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THE APPROACHING ELECTION OF
THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE action of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the Special General Court held on the 21st ult., when they decided to admit all the then eligible candidates for that Institution, without the anxiety of a ballot, has rendered any half-yearly review of the applicants unnecessary in connection with this year's April Election for that Charity; indeed, no balloting papers have been issued to the subscribers, as there is of course no need for them. Unfortunately a very different condition of affairs exists in connection with the Boys' School, where there are forty-five candidates and only twenty-five vacancies, so that there is no possibility of the supporters of that Institution being able to follow the example of the sister Charity, and admit all the applicants to the School, as a means of celebrating the Jubilee of Her Majesty's long reign, although there is no doubt but that such a course would be unanimously approved, if the responsibility which would attach to it was not greater than the subscribers feel justified in taking upon themselves.

The ballot which is thus rendered necessary in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is fixed to take place on Monday, the 18th inst., when, as we have said, forty-five candidates will compete for twenty-five vacancies. Of the candidates, thirty-five now appear on the list for the first time, five have taken part in one previous contest, two now make a third application, two a fourth, and one now applies for the sixth time. Four of the forty-five will be precluded from any further competition if they are unsuccessful at the coming Election, by reason of their age being such as to then bring them within the scope of Law 53, which limits the age of candidates.

The four last applications are all new to the present list. No. 22, Arthur Henry Scholes, is one of five dependent children, whose father is yet living. The case is accredited to the Province of West Yorkshire, the father having been initiated in the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258, subscribing thereto for a period of twenty-six years. We have no particulars as to special claims in connection with the case, but have no doubt there are good and sufficient reasons which render the child eligible for the benefits of the School, which we hope he will be fortunate enough to secure at the only election for which he is eligible. No. 35, William Helsby Moss, appears to be especially deserving of Masonic sympathy, he being one of four dependent children left with neither father nor mother. The father was initiated in the Bertie Lodge, No. 1515, Oxfordshire, and remained a subscribing member thereof until the time of his death, which took place in September of last year. We trust the Province of which the father was a member will be able to secure such support for the lad as to place him in the School for which he is now a candidate, and that they may eventually be able to extend some further help to this family. No. 43, Frederic Webber, is perhaps even worse off than in the case just referred to; he is one of five dependent children left parentless. The father was initiated in the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, London, and subsequently joined the St. James's Lodge, No. 1597, Middlesex, so that the friends of the candidate have two important centres of Masonry from which to secure aid, but unfortunately both London and Middlesex are so

deficient in the matter of organisation in regard to voting power that the child is worse off than if its father had belonged to a smaller, but better managed section of Freemasonry. However, with such claims on Masonic sympathy as this lad presents it is to be hoped that sufficient combination will be displayed to ensure his election. The other last applicant is the last on the list, No. 45, Herbert Morton Harrison, who is an only child dependent on his mother. The father, who died in August last, was initiated in the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, North and East Yorkshire, in 1867, and subsequently took an active part in the foundation of the Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, West Yorkshire, and the Vernon Lodge, No. 1802, Nottinghamshire, of which latter Province he was also a Past Grand Officer. It is to be hoped that the long and active Masonic career of the father may prove of service to his child, now that he is in need of help.

Three of the remaining candidates have neither parent living, and on that account seem to present special claims on the sympathy of the Craft. No. 36, William Bertram Dixon, is one of four children thus circumstanced. The father was initiated in the Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, and subsequently joined the Sun and Sector, No. 902, both in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, in which district he also held Provincial rank. The mother was a Life Governor of the Institution for which the son is now a candidate, and wherein we hope he will ere long find a home. No. 38, James McCullum Mitchell, is one of six parentless children, whose father was made a Mason in the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441, Cambridgeshire; he afterwards joining the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, in the same Province. No. 40, Robert James Tombs, is one of two children now dependent on friends. His father was an initiate of the Cottswold Lodge, No. 592, Gloucestershire, and a founder of the Vale of White Horse Lodge, No. 1770, Berks and Bucks. We here have two well organized Provinces from which to look for help for this parentless child, and we shall be surprised if he is not early returned on the list of successful candidates. The father is accredited with having been an occasional subscriber to all of the Charities, another feature which should have weight in securing his son's early admission to the Boys' School.

We will now devote attention to those candidates who have already tried their fortune at previous Elections. They are ten in number, and the most fortunate among them appears to have been No. 5, Harry Norman Angier, who has a total of 1194 votes to his credit, as the result of two applications. He is one of four children dependent on a widowed mother, whose husband was initiated in the Hope Lodge, No. 433, Essex, in 1881. He remained a subscribing member until his death, in 1883, and from the support already accorded this son appears to have gained many friends among his brother Masons. Essex should—and no doubt will—be able to make this lad's admission to the School a certainty at the coming Election. No. 3, Percy Haslem Matthews, now applies for the fourth time, and has a total of 974 votes to his credit, as the result of the three contests in which he has taken part. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and is one of four children yet dependent on their widowed mother. The father was initiated in the Furness Lodge, No. 995, West Yorkshire, and was one of the Founders of the Arthur John Brogden Lodge, No. 1715, in the same Province, subscribing until the time of his death, which occurred in January 1880. We hope the

974 votes already enrolled on behalf of this lad may be increased to such an extent on the 18th as to place him on the list of those successful. No. 2, Joseph Wood, has also made three previous applications, and as the result thereof has 726 votes to his credit. His father was initiated in the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, London, in 1881 and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, four years later. There are six children dependent on the mother who, we hope, will soon be relieved of the care of one of her children. No. 7, William Collinson, was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion polled 364 votes. He is one of three dependent children, whose father was initiated in the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, Hants and Isle of Wight, subscribing thereto until his death, in August 1878. No. 4, Harold Gray, has 235 votes brought forward from the two elections of last year. His father was an initiate of British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, King William's Town, filling therein the offices of Secretary and Junior Warden. This applicant is an only child, dependent on the widowed mother. No. 8, Charles William Green, comes forward for the second time, with 59 votes to his credit. He is one of two children dependent on a widowed mother, the husband of whom was initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024, Essex. No. 10, Frederick William John Scott, had 41 votes polled on his behalf last October. He is one of three fatherless children of an initiate of the St. John's Lodge, No. 828, Cape of Good Hope, who remained a subscribing member until the time of his death. No. 1, George Cannon, represents one of those cases which have happily become rare of late, in which a candidate makes application after application without any appreciable appearance of ultimate success. This lad now comes forward for the sixth time, with only 40 votes to his credit. He is an only child, dependent on a widowed mother; the father, who died in 1881, was initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Northumberland. If the child is really deserving of help we should like to see him admitted; if not, his name should be withdrawn from the list of candidates. No. 9, Edgar Holmes Burgess, is another north country case, the father having been made a Mason in the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Durham. This lad and two other children are now dependent on their mother, who secured 39 votes on behalf of her son at the last Election. We hope the close of the coming contest will see her son's total considerably augmented. No. 6, John Crossman, was a candidate in October last, but no votes were then polled on his behalf. He is one of two dependent on a widowed mother. The father was admitted to Masonic light in the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, Cornwall, and afterwards joined St. John's Lodge, No. 70, Devon, so that there are two strong Provinces from which to look for aid. We hope that each will do its share, and that eventually the widow of this deceased brother may receive the aid from the Craft to which she is entitled.

The remaining cases are all new to the present list, and, as may be imagined, the claims presented by each are of a very varied character. The families of which the boys are members range in number from ten dependent children, down to the one now applying for admission to the Boys' Institution. In two cases, No. 17, Francis Pater Turner, and No. 32, Horatio Albert Patience, the boys have sisters in the Girls' School, and in three others the father of the applicant is still living, although in one case an affliction, perhaps worse than death—lunacy—is recorded.

In conclusion we can but regret it is not in the power of the Freemasons of England to take charge of all the lads at present considered eligible for the benefits of the Boys' School, but at the same time we must not lose sight of the fact that what is contemplated in connection with this month's Election is most gratifying. That the Institution is able to offer a home for twenty-five of the forty-five applicants is sufficient evidence that the Craft is not unmindful of the claims of those who, from calamity or misfortune, are compelled to appeal for the help of the charitable, and which, in the case of Freemasons, is so readily and amply accorded.

MASONIC LECTURE.

KNOBS AND EXCRESCENCES.

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EGYPTIANS.

THE world is full of Egyptians—men who are ever ready to lay upon their fellows burdens grievous to be borne, who expect the performance of tasks well-nigh impossible. The Egyptians of old laid heavy burdens upon the children of Israel, and required the execution of unachievable labours. In the field, under the scorching sun, they were urged on by the master's whip to do their slavish work. They went to their daily tasks bearing their loads as best they could. At last the masters compelled them to make bricks without the proper materials. The straw was taken from them, and when the product of their labours was unfit for use, they were scourged. Then they cried to Heaven for relief, and it came, and it was terrible to the Egyptians.

The world is full of Egyptians.

We see a brother struggling with adversity. We say he must overcome the difficulties and rise above them. He *must* make bricks without straw. He tries, and he tries hard, too; but, like those of the Israelites, his bricks are worthless; they do not accomplish the purpose of bricks. He fails again and again, and we say, "Poor fellow!" So far we are better than the Egyptians, but some of us do not even do that much, but add to the burden by absolute neglect and failure on our part to do what is in our power, without loss to ourselves. Of what good is "poor fellow" to a hungry man, if we shut up our bowels of compassion and fail to feed him? "Poor fellow" in such a case is but an Egyptian whip, and it stings, too, when applied to a fellow's back.

We cannot get out from under responsibility. It will confront us sooner or later, and it may be our cheeks will tingle with shame at the revelation.

"Ye knew your duty, but ye did it not,
These are the words to which the harps of grief
Are strung; and to the chorons of the damned,
The rocks of hell repeat them evermore."

There are many unnecessary graves in the world. There are many unnecessary breaking hearts around us, and they may be very near to us. There are many needlessly desolate hearthstones, and they may bring desolation to our own souls, because we know our duty and do it not. We bring sorrow to our hearts by neglect. Neglect is sometimes criminal. The cries of those around us, struggling amid the trials of life, may give us many heartaches, because we do not heed them. Many a broken-hearted man has gone to an untimely death because the proud spirit could not stand the "whips and scorns of outrageous fortune."

