but to the fact that the Press of the West are "one and all" ever faithful to the Craft, and give generally such excellent and studiously cautious reports of its meetings. And what Craftsman, seeing the names of these good and true men from time to time engaged in deeds of charity, brotherly love, relief, and truth, does not feel an impulse of pride in having a kinship with them? And, in a somewhat similar fashion, to the many excellent men yet outside our portals these names must ever prove a most powerful incentive to seek admission to "ye Mystic Tie."

Nothing, in my opinion, gives a good Mason more pleasure, when unable to be present himself, than to get a fair copy of the reportable business of the Lodge he is interested in; and as the years roll on how many Lodges do we not get an interest in! Besides, Masonry being a moral Institution, aiming at self-architecture, self-completion, removing the knobs and excrescences from our conduct and life. I utterly fail to see how any brother whose conduct is square can reasonably object to his name figuring in print in connection with any Masonic gathering.

Our grand Order will live, and has already spread its benign influence over the globe, despite the proverbial black sheep which is found in every flock.

Suppression of the reports of our festivals, installations, &c., would tend to deprecate our Order, whilst, on the contrary, a fair report of the proceedings must conduce to a wholesome and salutary result, and in no conceivable way injure our ancient, loyal, and lawful community, but confer great pleasure to a vast number of the brethren. Let us earnestly hope that the extraordinary resolution in question may be speedily rescinded.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WM. HARRIS, J.W. 1993,

Acting S.W. for Bro. Lord Wolsley.

Manchester, 27th Jan. 1885.

PAST MASTERS' JEWELS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to convey to you a sentiment which prevailed amongst a company of brethren the other night in conversation upon the above subject. As you are aware, it is the custom now-a-days, when a Master has completed his term of office "with credit to himself and satisfaction to others," that he

be presented with a Past Master's jewel, "as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the services he has rendered during his year of office," and so forth. There is nothing much to grumble at in this, so far as I can see; but it is suggested that, instead of making such a distinction and variety in these marks of esteem, they should be uniform in design and value, thus preventing any "comparisons," which are at all times odious. Why, for instance, should one Past Master have his jewel bedecked with diamonds or other precious stones, whilst another has only the plain gold? It is not that the work has been done better by the former than by the latter, but simply that those who can give the more valuable jewel are better able to afford it. And in some cases I have known Past Masters vain enough to add the brilliants themselves. It was suggested in conversation that either all Past Masters' jewels should be of one uniform size and value, or that a permanent jewel should be obtained for each Lodge, and emblematical of it, which should be handed down to successive Masters as they pass the chair, in the same manner as the Lord Mayor's chain and such like insignia. I see in your report of the Chiswick Lodge recently, a brother was presented with a jewel, "surmounted by a beautiful miniature picture of old Chiswick Church." Every Lodge has its history, from which an emblematical design of that character might be formed, and the permanent jewel could, as I have hinted, be worn by each successive I.P.M. That would give a distinctive value and honour to the decoration, and prevent the absurd variety we now see on the breasts of our Past Masters, some of whom are bespangled with precious stones, whilst those who cannot afford such luxuries have to content themselves with the modest plain gold. I expect I shall draw down upon my devoted head the execrations of many Worshipful Masters who are looking forward to "the happiest moment of their lives" when they shall receive the coveted reward of their year's labours; but, as I have said, the suggestion is not mine; it only came out in conversation. It was, moreover, hinted, in opposition to the elaboration now being attempted in Founders' jewels, that such decorations are illegal, and cannot be worn in Grand Lodge. It is not a Masonic jewel, and I question whether it is consonant with the Constitutions to wear it. Can you convince me if I am wrong in this assumption?

Yours fraternally,

QUIZ.

ROYAL ARCH.

