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FREEMASONRY in ENGLAND

BY THE SON OF SALATHIEL.

THE "ANCIENTS."

(Continued from page 635, vol. 3.)

"On St. John's Day, June 24th, 1766, the Grand Lodge was not opened, but the brethren met, by permission of the Grand Officers, at the Angel Inn, Whitechapel, and from thence walked in procession to Stepney Church, where an excellent sermon, founded on the General Regulations of the Craft, and upon a suitable text, was preached by the Rev. Mr. Parker Rowlands, our most worthy brother. After the ceremony, the fraternity, amounting to a vast number, with three bands of music, walked in like manner to the Angel aforesaid, where they separated, and each lodge went to dine at the house where held."

At the meeting held at the Bell's Tavern, on the 3rd December following, Bro. Dermott explained to the brethren that Lord Kelly, the Grand Master, wished to retire from his high office, as he was not likely to return to town for a considerable period; but the Grand Secretary stated that he would soon be prepared to submit the name of a "very eminent brother" for the position thus vacated. Bro. Dermott somewhat slyly added that the brother alluded to was a gentleman of fortune, having an "estate of sixteen thousand pounds per annum;" and it may be fairly assumed that this latter announcement was not received as an evidence of the "very eminent" brother's disqualification for the post of Grand Master. In conformity with Bro. Dermott's suggestion, the customary election of a Masonic chief was postponed; but after a smart contest, Bros. William Clarke

and Peter Duffy were chosen as Grand Wardens, Bro. Dermott being unanimously continued in the office of Grand Secretary. At this meeting a suitable piece of plate was ordered to be presented to the Rev. Bro. Rowlands "for his great love for the Craft," especially in preaching sermons before the fraternity. On the 27th December, the candidate for the Grand Mastership was announced in favour of the "Honourable Thomas Mathew of Thomas Town in the Kingdom of Ireland, Esquire." It was mentioned as one of the proofs of this gentleman's zeal for Freemasonry that, wherever he resided, "whether in Ireland, Great Britain, or France, he held a regular (?) lodge amongst his own domestics." It is somewhat singular that livery servants have been for many years, and are now, expressly excluded from the privileges of the Order by the laws of the Irish Grand Lodge, and yet one hundred years ago a "Provincial Grand Master of Munster" (for such was Bro. Mathew's rank in his native country) not only admitted them, but courted their society in his own house. Bro. Mathew was unanimously chosen to succeed the Earl of Kelly, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to the outgoing Grand Master for "the honour and service he had done to the Craft," although he does not appear to have attended the meetings of the brethren *once* even during his six years tenure of the Grand Mastership. The new ruler was evidently a man of a different stamp, as the following copy of his reply to the Deputy Grand Master's letter, notifying the action of Grand Lodge, will sufficiently indicate:—

Fisher's Lodge, Jan. 5th, 1767.

To Mr. Dickey, in Bow-street, Covent Garden.

Dear Brother,—I am extremely sensible of the great honour done me by the Fraternity, and shall always do my utmost to promote it. I shall come to town on purpose to be installed, of which I shall give proper notice to our worthy Grand Secretary, Mr. Dermott.

I am, with great esteem, dear Sir,
Your sincere friend and humble servant,
(Signed) THOMAS MATHEW, G.M.

Notwithstanding this note, however, the Grand Master-elect was privately installed, a circumstance which gave rise to some unpleasant feeling at a subsequent meeting. On the 12th June, 1767, Bro. Mathew presided over the Grand Lodge in person, when the representatives of 33 lodges, besides the Grand Officers, were present. Four Grand Stewards were chosen at this meeting, and the Rev. Bro. Rowlands was requested to preach a sermon at St. Clement's Church* on St. John's Day following. The next entry is so characteristic of Dermott that it would be high treason to his memory were it to pass unnoticed:—"The Grand Secretary humbly desired that his Worship the Grand Master would be pleased to nominate the text on which the sermon was to be preached." To which the Right Worshipful answered in Latin: "In principio erat sermo ille, et sermo ille erat apud Deum, erat que ille sermo Deus," to which the Grand Secretary made a bow, and said, "Fungor officio meo." And the said sermon was duly preached by Bro. Rowlands on the 24th June, 1767—the new Grand Master being deprived of the pleasure of attending in consequence of a "severe touch of the gout." On this pleasing occasion the ringers at St. Clement's were awarded one guinea for their services, the poor of the parish five guineas, and the beadles ten shillings and sixpence.