We may commit murder by neglect. It is not right that we should cause a fellow-man to be humiliated. We ought to help him up, and not by act or word try to keep him down, or by neglect force him to struggle unaided.

"Whose is the fault if this one stumbles,
If that laments a hopeless bruise?
Or if another sits despairing?
Yours—mine—who timely aid refuse."

As long as we are in the world we are more or less "our brother's keeper." Ties of humanity bind the whole world together. We cannot help the whole world, but we can help the one near us. Who is my neighbour? Who is my brother? He it is that I must help. I must learn to speak a word where a word will do; give of my time where time will aid; open my purse when that is needed; lend a helping hand whenever duty calls.

"The little children they shall teach us
'Tis easier taking hold of hands."

We should help each other.

A blind man once met a lame man limping on the street. The blind man hoped the lame man would conduct him safely on his way.

"Me help you?" said the lame man; "I cannot walk; but you look strong and able to carry me. Now, if you will bear me on your back, I will guide you. Your strong feet shall be mine, and my good eyes shall be yours."

The blind man accepted the proposition and carried the lame man, crutches and all, and both accomplished together what neither could have done alone. And so it is in the world. A brother needs help, and with a little help he can soon be able to help himself, and in turn help others.

When a man loses his money he finds the clouds of adversity hide completely the friends of his sunny days.

He goes to a friend, one who he feels will be true. He unfolds to him a plan by which he can be put on the road to prosperity again. All he needs is a little help—not much—his friend is abundantly able to give it without inconvenience. Ten to one—no, a hundred to one—the friend and brother will say no, and say it, too, in such a way as to destroy the feeling of hope that was beginning to spring up in his heart. He only wanted a little straw, but the Egyptian bade him make bricks without it. If perchance he struggled on, and with a stout heart and by herculean efforts overcomes the obstacles, and is again prosperous, the Egyptian who turned away from him will meet him with a smile, strike him familiarly on the back, and say, "Brave boy! good fellow!" and will be glad to cultivate his acquaintance, and to introduce him as "my friend." If, however, for the want of the straw, he fails to succeed, the coldest blast from the North Pole would not equal the frigid scorn of the same Egyptian friend.

When men are in the clouds of adversity they need the cheerful welcome, the fraternal grasp more than when basking in the sunshine of prosperity. Don't be an Egyptian task-master, but practise the teachings of religion and Masonry. Feel for a brother in a practical way. If he be naked, clothe him. If he be hungry, feed him. If he be discouraged, greet him with a smile, and a hearty, friendly grip. If he asks for bread do not give him a stone. If he is struggling with a hard task, do not "take away the straw."—*Jacqués, in New York Dispatch.*

"MASONIC RECORDS" AND BROTHER NORTON.

BY BROTHER JNO. LANE.

WITHOUT desiring to force my opinions on any brother, I fail to discover in Bro. Norton's article in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 26th inst. any reason whatever for abandoning the position I have taken respecting No. 79. On the contrary, further investigations, made since my letter of 15th February last, have corroborated and strengthened those views, and the further light thrown on this subject by my recent researches (as recorded in the *Freemason* of 19th March) will, I think, prove conclusively, to every unprejudiced mind, that the list heretofore known as "1730-32" is not of 1730 at all, but was undoubtedly compiled *late* in 1731, and received additions to it, from time to time, down to the end of 1732.

To put this as emphatically as possible, without imitating the style adopted by Bro. Norton, I unhesitatingly affirm, from actual, careful, and critical investigation and examination of the original minute books, &c., that "No. 79 of the Castle at Highgate" was "not removed in 1731 or 1732 to St. Martin's-lane," as Brother Norton says he "believes," and that there is not the slightest trace whatever of the existence of any No. 79 as a London Lodge until towards the end of the year 1732.

In my "Masonic Records" I did not state that there were "three seventy-niners," but indicated only two with that number. In my letter, however, of 15th February last I intimated that "this Lodge [Castle at Highgate] fell into abeyance or lapsed, and was revived or a new Lodge constituted early in 1735." Consequently, Brother Norton, in failing to note the alternative, has gone wide of the mark; and whilst on the one hand it is quite possible that the same Lodge was removed from Highgate to St. Martin's Lane, it is, on the other hand, very questionable, inasmuch as there is no record whatever of the Lodge in the Lists of 1733 and 1734, where one, naturally and reasonably, would expect to find it mentioned, if it was in existence during that period.

On what evidence, or with what "reason," Bro. Norton bases his "belief" that "No. 79 of the Castle at Highgate removed in 1731 or 1732 to St. Martin's Lane, and that from 1731 to 1740 the Highgate Lodge was the only 79 that figured on the English Grand Lodge Register," I should very much like to know. Certainly his "belief" is altogether inconsistent with and antagonistic to the actual facts recorded, for in the Grand Lodge Minute Books, under date 21st November 1732, the Lodge at the "Castle in Highgate" appears for the first time and is never mentioned again—except in the 1731-2 List—the number 79 re-appearing 24th February 1735 at the "Angel and Crown in Little St. Martin's Lane." I know of no reliable

authorities other than those I have referred to; if Bro. Norton has better and more trustworthy sources of information, he may reasonably be asked to produce them. It might then be seen whether, as a Masonic writer, I have, or have not, "jumped" at "wrong conclusions," but at present I respectfully decline the questionable honour of being designated a "Masonic jumper," and having no end to gain or party to serve, but seeking for Truth only, I am content to let what I have written be fairly and honestly tested so that the Truth may win the day.

As a step towards that desirable end, I venture to ask Bro. Norton to reconsider his references to Bro. Pine, as "the very first of all Lodge List compilers," and "who (he says) engraved all the Lodge Lists from 1723." It is, I think, a well ascertained fact that the first List known, viz., that of 1723,* was the work of Eman Bowen, Engraver, in Aldersgate Street; Bro. Pine not appearing, so far as we know, as an Engraver of Lodge Lists, until 1725.

ROYAL NAVAL LODGE OF INDEPENDENCE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

BRO. DAVID PULSIFER, the Boston antiquary, has got hold of a pamphlet, printed in London in 1795, which seems worth describing, for I certainly never saw it noted or alluded to in any Masonic publication. It may, therefore, be something new even to most of the members of the above-named Lodge. The size of the pamphlet is near 6½ by 4 inches, and the following is on its title page:—

"A list of the members belonging to the Royal Naval Lodge of Independence [Number 57] of the most ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, constituted in the year 1738, held at their private room near Red Lion-street, Wapping, A.D. 1795—A.L. 5795."

At the bottom of the page is written "London," and no printer's name is given. On consulting Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" I find that the said Lodge was constituted 27th January 1739, which in those days was called 1738. Of course, like other Lodges, its number underwent several changes. Its first number was 179, it was afterwards successively changed to 166, 100, 77, 61, 57, 79, 70, and last to 59. Its locations were also repeatedly changed, the Lodge successively met at Chequers, in Charing Cross, Crown and Anchor, Seven Dials, &c. In 1791 it met near Wapping Old Stairs, and in 1795 at a private room near Red Lion-street, Wapping. But not only its numbers and locations were changed, its name was also changed. Thus up to 1768 the Lodge was nameless. In the said year it assumed the name of "Lodge of Relief and Truth." In 1771, when the Lodge removed to Wapping, it called itself "Royal Navy Lodge." In 1793 it changed to "Royal Naval Lodge." When the additional word Independence was tacked on to it I do not know, I must here only add that since 1865 the said Lodge has met at Freemasons' Hall.

I must now return to the little pamphlet. It has nominally, including the title, 25 pages, but in reality there were two stubs sewn in after page 6, which count for four pages, and one stub was left at the end. To the stub following page 6, a leaf subsequently printed, with names, initiated I presume after 1795, was pasted on. The last stub also had a leaf pasted on, which is page 25, but pages 9 and 10 are still represented by a stub.

The third page is headed with the words "Quarterly Members," which is followed merely by a line. Under the said line comes in capital letters "Present Officers of the Lodge;" the name of every Officer is printed in capital letters, and every one of the Officers resided in Wapping. These consisted of the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Stewards. Next comes a list of the "Past Officers," consisting of eight names, four of whom resided in Wapping, or near to it, the other four were scattered over both sides of the Thames.

Page 5 is headed with the words "Land Members," the names are printed in italics, and the residence of each member is given. On pages 5 and 6 there are twenty-five names; on the next page, which was pasted on to one of the stubs, ten other names are added, thus making a total

* Vide Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," p 3, and "Masonic Records" pp x and 4.

of thirty-five land members, exclusive of the Officers and Past Officers, and a majority of the said members resided either in or near Wapping.

Page 11 is headed in capital letters with "Sea Members," this page as well as the succeeding pages to the foot of 25, are double columned, and the names are preceded by a figure or figures from 1 to 732. On the back of page 25 nine names were added with a pen, making a total of 741 sea members, and the last written name is Joseph White.

That a London Lodge in the beginning of this century (assuming that the last leaf was subsequently inserted after 1795) should have mustered 741 seamen, without resorting to a press-gang, could scarcely have been credited if this pamphlet had not furnished conclusive evidence; and, still more strange, judging from the localities where the said Lodge used to meet before 1791, I can see no reason why it should have attracted a larger number of seamen than other Lodges did. If, therefore, the rush of seamen into the Lodge began when it took up its abode at Wapping, in 1791, it is certainly surprising that in 1795, when the pamphlet was printed, the Lodge was patronised by no less than 680 sea members. The whys and wherefores connected with the history of this Lodge my limited resources fail to supply. I think that the present Secretary of the Lodge might furnish a very interesting article upon the puzzling questions hinted above. But what interests me most is whether Joseph White was an American.