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation was held on the 26th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present:—Comps. A. J. Henochsberg Z., W. Littaur M., J. Da Silva J., M. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., H. Phillips S.N., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treas., J. W. Dewsnap P.S. P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, L. Lazarus I.P.Z., P. Dickinson H. P. Isaac. Amongst the visitors were Comps. J. A. Gartley 142, Norwich 158, G. Hobenstock late 188. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. J. Jacobs 205, S. Schmerl 205, M. Bromet, and E. J. Ehrenberg, who were unanimously elected, and duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers was perfect. A sum of two guineas was placed on the list of Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z., who will serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. Two brethren were proposed for exaltation, and Comp. Gartley 142 as a joining member. Heartly good wishes were given, and the Chapter was closed until March. The Company now sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Swayne, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver, after which the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the M.E.Z. Those who had seen Comp. Henochsberg work must have felt a pleasure in hearing him. He had fulfilled the duties of the chair that evening most perfectly. He could recommend all who aspired to the chair to try and emulate him. The M.E.Z. said he could hardly find words to thank Comp. Lazarus for his kind expressions. Those who had preceded him had done the work well, and he would try and emulate them. He trusted at the expiration of his year of office they would say he had done his duty. The toast of the exaltees was next on the list. The M.E.Z. felt they would be a credit to the Order; they were all personally known to him, and he felt sure they would eventually strive to become occupants of the chair. Comps. Schmerl, Jacobs, Bromet, and Ehrenberg, in appropriate terms, severally responded. For the toast of the Visitors Comps. J. A. Gartley, Norwich and Hobenstock replied, and the M.E.Z. then announced that Comp. Gartley had signified his intention to become a joining member. In speaking to the toast of the P.Z.'s, the M.E.Z. said their working was famed. It was to them the success of the Chapter was due. They had all done their duties well. Comps. H. M. Levy and L. Lazarus responded. The H. J., and Junior Officers were complimented. In due course the Janitor's toast was given, and the company separated, after passing a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, the 29th instant, at 8 o'clock. Comp. D. P. Holness M.E.Z., G. Gregory H., M. Money J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., W. Radcliffe S.N., J. Lister P.S. The respective offices were ably filled by the Companions. A very profitable and enjoyable evening was spent.

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, 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. (Instruct.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

- 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, 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, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1906—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
 R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Potty Curry, Cambridge
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrotham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
 1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.
 R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
 R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
 166—Union, Criterion, W.
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 830—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1397—Anorley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction);
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 658—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermonth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1483—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussax Street, Rh; l
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
 R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
 R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 WEDNESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.
 Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 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)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up, Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1768—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In).
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)

678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
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1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
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1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxo Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
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)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
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)
1361—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern; Millbank
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 197—Studdholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle le.
31—United Industrials, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1282—Anchorage, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beamminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beamminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcombe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 753—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
708—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 67—Studdholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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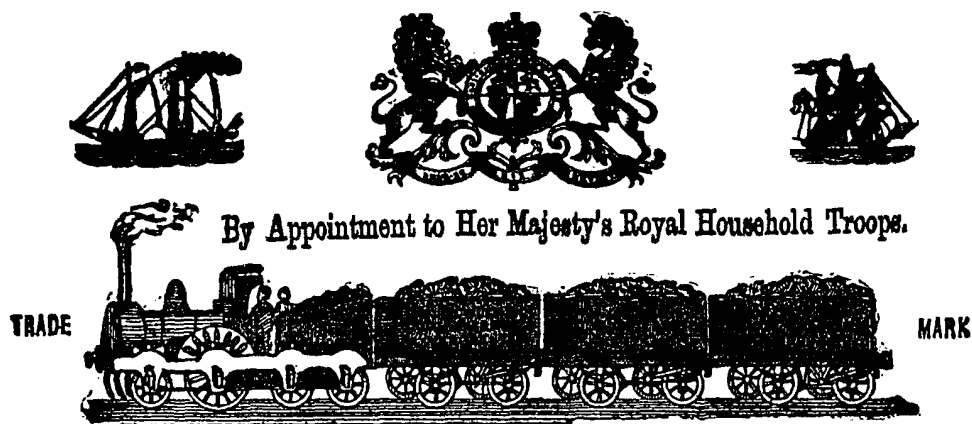
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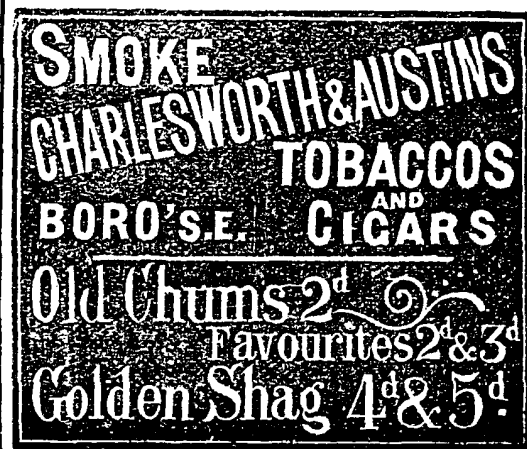
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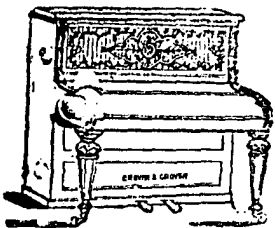
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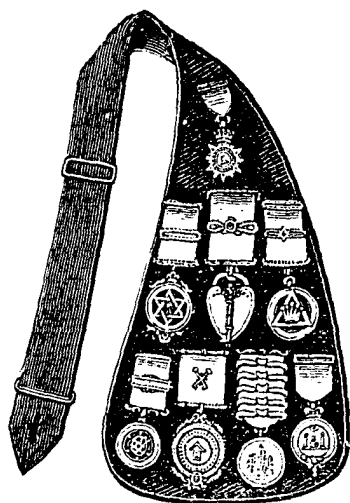
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