* The Rectorship of this church is now filled by a distinguished Mason, the Rev. Robert J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain.

(To be continued.)

FREEMASONRY in IRELAND.

BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

(Continued from page 67.)

We believe the Constitutions published, printed at Dublin, 1744, to be the second edition of the Constitutions under the authority of the Grand Lodge. The only copy we have seen is appended to the "Serious and Impartial Enquiry," by Fifield Dassigny, M.D., Dublin, 1744, in our library. The following is the title page of the laws: "The General Regulations of the Free and Accepted Masons in the Kingdom of Ireland, Pursuant to the *English* Constitutions. Approved of and agreed upon by the Grand Lodge in Dublin, on the 24th June, 1741. Tullamore, Grand Master. Dublin: Printed by Edward Bate for the Authr. MDCCXLIV." The author was "Edward Spratt," the Grand Secretary, who dedicated the volume "To the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable John Lord Viscount Allen, Grand Master, A.D. 1744, A.L. 5744." Unfortunately, our copy wants some seven pages, and in consequence of this misfortune, we have delayed the reprint of Dr. Dassigny's work, hoping a perfect copy of the laws will be found. On application to the authorities at Dublin, the work is preserved in their archives, so we shall continue our researches for a time. A list of regular lodges in the city of Dublin is inserted at the end of the work. The next edition was issued A.D. 1751, and is entitled the "Book of Constitutions; by Edward Spratt, Sec. J. Butler, Dublin" (172 pages and 40 pages of songs). Both these copies are very like the regulations of Grand Lodge of England, and indeed the latter were generally accepted by Grand Lodges for many years after the Revival. In Scotland, we believe the *first* independent Book of Constitutions was not issued until A.D. 1804, as an appendix to Bro. Lawrie's "History of Freemasonry." Bro. Spratt, the Grand Secretary, speaks favourably of the progress of the Craft up to A.D. 1751, and since its revival from its low state in 1745.

On the 26th April, 1779, some brethren in Dublin sent a petition for a charter to the Mother Lodge Kilwinning, Scotland, which was supported by Bro. G. A. Cunningham, a Past Warden of this old lodge. The petition read thus: "Brethren studious to follow Freemasonry on the justest principles of the ancient Craft, and willing to derive an authority from the first source, a Regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held in Dublin, have been long desirous to obtain a charter from the esteemed brethren, the ancient lodge of Kilwinning, as they are fully satisfied with the title of Primogeniture. Anxiously soliciting after the attainment of this much-desired object, but at a loss to whom to turn for advice, or where to apply, they count it a fortunate era their meeting with their beloved Brother George Cunningham, Esq., whose friendship pointed out a clue to lead them out of their labyrinth and doubt. Under his auspices, therefore, they apply for a charter from you to hold a lodge, to be called the *High Knight Templars' Lodge of Ireland*, and hope ever to walk worthy of their vocation, and the high favour you will confer on them by granting it." The petition was granted, and thus was originated the High Knight Templars of Ireland. Although Mother Lodge Kilwinning only authorised the three Craft degrees (and has in fact never worked any others), these brethren, or their successors actually started the degree

known as the "High Knight Templar," in consequence of which many have thought that the warrant from Scotland permitted of their so doing, but beyond the *name of the lodge* no reference whatever in any way is made to such an *innovation*.

We are not aware of any authorized edition of the "Constitutions of Ireland" between A.D. 1730 and A.D. 1744. There was, however, a work published in 1803 which professes to give the Laws as "*published in the year 1738*" (viz., Hill's "Ahiman Rezon," Dublin, A.D. 1803). In the same work, the Regulations for the Committee of Charity, "approved of and practised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland since the year 1738," are given, as also the Laws for the Stewards, &c. Laws were also revised and made known to the members in the year 1768, also in 1777 to early in the next century, when a general revision was made of all existing laws, preparatory to a reprint of the "Ahiman Rezon."