I must here premise that we have in Boston an Antiquarian Genealogical Society, whose members work like bees to find out the pedigrees of all New Englanders, including their "Sisters, Cousins, and Aunts," together with all the doings, occurrences, &c., of those who departed. As an Antiquary, Bro. Pulsifer is imbued with the same taste. Now, in 1830 Joseph White, a retired sea-captain, of Salem, Massachusetts, was murdered. Daniel Webster assisted in the prosecution, and it is regarded as the most famous criminal trial that we have ever had in Massachusetts. Bro. Pulsifer, who was—I scarcely know how many years ago—a clerk in a Law Court at Salem, remembers the event. Putting all these things together, the reader will not be surprised as to why and wherefore Bro. Pulsifer would like to learn whether the Joseph White above named was the identical Joseph White marked down on the pamphlet as a member of the London "Royal Naval Lodge of Independence."

Inquiry has already been made of the Secretary of an old Lodge in Salem, as to whether Joseph White's name could be found either enrolled as a member or in the visitors' book. The answer received was that he was not a member, and that in those days the Lodge kept no visitors' book; and as Bro. Pulsifer, about twenty years ago, fished up the Naval Lodge pamphlet at Ipswich, not far from Salem, it is, therefore, not at all improbable that the unfortunate Captain White, of Salem, was initiated in the Royal Naval Lodge in London. Should this be verified, either by the Secretary of the Lodge or by my friend Bro. Sadler, I am sure that not only Bro. Pulsifer would be mightily pleased with the information, but the news would be equally gratifying to most of his associate brother antiquaries throughout New England.

BOSTON, U.S., 15th March 1887.

THE FREEMASONS AND THE POOR OF MARGATE.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd March, the members of the Union Lodge, No. 127, entertained 220 of aged and deserving poor to a dinner and tea in the Foresters' Hall, Margate. This praiseworthy movement was instituted last year, and it met with such success that, notwithstanding somewhat heavy claims upon the members of the Lodge this year, the suggestion to give a similar entertainment was heartily adopted, and met with even increased support. The tickets were distributed with great care, and it is needless to say that if there had been twice the number there would have been sufficient worthy recipients. The Committee of Management consisted of Bros. W. Jones Lane W.M. (Chairman), F. W. Willett S.W., H. Wootton I.P.M. Secretary, and J. G. Henning P.M. Treasurer, all Past Masters of the Lodge. The Stewards were Bros. W. Jones Lane, Stanley, Brighurst, Henning, and H. D. Reeves. The dinner tables were neatly adorned with potted plants, and the front of the platform was decorated in a similar manner. During the repast selections of music were performed on the pianoforte by Mrs. Jones Lane and Mrs. Frank Perry. After dinner an entertainment of vocal and instrumental music was given; the Mayor (Alderman Hermitage) presided, and he was supported by the Worshipful Master (Bro. Jones Lane), the Rev. J. Drew, the Rev. J. James, the Rev. D. Lloyd, Bro. H. Wootton, and others.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THE installation meeting of this old and sound working Lodge, held at the Guildhall Tavern, City, on Thursday, the 24th ult., was attended by an unusually large and distinguished assemblage of members and visitors, the latter of whom numbered over forty. Various causes tended to lead up to this satisfactory result, chief amongst them being the great popularity attained by the outgoing Master, Bro. R. Dyson, which was testified to in the most substantial and unmistakable way on the occasion, and the esteem in which the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Walker, is held by the members generally of the Lodge. There is evidently an improved spirit pervading the brethren, compared with that which existed some years ago, and to this fact, and to the able management of affairs under the rule of two or three recent Masters, may be attributed much of the stability and soundness which the Lodge now enjoys. Lodge was opened in form under the presidency of Bro. R. Dyson W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Walker S.W. and W.M. elect, G. Haller J.W., J. Roberts P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, F. Ruse S.D., B. Haynes I.G., C. J. Rich P.M. D.C., J. W. Pimbury A.D.C., R. F. Bourn W.S.; P.M.'s J. H. Goodwin, Leins, C. Daniel, C. E. Ferry, W. Chicken, G. Schadler, J. H. Hawkins, and about fifty other members, with Bro. W. Lane Tyler. The Visitors included Bros. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Std. Br., J. L. Mather P.P.G.S.D. Herts, J. Mason P.M. Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, P.M.'s C. J. Scales 1507, T. Maidwell 27, J. Brown 975, D. Moss 1275, A. Peterkin 1349, C. H. Webb 174, E. Allen 173, T. T. Fillan 1673, J. Muser P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, R. Voysey W.M. 1329, C. Walker Worshipful Master 862, F. Simmonds 1839, W. Spencer 569, T. Dray 2021, J. Prentice 1125, J. Kirby 1622, J. Gayer 1426, C. Todd 27, A. Trew 959, J. King 1692, B. Fletcher 569, C. H. Flynn 1605, J. W. Gibbs 1804, H. H. Knill 22, W. Boyle 749, A. Swan 907, J. Williams 1158, E. A. Reynolds 569, J. Miller 1491, and others. The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, the Auditors' report, which showed the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition, was submitted, and unanimously approved. Advancing to the second degree, Bro. Trask was passed, the working being performed in masterly manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Bro. W. Walker was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and having formally assented to the interrogatories on accepting office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony of installation was carried out by the retiring Master Bro. Dyson in such a manner as to elicit unbounded expressions of appreciation from all present. On the readmission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed, and saluted with full Masonic honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. R. Dyson I.P.M., Wall S.W., G. Haller J.W., J. Roberts P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, F. J. Ruse S.D., Harris J.D., B. Haynes I.G., C. M. Rich P.M. Dir. of Cers., Ackerman Assist. Dir. of Cers., R. F. Brown W.S., W. Lane Tyler. The charges to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered with considerable elocutionary effect by the Installing Officer, whose working throughout the whole of the ceremony was much admired. In spite of the excessive heat caused by the crowded condition of the Lodge-room, a majority of the brethren remained till the close of the work, and expressed themselves delighted with the admirable way in which it had been carried out. The W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Dyson, as a mark of esteem on the part of the brethren of the Lodge, and in recognition of his services. It was one of the most pleasant duties on entering upon the office of W.M. to make this acknowledgment of services well performed, and he hoped Bro. Dyson might long live to wear the jewel which had been so unanimously voted to him. Bro. Dyson Immediate Past Master briefly acknowledged the compliment, and a Committee having been appointed to carry out the arrangements for the summer banquet, Lodge was closed with the usual harmony. At the conclusion of business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Throne-room, where an elegant banquet was served, the tables being adorned by a profusion of exquisite flowers and ornamental plants. In proposing the loyal toasts the W.M. briefly referred to Majesty's Jubilee, and spoke of the Prince of Wales as a thorough good working Freemason. Not long since he initiated his eldest son into the mysteries of the Order, and performed the ceremony with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Craft generally. On the last occasion of the Grand Lodge meeting, he (the W.M.) was present when His Royal Highness was proposed for re-election as M.W.G.M., and he could assure the brethren that when the Prince's name was mentioned for that high and distinguished office the brethren did not wait for a seconder, but exclaimed "all," with one voice. That was a proof that H.R.H. was esteemed as a good Mason, and worthy of the high and exalted position which he occupied. Long might he remain so. The toast was received with loud cheering. In giving the Grand Officers (present and past), the W.M. spoke of the ability with which they administered the affairs of Grand Lodge. They were honoured by the presence of one of the Past Grand Officers that evening, Brother Edgar Bowyer, who was initiated in the Prosperity Lodge, so that they had something to be proud of in having one of their initiates present in his capacity as a Past Grand Officer. Brother Edgar Bowyer, who had come from the Criterion, where he had assisted the Consecrating Officer of the Anglo-American Lodge, returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure which it afforded him to attend once more a meeting of the Lodge in which he first saw the light of Masonry. Brother R. Dyson then rose for the purpose of performing the first duty that fell to his lot as I.P.M., which was to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. As the elect of the brethren of the Lodge of Prosperity, Brother Walker was entitled to command from him the fulfilment of that duty, but beyond this was the fact that the W.M. was his personal and very dear friend; therefore he had additional gratification in proposing the toast for

their heartiest consideration. Seeing that they had unanimously elected Brother Walker to the chair, he felt sure the brethren would act up to their convictions, and do all they could to render his year of office a happy and prosperous one. The toast was received with acclamation, and Brother Walker, after suitably returning thanks, assured the brethren he should do all he possibly could to carry out the duties which had been entrusted to him. He had always tried to promote the best interests of the Lodge, and should continue to persevere in the same direction in the future. In proposing the I.P.M. the Installing Master, the W.M. said it was unnecessary to remind them of Brother Dyson's good qualities, which were already well known, but when he came to speak of him as the Installing Master of the day, it became a different matter altogether. He was sorry to hear, a few days before, that Brother Dyson was indisposed, but they all rejoiced that he was now much better. He had never heard the installation ceremony better performed in any Lodge in his life; although he had been present when many eminent Masons had done the same work. But Brother Dyson had certainly eclipsed them all, and therefore he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of his health. He then presented to the I.P.M., a handsomely fitted liqueur case, subscribed for by the brethren, in recognition of the kindness and ability he had displayed during his year of office; and he also asked his acceptance of a massive gold bracelet, as a present from the Lodge to his estimable wife. Mrs. Dyson was known to many of the brethren, and he need scarcely remind them of her kindness to them when enjoying the hospitality of Brother and Mrs. Dyson at their residence. Might they live long to enjoy the esteem and regard in which they were held by every member of the Lodge of Prosperity. On the silver plate of the liqueur stand was the inscription:—

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

Presented by the members to
Bro. R. DYSON,

As a token of esteem and respect on retiring from the chair of
Worshipful Master.—24th March 1887.

Inside the bracelet, which was richly chased, was the inscription:—

Presented to Mrs. R. Dyson,

By the members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, to commemorate the year of her husband's Mastership of the Lodge.—
24th March 1887.

Bro. R. Dyson I.P.M., after thanking the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received the toast, remarked that it was no light thing to undertake the duties of the chair in a Lodge of this description, and if a man could pass through his year of office with satisfaction to the brethren, it was the very highest reward he could possibly covet. He ventured to hope, from the unanimous and hearty reception they had given him that night he had succeeded in fulfilling the duties with a fair amount of credit to himself, and satisfaction to the Lodge. He assured them that from the moment he was installed into the Master's chair he made up his mind that no effort should be lacking on his part to make his year of office one that should be productive of happiness to the brethren. He had striven to do all he could to promote peace and harmony, and the comfort and happiness of brethren all round. In doing so he believed he was at the same time promoting his own happiness, and no man ever quitted the chair of his Lodge with more sincere feelings of gratitude than he did that night; he only hoped that when Bro. Walker's turn came to respond for the first time as I.P.M. he might enjoy the hearty goodwill of the brethren, such as had been manifested towards himself on this occasion. He thanked them for the beautiful gifts with which they had presented him; at the same time, had he not received them, he should still have thanked the brethren just as heartily for the many kindnesses he had received at their hands. He thanked them for the additional pleasure they had afforded him by the splendid present they had made to his wife, to whom he would convey the kindly expressions that had been used towards her; and on behalf of Mrs. Dyson as well as for himself he again tendered the brethren his heartiest and most grateful acknowledgments. The W.M., in giving the Visitors, said it was a toast always received with peculiar pleasure in the Prosperity Lodge, and it was most gratifying to see so large a number of them present on this occasion. Bro. Voysey W.M. of the Sphinx Lodge, in response, said he had never recollected hearing the installation ceremony more ably performed than it had been done that day. The Prosperity Lodge had two great virtues, charity and hospitality, and both of these had been exemplified in the most liberal and handsome manner. Bro. C. Walker P.M. of the Whittington Lodge said he always enjoyed visiting this Lodge, but his visit on this occasion was invested with additional pleasures by the fact that they had placed his brother in the chair. He felt sure the W.M. was duly impressed with the traditional glories of that position, and was fully alive to the responsibilities he had accepted, as well as the honour they had conferred upon him. He fully anticipated that when the time came for his brother to hand the warrant to his successor, it would pass from his hands with glory undimmed and lustre untarnished. Bro. T. Maidwell P.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, and Bro. Allen P.M. 173 also responded, expressing the pleasure which their visit had afforded them, both in the working they had witnessed and the munificence of the hospitality extended to the Visitors. In proposing the Masonic Charities the W.M. said there were some members of the Lodge who had not joined the association, or become life governors or life subscribers to the Institutions, but he exhorted them to do so without delay. It was difficult to ask a brother for five or ten guineas all at once, but by joining their Masonic Charitable Association, and paying the sum of one shilling weekly, they would eventually become life governors or subscribers. They had two of these Associations in connection with the Prosperity Lodge; the first was worked out in four years, and they sent up in that time 700 guineas. The second, up to this time, had sent up 400 guineas in three years, and in the 12 months yet to elapse he hoped they might

supplement this by at least another 100 guineas. These results spoke well for the Lodge of Prosperity, which was always ready to lend a helping hand in the cause of Charity, and he hoped it would continue to do so to the end of its existence. It was his intention to represent the Lodge as a Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. He hoped they would enable him to take up a list equal in amount to that presented by their I.P.M. this year. Another brother was going up as a Steward for the Girls', and he hoped they would also support him to the utmost of their ability. Bro. John Mason P.M., representing the R.M.B.I., made an earnest appeal for continued and increased support to the three Institutions. The health of the Past Masters came next, and in submitting the toast the W.M. said they all evinced an unabated interest in the Lodge; he was pleased to see no fewer than ten of them present on this occasion. Brother Leins as the senior Past Master, and Brother Hawkins as the junior responded, both expressing their desire and determination to do all they could in the future, as they had done in the past, to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and the comfort and harmony of the brethren. Brother Leins said he was really astonished at hearing the ceremony of installation so well rendered by Brother Dyson; it far surpassed his expectations, every part of it being done in the most perfect and impressive manner. The valuable services rendered by the Treasurer and Secretary were then duly acknowledged by the W.M.; and Bro. Roberts, P.M., in his capacity as Treasurer, said he scarcely felt he ought to be present under the circumstances in which he had been recently placed by domestic bereavement, but as he had been a member of the Lodge 14 years, and never been once absent, he considered it his duty to attend to do honour to the W.M. that evening. He proposed Bro. Walker in the Lodge, and it had always given him pleasure to see him working in it, whether as Secretary of the Association, or in the Lodge of Instruction. They had worked most harmoniously together for many years, and it was gratifying to him to attend that evening to see Bro. Walker in the chair. As Treasurer of the Lodge he should endeavour to do as much in the future as he had in the past to fulfil his duties, he hoped for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. Brown Secretary in responding said he trusted that he might always deserve their confidence. He had been unavoidably absent from the last two meetings, but was glad to be with them again. In wishing Bro. Walker a happy and prosperous year he assured him of the hearty good wishes and help of all the Past Masters and members of the Lodge. The Officers of the Lodge was the next toast, acknowledged by the Wardens, and the list was closed in the usual way by the Tyler. During the evening the pleasure of the company was enhanced by a choice selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. Alfred Moore, assisted by Bros. A. Lester, H. Taylor and Fred Bevan, the latter of whom officiated as accompanist on the pianoforte. A feature of the evening was the giving of a couple of recitations "The Bells" (Edgar Allan Poe) and Hans Breitan's ballad "The Mermaid," by Bro. T. T. Egan P.M. (barrister-at-law), which were splendidly rendered, eliciting vociferous applause. Altogether this may be set down as one of the most successful and happy réunions ever enjoyed under the auspices of the Lodge of Prosperity.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

A MEETING was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Place, York, when there were present Bros. T. G. Hodgson W.M., W. Smith S.W., S. Brierley J.W., C. Lindley acting Chap., J. Todd P.M. Treas., E. W. Pannell Sec., T. Archer acting S.D., J. B. Sampson J.D., S. G. Cummack D.C., G. K. Hitchcock I.G., T. Watkinson Steward, W. Y. Colvert Tyler, A. H. H. McGachen P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. B. Inford P.M., A. Buckle P.M., J. Sykes Rymer P.M., T. S. Brogden, R. E. Triffitt, H. S. Hopton, M. Bryson, D. Lockwood, A. House, T. J. Russell. The business consisted of a passing, worked by Bro. Todd P.M. in his usual admirable manner, and a raising, undertaken and most ably carried out by the W.M. The Lodge then proceeded to consider the circular of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, relative to the scheme of the Imperial Institute, when it was resolved, on a motion proposed by Bro. Todd P.M., seconded by Bro. Buckle P.M., "That this Lodge approve of the scheme, and that a subscription list be opened, and the Brethren invited to contribute through the Lodge to the Imperial Institute." The Lodge was then closed.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE installation meeting was held on 21st ult. at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, when there was a fair attendance of the members and friends of this popular Lodge. In consequence of illness in his family circle, Bro. W. C. Hall, the outgoing Master, was unable to be present, but in his enforced absence Bro. Joseph Lonsdale undertook the duties. The Past Masters of the Lodge were fairly represented; Bro. Fehrenbach (Treasurer), Bro. W. Coombes (Secretary), B. O. G. Rawles, Bro. Nicholson, Bro. Cotton, &c., being early in attendance. Amongst the visitors present were Bro. Kew P.M. 179, C. Andrews, P.M. 77, Markwell, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. Lou Cantilo P.M., Arthur Thomas, James Kift, and others. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Reed was passed to F.C.; the ceremony being admirably rendered. Bro. J. J. Wilson was then presented for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the rite was perfectly performed by Bro. Lonsdale, whose working was much admired. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was greeted with full honours, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, the collars being thus conferred:—Bro. W. C. Hall I.P.M., T. Brooks S.W., J. Taplin J.W., G. Fehrenbach P.M. Treasurer, H. W. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, A. Fleming S.D., J. Aitken J.D., A. Bailey I.G., J. Lonsdale P.M. Director of Ceremonies. P. Stacy and

A. Jamieson Stewards, F. Taylor Organist, A. Bailey Almener, and G. Duffin Tyler. The charges having been efficiently delivered by the Installing Officer, Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the ballot was opened for Mr. Henry John Bragg, of the Old Bank, Uxbridge, who had been proposed by Bro. Fleming and seconded by Bro. Taplin. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Bragg was duly admitted to a participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the work being most ably carried out by the newly-installed W.M. Bro. Bertram Freeman rejoined the Lodge on the nomination of Bro. Hall, seconded by Bro. A. J. Hanson. Bro. W. Coombes, who had for some years held the position of Secretary, and earned the respect and goodwill of every member, for the assiduity and attention with which he studied the interests of the Lodge, and for the complete and efficient way in which he had carried out the duties of that office, expressed a desire to relinquish the position in consequence of increasing official business; and his resignation having been accepted with regret, he was unanimously elected as honorary member in recognition of his valuable services. After the transaction of some other business Lodge was closed amidst the customary fraternal greetings. An eloquent banquet having been discussed, the loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M. and enthusiastically received, the solo of the National Anthem being rendered by Bro. Arthur Thomas, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" by Bro. J. Ion Cantle. The Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers received their due meed of praise at the hands of the W.M. for the ability and zeal with which they administered their respective duties, and a sincere hope was expressed that the Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Bardett, Bart., might speedily be restored to health, so as to enable him to resume the work he performs with so much ability. Regret was also expressed at the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Raymond Thrupp, to whom a deserving tribute was paid as to the manner in which he discharged the duties of his important office, and the names of Bros. W. Coombes P.G.S.D., Lonsdale, and Fehrenbach were associated with the toast. Bro. Coombes, after thanking the company for the kindly manner in which the toast had been received, congratulated the Lodge upon the fact that the Province of Middlesex was increasing both in Lodges and membership. He regretted the absence of the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, and mentioned that a letter of apology had been received from Bro. J. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., regretting his inability to attend the meeting. Bro. Lonsdale, in the course of his reply, expressed his sorrow that the Lodge was about to lose the services of Bro. Coombes, who had so zealously and consistently acted as their Secretary. He could well have wished otherwise; at the same time changes must inevitably take place in all institutions. He looked back to the time when some of the most prominent Masons of the present day were associated with the Royal Union Lodge; for instance Bro. Glaisher, the famous scientist, and Bro. Magnus Ohren, both of whom had received recognition of their services in Grand Lodge. As an old member of the Lodge, to which his father belonged years since, he was gratified to see they had a promising body of young Masons coming forward who would be competent to undertake the necessary duties, and to sustain the prestige which the Lodge had for so many years enjoyed. Bro. Fehrenbach also suitably responded. The health of the Immediate Past Master, in his absence, was then given by the W.M., who spoke of the gratification the Lodge had expressed at the way in which Bro. Hall had fulfilled his duties, and intimated that a Past Master's jewel had been unanimously voted to him by the members, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the interest he had taken in the affairs of the Lodge. The jewel was in the hands of Bro. Lonsdale, who had fulfilled the duties of the outgoing Master that day, and he would present it to Bro. Hall at their next meeting, if he was able to attend. Bro. Lonsdale in proposing the health of the newly-installed W.M., said he was confident that Bro. Wilson would prove himself a most capable ruler of the Lodge, and he started upon his year of office with every prospect of a successful term, inasmuch as no fewer than five candidates had been proposed that evening for initiation. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said it was just six and a half years since he was initiated into this Lodge, which was the premier Lodge in the Province, and he had taken a deep interest in its affairs ever since. That he should have attained that grand position so soon was a source of the utmost gratification to himself. He recollected that on the night of his initiation it was intimated that after the expiration of ten years he might hope to aspire to the chair; and to have reached that honour in six and a half years was peculiarly agreeable to his feelings. The visitors were cordially welcomed, and the names of Bros. Andrews, Morgan, and Kow were associated with the toast. Bro. Andrews, in the course of his response spoke of the ability displayed by the Installing Master of the day, and said it was most gratifying to find the Lodge had a man ready at a moment's notice to undertake that important work. He also referred at some length to the useful work that was done by the Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Royal Union Lodge. Bro. W. W. Morgan, while regretting that the Lodge was about to lose the services of its excellent Secretary, could not look upon that circumstance quite so despairingly as Bro. Lonsdale seemed to do, inasmuch as Bro. Coombes was in full health and vigour, and after his long association with the Lodge he would still be at hand, ready to give his best advice and services when necessary, although he was but an honorary member. He felt quite sure that the old association would be anything but broken. These remarks were endorsed by Bro. Kow, after which other toasts followed, and were suitably acknowledged. The proceedings of a most agreeable evening were culminated by an excellent selection of music by Bros. Arthur Thomas, J. I. Cantle, and James Kift.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., Bro. Messer occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. Jenkins, Hausen, Portland, Ross and Gregory, in the various