At the Grand Lodge held A.D. 1802 the position of the Masonic Female Orphan School was stated to be most unsatisfactory, for "the receipts were inadequate to the support of the establishment." In consequence of this fact the fees for Grand Lodge were raised, and each lodge was required to pay the sum of £1 2s. 9d. annually, instead of 10s. 10d. as heretofore, excepting military lodges, &c. The income of the Grand Lodge for twelve months amounted to the very respectable sum of £684 15s. 11½d. A list accompanies the "Communication" of seven persons excluded from Freemasonry by order. An Emergency Meeting was held 21st June, 1804, to consider a paper *addressed to the Freemasons of Ireland*, which was declared to be a "false, malicious, and scandalous libel." It seems that there was a dispute, which resulted in the formation of another Grand Lodge! Really, we had no idea of there having been two Grand Lodges in Ireland in working order at the same time, and until perusing these papers, kindly placed in our hands, we never heard of such a "split." We have seen a deal written about the "Moderns" and "Ancients" in England, and we know how, notwithstanding the latter were wrong in setting up an independent authority, and for about seventy years set the regular Grand Lodge at defiance, the *original* Grand Lodge received them back into the fold A.D. 1813, and ever since all such unseemly squabbles have been avoided. In Ireland it seems a division occurred, and we will carefully examine all the "communications" before writing again. We notice among the lot of papers reports from the Grand Lodge of Ireland from the "Grand East at Ulster." This must be the seceding body of which the Earl of Belmore was Grand Master, A.D. 1810! The Earl of Donoughmore was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge (Dublin).

THE FREEMASON of late has contained several important additions to the history of the "Ancients" in the valuable sketch of "Freemasonry in England," and we therefore cannot do better, having documents in our possession respecting the "Seceders" in Ireland, than to make them known also, as even more information is wanted with respect to the latter than the former.

(To be continued)

"AFTER some days' severe suffering with neuralgia and influenza in the head, I was induced to try your Pain Killer for it. In less than five minutes it gave me ease, and by using it according to directions I have quite lost the pain, and my health is now rapidly improving.—S. J. SMITH, Norwich, Feb. 1870.—To P. Davis & Son, London."

MASONIC ORDER OF MIZRAIM.

BY MARC BEDARRIDE.

INTRODUCTION.

(Continued from page 43.)

We learn from this history the time and place, when and where, each Masonic rite was created. In it is also described the anti-fraternal conduct of the ringleaders of the modern rite in 5826 or 1822, who wished to domineer in Masonry; the intolerance and calumny directed from their Temples against our Order, and against the Supreme Council of the Scotch Rite; the tribulations which they caused us by their accusations; our defence; and the refutation by the Scotch Rite of the badly-founded pretensions of our enemies.

But, thanks to the Almighty, to our own perseverance, and to the rightful cause of the children of Mizraim and Heredom, we have triumphed at last, whilst our enemies are covered with confusion. We find in this work details of the various cabals contrived by the plotters of our Order, and the firmness and acuteness with which our supreme rulers have acted. We finish by describing one of those numerous and magnificent ceremonies which have been celebrated within our temples within the Valley of Paris.

In giving our time to this work we have, indeed, been influenced neither by interest or by pride, nor yet by a desire to give greater renown to our venerable Order, or to diminish that of other Masonic rites—nor have we, in reporting the anti-Masonic deeds against us and our rights, been influenced by a desire to sustain or continue our arguments.

We have not stolen from history—our single aim has been, and ever will be, the welfare of our Order. All this the disciples of Mizraim well know; but to demonstrate to them the great desire we have to impart true Masonic knowledge, we have read portions of the following pages, not only in the lodges and councils of our Order, but in the presence of an immense number of Masons of various rites. These have been unanimous in their applause, and have asked us to hasten the issue of this work, which it was then our purpose to keep from the general public.

Thanks to Jehovah, our task is completed. Our greatest hope is, that our young adepts may find in this work the principles of wisdom, discretion, fidelity, goodness, and fraternity, which the great Mizraim has bequeathed to his sons; and, above all, that those brethren who have been misled may be brought back from error to truth, and cured of their intolerance—for tolerance is, and always will be, the most beautiful jewel of our Order, one which will cause the Masons of all rites, each independently of the other, to form that chain of union which should unite the children of the widow in both hemispheres. 90°.

END OF INTRODUCTION.

The above is as nearly as possible a literal translation given in the style and language of our Ill. Bro. Marc Bedarride.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MISRAIM.

Beetive Sanctuary of Levites, No. 1.

A meeting of this sanctuary was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 31st ult., under the presidency of the H.P., S. Bro. R. Wentworth Little, 90° G. Arch., supported by S. Bros. Col. F. Burdett, 90°, D.S.G.M. and Regent; Major E. Hamilton Finney, 90°, and Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart., 90°, Grand Experts; by seven of the newly-appointed officers, and about thirty other Levites.

The sanctuary having been duly opened, the M.E.H.P. explained that the principal object of the meeting would be to elect and obligate members of the higher grades of the Rite, but that candidates for the 33° who might be in attendance would be received. Bros. W. Hurlstone, A. Montagu Haynes, and E. H. G. Dalton were accordingly introduced in due form and accepted

as Levites. Forty brethren were then selected for the next grade worked, viz., that of "Benevolent Knight," the degree formerly ranking as 67°, but now placed as 66°, in order not to conflict with a degree of somewhat similar ceremonial in the A. and A. Rite. Out of the members of the 66°, eighteen were elected to the 77°, Regulators-General of the Order, and they in turn elected six of their number to the rank of Conservators-General—the 90° or ultimate degree. All having been duly obligated and entrusted in the several grades, the sanctuary was resumed, the alms were collected, the usual solemn closing followed, and the brethren separated.

The ANCIENT & ACCEPTED RITE.

Palestine Chapter Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.

A regular meeting of this new chapter was held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on the 31st ult., and amongst those present were Ill. Bro. John Hervey, 30°, M.W.S.; R. Wentworth Little, H.P.; Colonel Francis Burdett, 32°, 1st Gen.; Hyde Pullen, 33°; Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, 30°, G. Kenning, H. C. Levander, T. B. Yeoman, J. W. Barrett, T. L. Fox, T. Luty, J. T. Moss, and T. Cubitt.

The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. R. W. Woodman, M.D., and E. H. G. Dalton, duly approved candidates, were admitted to the 17° by Ill. Bro. Hyde Pullen, and afterwards perfected as S.P. Rose Croix by the M.W.S., who performed his duties in a highly impressive manner, being ably assisted by Bro. Pullen, who acted as G.M. and Raphael. The M.W.S. then appointed the remainder of the officers as follows: Ex. Bros. Geo. Kenning, 2nd Gen.; H. C. Levander, G.M.; T. L. Fox, Raph.; C. J. B. Plestow, Herald; C. Hammerton, C.G.; E. Stanton Jones, Org.; Captain J. Bertrand Payne, D.C.; and J. W. Barrett, Almoner.

Communications from the Supreme Grand Council 33°, respecting the suspension of a chapter and the expulsion of a brother, were then read, after which the chapter was closed in due form and the brethren separated.

This new chapter already numbers twenty-three members, and bids fair to become one of the most successful ever formed.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

A special meeting of the Grand Senate was convened at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday, the 31st ult., for the purpose of conferring the higher grades of the Order upon Ill. Kt. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., Intendant-General for Surrey.

A College of Viceroys was first opened by Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little, G.R., assisted by Ill. Kts. Col. F. Burdett, G.S.G., Int.-Gen. Middlesex; Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, M.A., G. High Prelate, Int.-Gen. Wilts; W. H. Hubbard, G.T.; J. G. Marsh, G.A.; Angelo J. Lewis, M.A., G.A.M.; H. C. Levander, M.A., G.A.T.; W. R. Woodman, M.D., G.A.R.; H. Parker, G.O.; T. Cubitt, G.H.; J. Brett, K.G.C.; G. Kenning, K.G.C.; W. Roebuck, J. Lewis Thomas, T. B. Yeoman, J. Weaver, T. Luty, T. L. Fox, J. T. Moss, M. Edwards, J. W. Barrett, E. H. Thiellay, H. M. Green, Major E. Hamilton Finney, E. H. Finney, jun., T. W. White, and about a dozen other knights.