offices, and by several other brethren. Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Ferguson worked the 1st section of the 2nd lecture. Lodge was resumed, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Ross as candidate. Bro. Ferguson worked the 4th and 5th sections of the 1st lecture. Nothing further offering in the way of Masonic business, Lodge was closed in due form.

FAITH LODGE, No. 141.

THE members of this Lodge held a regular meeting at Anderton's Hotel, on Tuesday evening last, when the W.M., Bro. G. Coop, presided, supported by Bros. Hakin J.W., Carter P.M. Treas., W. Stuart P.M. Sec., Steng S.D., Weizlar J.D., Johnson I.G., Langdale and Corsons Stewards; Past Master Charles Dairy, T. C. Watts P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Fromholz, Jordan and Green; and other members. The Visitors included Bros. Rosenberg 2021, J. Slack P.M. 834, R. E. H. Davison 1503, W. Mathan 1539, A. Grundy 1585, and W. W. Lee 1897. Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. R. E. H. Davison, of the Bardett-Coutts Lodge, was passed. Opening in the third, Bros. C. Taylor and C. A. Muller were raised to the sublime degree, the whole of the working being carried out in a masterly and impressive manner by the W.M. It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Bro. Fromholz, that the sum of ten guineas should be taken from the Lodge funds and placed on Bro. Dairy's list in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A petition of a distressed brother was recommended to the Board of Benevolence, and some other business having been transacted Lodge was closed with the customary harmony. An excellent banquet was provided, in Bro. Clomow's ample style, and at its conclusion the Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. The health of the W.M. was proposed in complimentary terms by the Immediate Past Master, and the toast having been received with acclamation, Bro. Coop suitably returned thanks for the honour done him. It afforded him the utmost gratification to witness the continued prosperity of the Lodge. He regretted that he had not been entrusted with more work, but he was pleased to say they had that evening had the second degree to work unexpectedly for a brother of another Lodge. The gentleman who was to have been initiated was unavoidably absent, being in the Scilly Isles, but he hoped to have the pleasure of initiating him at the next meeting. It had been mentioned to him that several of the members considered it advisable to hold a summer banquet, to which their lady friends should be invited, and the idea was to his mind an excellent one. He would be happy to associate himself with anything of the kind; and if a suitable place was selected, and the Clerk of the weather was in good humour, there was every reason to anticipate a successful reunion. He believed the Treasurer would give notice to bring the matter under consideration at the next Lodge meeting, and he trusted that, this being the Jubilee year, it would be carried out with spirit, and be brought to a successful issue. In responding for the Visitors, Bro. Slack P.M. 834 expressed the satisfaction it afforded them to see such admirable working in the Lodge, and the hospitality which had been so generously extended towards them. The health of the Past Masters was given from the chair, and Bro. Stewart Secretary, after returning thanks for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, assured the W.M. that the Past Masters would endeavour in the future, as they had in the past, to promote the interests of the Lodge and the happiness of the brethren. The W.M. paid a tribute of thanks to his Officers, all of whom were competent to work the three degrees, and the proceedings were closed in the usual way by the Tyler. During a very pleasant evening some excellent songs were rendered by the Brethren.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

AT the meeting held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, 25th March, there were present Bros. G. W. Larter W.M., F. Heyse S.W., Homan J.W., C. Dearing jun. S.D., Dr. Brown J.D., Garner I.G., Hiscock I.P.M. W.S., E. Payne P.M., John Greenfield P.M., Norris P.M., J. Weston P.M. Treasurer, J. Osborn P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer Middlesex Secretary; Bros. Mark King-horne, Baker, Martin, Everett, Dresden, and others. Visitors—E. Woodman P.M., Bain, Cain, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. Theophilus Read and John George William James were balloted for, approved, and ably initiated by the W.M. Bro. William Francis, Manager of the Mohawk Minstrels, was balloted for and unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Osborn brought forward a motion, "That in future the meetings in July, September, January and March be held on the second Friday in the month, instead of the fourth Friday as heretofore." This motion, which in conjunction with a previous resolution, alters all the meetings to the second Friday instead of the fourth in the months in which the Lodge meets, was carried unanimously. Bro. Osborn then brought under the members' notice the case of a distressed brother, who, on the motion of Bro. Payne, seconded by Bro. Greenfield, was voted the sum of five guineas. On the motion of Bro. Payne, seconded by Bro. Heyse, a P.M.'s jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted to Bro. Larter W.M., one of the initiators of the Lodge, for his most valuable services, which the Lodge thoroughly appreciate. On the Lodge proceeding to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Heyse intimated that having recently taken unto himself a wife, and although he felt himself competent to undertake the duties, he would not do so this year, but would prefer to stand aside for Bro. Homan. Bro. Homan having stated that he was prepared to act if elected, was accordingly duly elected to the office of W.M., and received the congratulations of the Officers and Brethren. Auditors having been

appointed, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a plain but substantial dinner, served on the premises. During the evening Bros. Woodman, Bain, and several members of this talented musical Lodge contributed to the happiness of those present by rendering several excellent songs. The usual toasts were given, and speeches made, the whole of the proceedings terminating at the reasonable hour of half-past ten. Bro. Larter is to be congratulated upon having had a most successful year of office; but, as Bro. Greenfield remarked in the course of the evening, it had been somewhat marred by an illness; this, however, had elicited the universal sympathy of the brethren, and testified to the high esteem in which Bro. Larter is held.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

A LARGE and important meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 14th ult., in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, York. Bro. Wm. Brown W.M. took the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., T. B. Whythead P.M. P.P.G.W., J. Blenkin P.M., J. T. Sellar P.M., Rev. R. Blakeney Chap., Jas. Kay Sec., W. Lackenby S.D., G. Lamb J.D., W. Storey I.G., J. W. Shonksmith Steward, P. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, J. Hall Tyler; J. Starkey, W. H. A. Coates, G. Shepherd, F. N. Halliwell, T. Horsley, G. H. Hebblethwaite, E. Thackray, J. Clark, T. E. Abbey, W. S. Child, J. Smith, N. T. Nance, T. H. Harrison, J. Horner, W. Sharp, A. Archer, R. Ware, J. T. Spetch, R. Hayden, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, successful ballots were taken for three candidates. On the motion of Bro. Whythead P.M., the consideration of the Imperial Institute question was deferred to an emergency meeting for the 28th ult., and a Special Committee was appointed to consider the question and report. The following visitors, amongst others who failed to sign the attendance book, were then admitted and took their seats: Bros. G. Chapman P.M. 47, T. G. Hodgson W.M. 236, H. Longford W.M. 1416, C. Greensides P.M. 1416, G. Garbutt P.M. 236, W. N. Cheeseman W.M. 566, W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304, G. C. Lee P.M. 1230, G. Newton P.M. 1019, B. Polkinghorne P.M. 1991, J. Biscomb 236, G. Manton 1991, J. Saville 236, M. Bryson 236, J. Martin 1991, W. H. Wigham 1991, S. Border 236, C. Goldthorpe 212, S. G. Crummack 236, W. H. Sampson 236, T. Lawrence 1001, E. W. Purnell 236, C. Wardle 236, A. S. Simson 123, E. Carter 236, E. W. Hudson 566, and others. Altogether there were nearly 80 brethren in the Lodge. The Deputy Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, having been announced, the brethren rose whilst he entered, attended by the following Present and Past Prov. G. Officers: Bros. T. B. Whythead P.P.G.W. (acting as D.C.), Walter Reynolds Prov. G. Treas., M. C. Peck Prov. G. Sec., J. Todd P.P.G.R., Rev. H. Greeves P.P.G. Chap., J. Sykes Rymer P.P.G.R., Wm. Lawton P.P.G.R., G. Balmford P.P.G.O., M. Rooke P.P.G.D., George Kirby Prov. G.D.C., Major McGachen Prov. A.G.D.C., A. Sample Prov. G. Organist, C. G. Padel P.P.G.O., and others. The Deputy P.G.M. was accompanied by V.W. Bro. the Dean of York P.G. Chap., and both these distinguished brethren were saluted in the usual manner. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to initiate a candidate into the mysteries of the First Degree, which he did with great accuracy and impressiveness, giving also the tools and charge. At the conclusion of the ceremony the D.P.G.M. complimented the W.M. upon his work, and the members of the Lodge upon their commodious premises and splendid furniture, which he regarded as a marvel of success when it was remembered that the Lodge was warranted only ten years ago. The Dean of York then proceeded to give an address on Freemasonry in its moral and social aspects, which was regarded by all who had the privilege of hearing it as one of the most practical and eloquent apologies for the Order that had ever been spoken. At its conclusion, a warm vote of thanks was passed to the Dean. Bro. Whythead P.M. proposed, as an honorary member of the Lodge, for ballot at the next meeting, Bro. John Laue, of Torquay, author of the last great work on Masonry, which was seconded by the W.M. Several apologies for absence were read, including one from Bro. W. J. Hughan, the Masonic author, and the Lodge was closed amid an interchange of "Hearty good wishes." Subsequently, the members entertained their visitors at a capital supper, at which the W.M. presided, and after justice had been done to the good things of this life, for even Masons must eat, in spite of the fact that profane persons sneer at them as a parcel of gourmands, the rest of the evening was spent in honouring the usual toasts, and in harmony, to which all the singing brethren contributed.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. will deliver his Lecture entitled "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-1886," at the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, 47 St. Giles' Street, Norwich, on Monday evening, 18th April. The chair will be taken by Bro. J. B. Aldis, Prov. Grand Secretary, and Master Masons are invited to attend. The Lecture will commence at seven o'clock.

The ceremony of installation of Principals will be rehearsed at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, on Tuesday next, 5th April, commencing at half-past five o'clock. The work will be carried out by three of the members of the Metropolitan Chapter, after which the usual ceremony of exaltation will be rehearsed. Present and Past Principals are invited to attend. This will be the last occasion but one when the installations will be rehearsed this session.

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THE following Resolution having been passed at a Special Meeting of the General Court, held on Monday, 21st March 1887, there will be no contested Election in April next, and consequently no voting papers will be issued.

RESOLVED—"That in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, five further vacancies be declared for the Election in April next, thereby admitting of the Election of the whole of the Candidates on the List without contest."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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MAY ELECTION, 1887.

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JOHN FAWCETT,
(AGED NINE YEARS).

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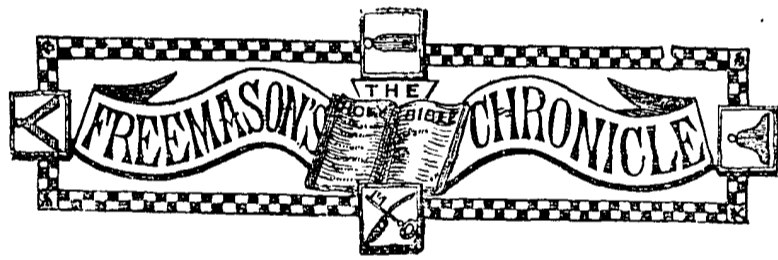
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THE HENRY BELL LETTER OF 1754.

JUDGING from the immense value placed upon this celebrated letter by some of our fellow-labourers in the Masonic Historical Quarries, it would seem as if the priority of Freemasonry in the City of Philadelphia were grounded solely on this letter, written from Lancaster in November 1754.

If this letter were in the possession of the Grand Lodge Library, we venture to say that its great value would be considered to have much deteriorated.

We have a strong and abiding faith in what we have written, for we know the full meaning and intent thereof. Now to the history of the letter, which is now for the first time given to the Masonic Fraternity.

In the year 1873, when the Craft were preparing for the dedication of the new Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert-streets, one day, desiring to make some examinations for the Grand Lodge Library, I went into Bro. John Thomson's, the then Grand Secretary's office, where I found Bro. Francis Blackburne, one of the clerks, at his desk. As I entered the office a gentleman was just going out. Bro. Blackburne called me to his desk and handed me a copy of a letter he had just made from the original, in the possession of the party who had just left the office. The ink was scarcely dry. The copy read as follows, Bro. Blackburne only copying the Masonic portion. It was dated 17th November 1754:—

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

The letter was signed by Henry Bell, and was dated from Lancaster, and addressed to Dr. Thomas Cadwallader, Philadelphia.

It is a comparatively easy matter to prepare a document, and give it the marks of antiquity by using paper bearing the water-marks of years past.

Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, is quite an expert in the detection of such matters, for it was he who exposed the unsatisfactory condition of the earliest Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, showing conclusively that the paper used in the Minute-book, purporting to be

original, was manufactured some years after the first Minutes were written thereon.

Bro. Norton has written me many times to get this old "Bell Letter," and so has Bro. Hughs. I have used my best endeavours to oblige them, but was not successful up to the time of Bro. Blackburne's death. As Chairman of the Library Committee I offered him one hundred dollars to get the letter long enough to examine it, and photograph it; but he told me that the gentleman who had it was of a mysterious turn of mind, and when he found that inquiries were made about it, he positively refused to part with it, or allow another copy to be made of it, alleging that it was of great value, and the price would have to be very high that would induce him to part with it.

We know, however, that the gentleman was a relative of the Cadwallader family, and that he is since deceased. If I remember correctly, his name was Bancker, and he at the time lived on the North side of Chestnut, below Fifth Street.

I have written to R.W. Bro. Robert A. Lambertson, Grand Master at that time, and who made the address at the dedication of the new Temple, and who used this Bell letter in his remarks, if he has any further information on the subject. He has promised to examine his papers, filed away, and let me know further.

And now the letter stands plain and distinct as a strong link in a chain of circumstantial evidence. A much weaker one has sent many a prisoner to the gallows.

Let us examine the letter critically as to its truth, and also as to how much of it has corroborative evidence to back it.

The writer was one Henry Bell, and he resided in Philadelphia in 1730. He speaks of the attempt made in 1730 to form a regular Lodge at that time, and that they were in the habit of meeting at the Tun Tavern on Water street.

That there were Masons here in 1730 is corroborated by the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 108, 3rd December 1730, printed by Benjamin Franklin, and he says: "As there are several Lodges of Freemasons erected in this Province," &c. Again, the Coxe deputation recites, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of England, 5th June 1730, that the application was made by Bro. Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, and several other brethren, Free and Accepted Masons, residing and about to reside in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, &c.

These were not clandestine Masons, but regular and duly acknowledged under the seal of Grand Lodge, as we have stated above. This should satisfy the most dubious that there were Masons in 1730 in Philadelphia. Now, where was Henry Bell in 1754, at the time of writing this? The tax lists of Derry township, Lancaster county, Pa., bear the name of Henry Bell, as a resident there from 1750 to 1759.

This should satisfy even Bro. Norton that Henry Bell was not a myth.

Bro. Bell writes to one Dr. Thomas Cadwallader, who was an eminent physician, son of John Cadwallader, and he was born in Philadelphia in 1707. He died 14th November 1779, aged 72 years.

Was he a Mason? Yes, in 1730 he would have been 23 years old, and in 1738 he was appointed one of the Grand Wardens of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. See *Pennsylvania Gazette*, 6th July 1738. Now Cadwallader cannot be claimed as a myth.

Where did these Masons meet in Philadelphia in 1730? Why at the Tun Tavern, where they afterwards held their St. John's Day festivals and elections, commencing in 1732, as the printed evidence of Franklin shows.

It might be asked,—Why was not an annual election held on St. John's Day, in 1731? We will answer,—Because the Coxe deputation was for the space of two years, from 5th June 1736, which also required that they should annually dine together on St. John's Day.

In strict conformity with these instructions on St. John's Day, in June 1732, the first election was held.

There is also an important matter that bears out the rights of this Lodge in Philadelphia, it reads: He, the said Daniel Coxe, and the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the time being.

This is an additional continuing clause, which is not found in the Price Deputation. There is also this important fact, that there is no record in the Grand Lodge of England's archives of the deputation said to be issued to Henry Price, while there is on record there the copy of the Coxe deputation.

We remember years ago that no one did more to destroy the claims of Massachusetts to Masonic priority than Bro. Norton, and it was from his writings that my attention was first called so forcibly to the investigation of the neglected history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Masonic Fraternity of Pennsylvania are under obligations to Bro. Jacob Norton for making so many of us searchers after the true history of Freemasonry in America, and now that he finds that every day we are strengthening our foundations and buildings, he begins to attack the house that he himself has helped to erect.

We expect ere long to be in possession of the furniture and jewels of this Lodge of 1730. We have heard hints of their being still in existence.

The letter of Bro. Norton to the Loudon *Freemason* is the cause of this long article in reply.

CHARLES E. MEYER.

—Keystone.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Haymarket.—A brilliant and numerous audience gathered at this theatre on Tuesday to honour the début in this country of a lady who for some time has been well known in America. Mrs. Brown-Potter has been connected with the amateur stage for some considerable time, but we believe appeared as a professional actress for the first time last Tuesday. The piece selected for the occasion was Wilkin's Collins "Man and Wife," a play well remembered at the old Prince of Wales's; but the choice was unsatisfactory. We have lately had plays innumerable dealing with the Scotch marriage laws, and but for one or two episodes the present story lacks interest. Nevertheless, there is something to be brought out, and with the talented company that now plays it the work ought to prove attractive for some time. The part of the governess, Annie Silvester, has been entrusted to Mrs. Brown-Potter, but she has scarcely grasped the character. There is strong emotional power required for the part, and certainly the lady does not lack this, but, on Tuesday, her emotion was rather too strongly developed. She is attractive to look at, but has some peculiar mannerisms that really mar her performance. These faults doubtless will soon be amended, for certain is it that Mrs. Brown-Potter has material in her composition, and only wants it brought out. She has much to learn, and for that purpose should study; when this is realized we may be able to speak better of her style. Mr. William Herbert, the only member of the original caste who now takes part in the revival, essayed the part of Arnold Brinkworth, and displayed a true touch of natural feeling. Mr. E. S. Willard acted magnificently as Delamayn, and thoroughly deserved the honours he received. He made his unpleasant assumption acceptable, and to do this an artist is required. Mr. Charles Collette gave an amusing sketch of the Scotch waiter, Bishopriggs, while Mrs. E. H. Brooke was capital as Mistress Inchbare. Mr. H. Kemble made a prosy and natural Sir Patrick, Miss Agnes Hewitt a winning Blanche, and Miss Henrietta Lindley a good Lady Lundie.