Sir Kts. the Rev. G. R. Portal and the Rev. W. B. Church, after having been entrusted were introduced and received as members of the Priestly grade. A Senate of Princes was then held, when Sir Kts. Portal and Luty were duly enthroned as Sovereigns of the Constantinian Order. The Senate and College were then respectively closed.

The ceremonies were rendered with the advantage of Sir Kt. Parker's services as musical conductor, and the various offices were ably sustained by Sir Kts. Little, Ravenshaw, Marsh, Lewis, and Levander.

THE BEST FIRST.—Turner's Tamarind Cough Emulsion for the Throat and Bronchia, 13½d. and 2/9 per bot.—All wholesale houses in London and Liverpool, and any respectable Chemist.—[Advt.]

THE FREEMASONS' LIFE BOAT.

The committee met at Bro. Forster's, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 2nd inst., Bro. A. E. Harris in the chair. There were also present: Bros. Davis, Gottheil, C. C. Taylor, Mortlock, W. Mann, and C. Lacey.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Emanuel, P.M. 205, was elected a member of the committee.

It was then proposed by Bro. Davis, seconded by Bro. Harris, and carried unanimously "That a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes and transmitted to Bro. Johnson, M.R.C.S., P.M. 249 and 1094, for the energetic manner in which he is assisting the efforts of this committee, having forwarded £15 (collected mostly by one shilling subscriptions) in less than six weeks."

The following additional contributions were then announced:—

	£	s.	d.
Acknowledged in THE FREEMASON	218	7	6
Bro. Col. C. Malet de Carteret, Prov.			
G.M. Jersey	3	0	0
Lodge Wellington, 548	1	1	0
„ Benevolence, 1168	3	0	0
Per Bro. Johnson, P.M. 249 & 1094	5	0	0
Bro. John Coutts, P.M. 27, A.G.P.	1	1	0
„ E. D. Myers, 1254	0	5	0
„ Jethro Tucker, 1254	0	5	0
„ Charles Davis, P.M. 54	0	2	6
„ C. M. Jones, P.M. 54	0	2	6
„ Jas. Hadfield, P.M. 54	0	2	6
„ Herod Turner, P.M. 54	0	2	6
„ Ed. Clegg, Sec. 54	0	2	6
„ John B. Chadwick, 54	0	2	6
„ R. Gibson, 54	0	2	6
„ Luke Shofield, 54	0	2	6
„ R. Wood, 54	0	2	0
„ John Smith, 54	0	2	0
„ S. Lord, P.M. 54	0	2	6
„ R. Simpson, 54	0	2	6
„ W. Walker, 54	0	2	6
„ J. Fothergill, 54	0	1	0
Several brethren of 54...	0	7	0
Per Bro. S. Levi, 141	0	16	0
Bro. Hilton	0	5	0
Royal Sussex Lodge, 353	1	1	0
Bro. J. Cohen, 174	0	5	0
„ Colthurst, 187	0	5	0
„ Amy, 590	0	2	6
„ Flaherty, 958	0	2	0
„ Constable, 185	0	5	0
„ M. Abrahams, 205	0	5	0
„ Harper, 766	0	5	0
„ Behrensfield, 141	0	5	0
„ Cronmire, 141	0	2	6
„ Eagle, 188	0	2	6
„ Austin, 933	0	5	0
„ T. Lloyd, 1278	0	2	6
„ Dempsey, 141	0	2	6
„ Elton, 1005	0	5	0
„ Ross, 185	0	2	6
„ Gompertz, 205	0	2	0
„ Earl, 186	0	5	0
„ Keys, 1000	0	2	6
„ F. Garron, 1000	0	2	6
„ Batston, S.W. 1328	0	10	0
„ D. Whillock, 186	0	5	0
Total ..	£240	5	6

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings, and the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, the 2nd proximo, at 8 p.m.