Opera Comique.—Running on the lines Miss Kate Vaughan laid down when she took the management of this theatre—a change of programme every fortnight—last Saturday, Tom Taylor and Charles Reade's comedy "Masks and Faces" was revived. To produce such a piece is certainly a bold step, but if success be secured the more praise is due. If we say our highest anticipations have been surpassed, we shall not be wrong; a smoother or a better all-round performance of this old comedy has not been seen for years. The principal points have been well brought out, the different parts well studied, while the staging of the piece was admirable. Miss Vaughan has grasped the character of Peg Woffington; and has endowed it with all the grace and good nature requisite. A more fascinating Peg could not be wished for; indeed to our mind Miss Kate Vaughan was seen at better advantage in this character than any she has yet essayed. Mr. James Fernandez acted splendidly as Triplet; he was natural and effective, but when required light and easy. Mr. Forbes Robertson, as Sir Charles Pomander, gave a good idea of what a fop was supposed to be in the by gone days. Mr. Lewis Waller was well suited as Ernest Vane, while Mr. Lionel Brough gave a quiet yet effective reading of Colley Cibber. Miss Julia Gwynne was excellent as Mrs. Vane, and the Kitty Clive of Miss Susie Vaughan is well worthy of note. The other characters were all carefully portrayed.

Prince of Wales.—Although the hundredth performance of "Dorothy" has long since been given, the piece is almost as attractive as when it was produced at the Gaiety. Who has heard the charming music of Mr. Alfred Cellier and does not long to hear it again? Notwithstanding several changes have taken place in the cast since its production, the different scenes go perhaps better than of yore. Miss Marie Tempest has wide scope in which to distinguish herself as Dorothy Bantam, and this she does not fail to take advantage of. Miss Tempest's charming voice is heard to advantage in both solo and concerted pieces. Mr. Ben Davies has succeeded Mr. Redfern Hollins as Geoffrey Wilder, and materially assists the piece, while Miss Grace Huntley makes a bright and vivacious Phyllis. Of the other representatives we have before spoken; we can only add they are as good as ever.

Ye Antiente Fraternitie offe Ye Rahere Almoners held their final Smoking Concert for the winter season on Monday, the 28th ult., at "Ye Olde Belle" Tavern, Doctors Commons, E.C., when a large gathering of Fratres and their friends enjoyed a pleasant evening. The chair was occupied by Frater Sangster, C.C., the Most Worthy Prior, the vice-chair by Frater Hollinghurst M.W.P.P., and amongst the members of the Council present were—Fratres James Stevens V.W.C., Griffiths M.W.P.P., Emden W.P., Capt. Robertson, Hards, Green, &c. The musical portion of the entertainment was well carried out by members of the Fraternitie, Professor Glessing presiding at the pianoforte, and songs and recitations were given by Messrs. Robertson, Saulsby, Lindley, Murrow, Stevens, E. Jones, Emil Marks, Cooper, J. W. Sydney, J. Payne, A. Payne, C. Cozens, Callan, and others. Before the close of the entertainment Frater Stevens delivered a farewell address, in the course of which thanks were voted by acclamation to the host Frater Hodges, to the members of the Council, and to the vocalists who had given their services throughout the season; and, referring to the good work which the Society had done in relieving distress during the past winter, it was stated that the voluntary contributions at the several concerts lately held had added materially to the funds of the Almshouse and had enabled the Council to make many more charitable gifts than they otherwise could have granted. After the usual compliment to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the proceedings, which had been throughout of a most hearty character, terminated with the National Anthem sung in grand Jubilee style.

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR EASTER.

It will be seen by reference to our advertising columns that special arrangements are being made by the North Western and Great Western Railway Companies for the accommodation of the public during the Easter holidays. These arrangements are on an increased scale of liberality this year, and it will be no fault of the service if excursionists do not gratify their migratory propensities during the next week. On the Great Western line cheap excursion tickets will be issued on Good Friday, Saturday, Easter Sunday and Monday, to Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Cookham, Bourne End, Great Marlow, Shiplake, Henley, and other delightful Thames-side resorts, where, if the weather be fine, abundant means of recreation and enjoyment is always to be found. The cheap Saturday to Monday tickets will be acceptable to many classes of holiday keepers, especially to those engaged in business establishments. Similar advantages are offered by the London and North Western Railway Company, who announce special express trains on Thursday next for Birmingham, calling only at Willesden, Rugby, and Coventry, thus completing the journey from Euston in less than two and a half hours. The midnight train from Euston on Good-Friday will be extended to Warrington and Preston; and other special arrangements are advertised for intending excursionists to various other parts of the North Western service.

EXTRA RAILWAY FACILITIES.—In order to meet the convenience of the public the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of tickets at their City and West End Offices, viz., 193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 Crutched Friars, 67 Gresham Street and 4 Cheapside, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the week preceding Easter. The booking office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole of the day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, before Easter. Tickets obtained in London on any day from 4th to 9th of April will be available for use on either of those days. Cheap tickets, at special low fares, and available from 7th to 13th of April, will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth districts, and to principal Stations in the West of England, and it is announced that a fast excursion train will leave Paddington on Thursday, 7th April, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours; also that other Excursions will be run to other principal Stations on the Great Western system. The Newspaper train, leaving Paddington at 5:30 a. m., will run on Good Friday as usual, as far as Oxford, Exeter and Swansea, and the usual intermediate Stations.

Obituary.

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BRO. JAMES CURTIS.

THE funeral of this worthy Mason, who died at Brighton after a brief illness, took place on Wednesday, the 23rd March at the Extra-Mural Cemetery, and was attended by a large concourse of brethren, the deceased was, at the time of his death, Parliamentary Secretary and Editor of the "Oddfellows Magazine." Bro. Curtis also held several public appointments at Brighton, and was Secretary of the Brighton Parliamentary and Literary Society. The time fixed for the interment at the Cemetery was one o'clock, and by that time a large assembly met at the gates and formed a procession. First came the Freemasons, each wearing a sprig of acacia, and then followed a large body of Oddfellows (the deceased had been Grand Master), including the Grand Master of the Order Brother Stockall, and the principal district Officers, with representatives from nearly all the Brighton Lodges, each wearing a sprig of thyme. The rear was brought up by a number of private friends of the deceased, and representatives of the Brighton Press, with which the deceased was formerly connected. The procession made its way, preceding the hearse, to the Cemetery Chapel, where the officiating clergyman, Bro. the Rev. W. A. Tooth, opened the service, which was chorally rendered by the choir of Holy Trinity Church, assisted by several local amateurs. The Psalm was chanted, and after the Lesson, the hymn "My God, my Father, while I stray," was sung to Troyte's chant. On leaving the Chapel, the choir sang the hymn "For thee, O dear, dear country," and on the conclusion of the service "Now the labourer's task is o'er." The service was most impressively read by the Rev. W. A. Tooth. The coffin bore the inscription:—"James Curtis; died 17th March 1887, in his 57th year," it was covered with floral wreaths, amongst others one to which a card was appended bearing the words "With respect, from the Brighton Press." The Loyal Waterloo Lodge, and the Parliamentary and Literary Society also sent wreaths.

We take the following from a volume of Masonic sonnets, now in the press, by George Markham Tweddell:—

BEAUTY.

Love thou the Beautiful, and there will be
A Mine of Wealth discover'd in thy Brain
Which none can rob thee of. It is quite vain
To seek the Secrets of Freemasonry,
Unless all Beauty has for thee a charm
Which worldly minds ne'er know. The varied forms
Of Beauty must be prized; all that deforms
The Soul must be abhorr'd; all that can harm
Ourselves or others shunn'd. True Beauty ne'er
To Wickedness belongs. A sacred thing
Is Beauty; no mere phantom to take wing
When needed most; through all the changing year
'Tis in thee and around thee, if thy Mind
Only has Culture the great Boon to find.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, on 31st March, at 6.30 p.m. Lodge was opened by Bro. Josling W.M. elect of Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60. Bro. Williams proved proficiency for passing. Lodge opened in the second. Bro. Josling proved proficiency. Bro. Berry opened the M.M. Lodge, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor put the brethren through entry drill. Lodge was then lowered to the first degree, and was subsequently closed, and meeting adjourned to the 14th April. Present—Bros. A. S. Josling W.M., J. L. Barrett S.W., D. Hills J.W., J. Eiseman S.D., H. Whitehouse J.D., W. Berry I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, W. Paddle P.M. Treas., W. J. Ball Sec., J. Gaskin, S. Smith, F. C. Rush, and others.

Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571.—A meeting of the above Lodge was held at Austin's Hotel, 7 London-street Fenchurch-street, on 24th March, when three were present Bros Blake Worshipful Master, Thompson S.W., Hammond J.W. Minnett J.D., Dormer I.G., T. Duffield P.M. Preceptor, T. Lewis P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Hughes Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Westfield candidate. Lodge opened in the second degree; Brother Smith as candidate to be raised was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed. Bro. G. Thompson was elected W.M. for next meeting, Bro. Thompson thanked the brethren and appointed Officers in rotation. Bro. Duffield proposed that Bro. Lewis be elected Treasurer and Bro. Hughes Secretary, and that they be hon. members of the Lodge of Instruction. This was seconded by Bro. Westfield and carried unanimously. Bros. Lewis and Hughes suitably returned thanks. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—A meeting was held on Monday, 28th March, at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Bros. Featherstone W.M., Sapsworth S.W., Grundy Secretary, Bond Treasurer, Radclyffe I.G. Past Masters Bros. J. Carter, W. Carter, Dawson, Radford, Higerty, Recknell, Williams; Bros. Walters, Bugler, Gompertz, Grant, Gentle. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the first ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Gompertz candidate. Bro. Williams proposed and Bro. Dawson seconded, that the resignation of the Preceptorship by Bro. Taylor be accepted, with regret; and that a vote of thanks be accorded to him for his past services; such acceptance and vote of thanks to be communicated by the Secretary; carried unanimously. A discussion arose on the election of a Preceptor, and this brought up the question whether the working of the Lodge was to be on the Stability or Emulation system. Bro. Higerty proposed and Bro. Radford seconded, that the working of the Lodge be Emulation. On the motion being put, 13 voted for, and none against. After some discussion, Bro. Grundy Secretary proposed, and Bro. Bond Treasurer seconded, that Bro. Dawson P.M. 1768, a member of the Committee of Emulation, with Bros. P.M.'s Radford 1420, Higerty 1044, Carter 1044, and Gompertz 869, form a Committee of Preceptors for this Lodge of Instruction. This was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. The brethren named accepted their appointments, and thanked the Lodge for the honour conferred upon them. Bro. Sapsworth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—Held on Tuesday, the 29th March, at the Restaurant Bibra, 53 Cannon-street. By the invitation of this Lodge, the members of the Star Lodge of Instruction, of New Cross, attended to work the Fifteen Sections. Bros. Walter Martin P.M. 879 as W.M., Wm. Beavis P.M. 879 S.W., J. G. Milbourne S.W. 13 as J.W., A. G. Dixie P.M. 1839 I.P.M. There were 86 members present. Bro. Bibra, the proprietor, tried all in his power to make the visit of such an unexpectedly large number as comfortable as he possibly could, and succeeded in every respect. Each brother present expressed himself highly satisfied with the proceedings of the evening, which passed off without a hitch, either in the working or in the entertainment. The Worshipful Master took the chair punctually at 6.30 as appointed. The Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes were confirmed, and then the Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Anderson, E. Talbot, E. Percival, H. Strickland, W. Beavis P.M., W. Belchamber, J. G. Milbourne J.W. Second Lecture—Bros. L. Lazarus, C. L. Tokely, G. Waterman, W. Beavis P.M., J. G. Milbourne J.W. Third Lecture—J. D. Wilkinson, H. Stockwell, W. Beavis P.M. Shortly before ten o'clock the whole of the sections were finished, and that in a most effective manner. About twenty-five members joined this Lodge of Instruction, amongst them being Bros. J. van Praagh I.G. 1668, Davies 1839, L. Lazarus 879, Beavis P.M. 879, Millbourne J.W. 13, &c. Bro. Millbourne replied for the new members. Bro. A. G. Dixie P.M. and Preceptor of the Lodge proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for presiding, and begged he would accept the honorary membership of the Lodge of Instruction. The Officers and other Brethren who assisted so efficiently were also thanked. Bro. Spiegel P.M., a zealous attendant at Lodges of Instruction, in seconding the proposition, bore testimony to the experience of Bro. Dixie; no words of his could express the delight and satisfaction it gave him to hear the sections worked in such perfection. The Worshipful Master, in responding, expressed the hope that the brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge will do them the honour of attending to work the Fifteen Sections. This invitation was accepted, and an early date fixed for the visit.

THE AGES OF ROYALTY.

WILLIAM I., King of Prussia and Emperor of Germany, the Nestor of European monarchs, having attained, on 22nd March, the great age of 90 years, we give the following statement of the ages of the rulers of various countries, ranging from the oldest to the youngest, namely:—The German Emperor, aged 90; William III., King of the Netherlands, aged 70; Christian IX., King of Denmark, aged 69 on 8th April next; Victoria, Queen Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India, aged 67; Charles, King of Wurtemberg, aged 64; Dom Pedro II., Emperor of Brazil, aged 61; Albert King of Saxony, aged 58; Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, aged 58; Nasr-ed-Din, Shah of Persia, aged 57; Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, aged 56; Leopold II., King of the Belgians, aged 52 on 9th April next; David Kalakaua, King of Hawaii, aged 50; Dom Louis, King of Portugal, aged 48; Charles, King of Roumania, aged 47; Abdul Hamid II., Sultan of Turkey, aged 44; Humbert, King of Italy, aged 43; Alexander III., Emperor of Russia, aged 42; Otto, King of Bavaria, aged 39; George, King of the Hellenes, aged 41; Mahomed Tewfik Pasha, Khedive of Egypt, aged 34; Mutsu Hete, Emperor of Japan, aged 34; Milan, King of Servia, aged 32; Phra Bat Somdet Phra C. Yaha, King of Siam, aged 32; Kuang Hsu, Emperor of China, aged 16; and Alfonso XIII., King of Spain (a minor), in his first year. In addition to the above, it may be stated that Francois Paul Grevy, President of the French Republic, is in his 80th year; and that Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, has just completed his 50th year, having been born on 18th March 1837. Of the Regents who virtually exercise kingly power, Prince Luitpold, Regent of Bavaria, is 66 years of age; and Maria Christina, Queen Regent of Spain, is in her 29th year:—*Daily Chronicle.*

The following gatherings took place at Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 2nd April:—

Monday—Old King's Arms Lodge, De Grey and Ripon, Royal Somerset House, Robert Burns Chapter, Eclectic Chapter, Société National Française Ball. Tuesday—Lyceum Supper. Wednesday—Italian Ball, Lodge of Progress, Smeatonian Society, Galloway Dinner. Thursday—Licensed Victuallers' Dinner, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter. Friday—Royal Kensington Lodge, Thistle Lodge of Mark Masters. Saturday—Imperial Federation Lodge.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 4th APRIL.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—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.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
2098—Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
63—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitthaven
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
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
338—Jitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
492—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
620—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
697—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Evertton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, 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
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1476—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dearbury
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 5th APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Loadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
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)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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
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
1410—Mount Edgumbe, 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)
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martin-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.

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 Elyet, Durham
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Briddington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Flecco Inn, St. He'ens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1290—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Wavelley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1513—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1674—Caraloc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Colledge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1799—Arc and P, Jolly Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1970—Hadrin, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
R.A. 645—Humphrey Chetelam, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 6th APRIL.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Burrsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
222—United Strength, The Hope, St. Dunstons Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
578—La Temperance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panama, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppa's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Bergoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1293—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Marc-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytons-ond
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panama, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1228—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1171—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent

- 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
- 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
- 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
- 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
- 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
- 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
- 326—Maira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
- 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
- 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
- 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
- 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
- 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
- 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
- 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
- 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
- 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
- 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Gtossop
- 645—Humphrey Chatham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
- 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
- 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
- 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
- 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
- 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
- 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
- 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
- 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
- 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
- 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
- 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingsstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
- 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
- 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
- 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
- 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.
- 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
- 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
- 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
- 1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
- 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
- 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
- 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
- R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
- R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
- R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
- R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
- R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
- R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
- R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
- R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 7th APRIL.

- 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)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
- 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.
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsey, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Betnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
- 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
- 1850—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
- R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle
- 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
- 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
- 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
- 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
- 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Cologne
- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
- 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
- 240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
- 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
- 268—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
- 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden

- 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.
- 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
- 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
- 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
- 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
- 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
- 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
- 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
- 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
- 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
- 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
- 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
- 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
- 659—Bingdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
- 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
- 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
- 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
- 1000—Friory, Middleton Hotel, Southsea on Sea
- 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kearsy Road, Leeds
- 1083—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
- 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
- 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland

- 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
- 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
- 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
- 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
- 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
- 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
- 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Pilling, near Burnley
- 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
- 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
- 1633—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, Bucks
- 1770—Yale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringham
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Built, Breconshire
- 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
- 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
- R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
- R.A. 591—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Acton, Middlesex, W.
- R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Buncorn, Cheshire
- R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
- R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
- M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
- M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 8th APRIL.

- 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Accale, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
- 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
- 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
- 468—Arc and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goolse
- 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
- 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
- 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfrith
- 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
- 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Luton
- 1001—Harrowgate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Carlisle Street, Harrogate
- 1034—Ecclesall, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesall
- 1057—Beaumont, Assembly Rooms, John Street, Luton
- 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
- 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
- 1239—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
- R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
- R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Walsley
- R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
- R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
- R.A. 601—Byton St. John, Wreken Hotel, Wellingdon, Salop

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL.

- 105—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
- 188—Fercy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Traugot, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Bridge House Hotel, Gloucester
- 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
- 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
- 1624—Ecclesall, Crown and Anchor, 79 Boury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
- 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
- 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acra Lane, Brixton
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
- M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
- 140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
- 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1637—Unity, Harrow
- 1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Leadenhall Street, London
- 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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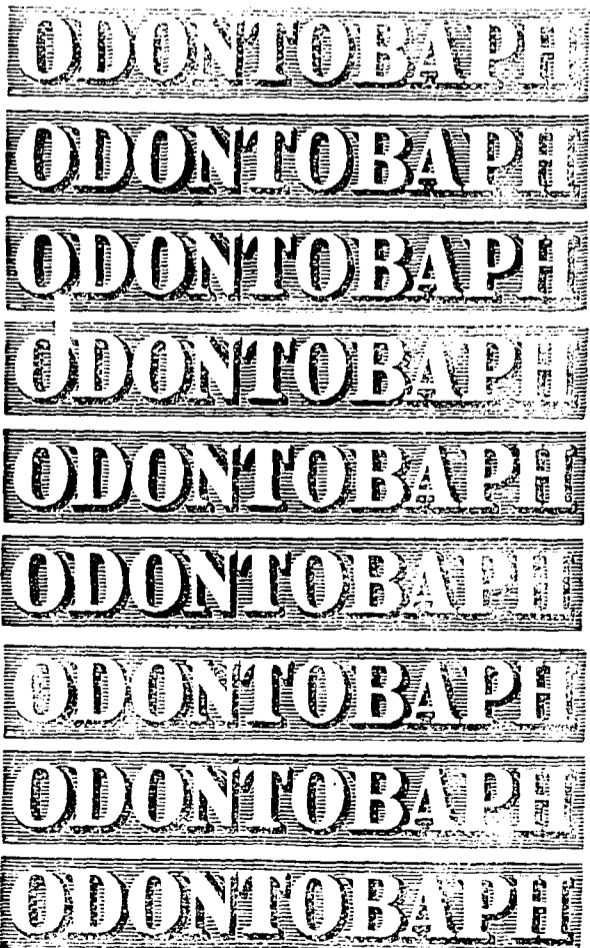
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