GALLANT LIFEBOAT SERVICES.

Dungarvan, Ireland, Feb. 3rd.

The brigantine "Margaret," of Lancaster (says John Hunt, Esq.), bound from Liverpool to Bristol, with a cargo of coals, which went on Dungarvan Bar a few days since, and whose crew were saved by the "Christopher Ludlow" lifeboat of the National Lifeboat Institution, was boarded yesterday by the master and crew, and fifteen other men who were engaged to throw the cargo overboard, to lighten the ship, in the hope that she might then be got off the Bar. The wind, however, increased, and a heavy sea got up, and the position of those on board became very perilous; and thereupon signals were made for the aid of the lifeboat. That boat at once went out, and proceeded alongside, when the coxswain proposed to take ten men off the wreck at first, but all were so apprehensive of the vessel's breaking up, that the whole of the men, twenty in number, crowded into the boat, the master being the last to leave his ship. The lifeboat, which is but a small one, 30 feet long by 6½ feet wide, then had twenty-nine men on board, including her own crew, but all were safely landed. On the way to the vessel a heavy sea broke into the lifeboat, but the water was speedily self-ejected through the patent valves with which most of the Lifeboat Society's boats are fitted.

Ramsey, Isle of Man, Monday.

About eleven o'clock on Saturday night, during a gale on the S.E., a schooner entered Ramsey

Harbour, and reported that another vessel was in distress off the Point of Ayr (states the Rev. George Paton). The Ramsey lifeboat "Two Sisters," which belongs to the Lifeboat Society, was immediately launched, and found the schooner "William," of Liverpool, leaking, and in a dangerous position. Some of the crew of the lifeboat were placed on board, and an effort was made to reach Peel, but without effect. Fortunately, however, the wind changed, and Ramsey Harbour was safely reached about ten o'clock last (Sunday) night, after twenty-three hours' service, all hands being saved.

MASONIC FESTIVITIES.

BRO. T. A. ADAMS' ANNUAL BALL.

The annual Masonic ball of the esteemed veteran Bro. T. A. Adams, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Purs., was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., and was a greater success this year than ever—no less than 340 ladies and gentlemen being present. A splendid band was provided, and the company enjoyed the giddy mazes of the dance until about half-past 12 o'clock, when supper was served. After all had partaken of the good things provided, the President, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Sec. Middlesex, rose to propose the first toast, and was received with thunders of applause—the cheering being continued for several minutes, during which the worthy brother was fain to bow his acknowledgments for so unexpected an ovation. The toast being "The Queen and the Craft," was cordially received. Bro. Little then, in a highly complimentary speech, proposed "The Ladies," and it is needless to add that the health of the fair sex was welcomed with a burst of enthusiasm. Bro. John Boyd, P.M., P.Z. 145, returned thanks for the ladies in a brief but very effective speech. "The health of the President," coupled with that of Bro. Adams, was the last toast announced, the proposer being Bro. H. M. Levy, P.M. 185, who spoke in most flattering terms of the brethren named. Bros. Little and Adams expressed their gratitude for the kind reception of the toast, and the latter brother concluded his speech amid general demonstrations of approval. The company then returned to the hall-room, and enjoyed themselves until 5 o'clock, when dancing terminated.

The whole proceedings were characterized by complete success, and Bro. Adams is to be congratulated upon the support he obtained, and so richly deserved at the hands of his brethren in Masonry. Among the brethren present, with their ladies, we noticed, besides those already named: Bros. A. J. Codner, T. Cubitt, E. A. Baber, W. Hale, C. A. Cottebrune, D. G. Berri, W. Paice, T. Hyles, R. A. Steel, E. T. Osbaldeston, E. H. Thielley, T. Webb, W. Webb, M. A. Loewenstark, T. Tyrrell, and E. Coste.

MASONIC BALL AT PENDLETON.

A grand Masonic ball, in aid of the funds of the Salford and Pendleton Royal Hospital and Dispensary took place at the Pendleton Town Hall on 2nd Feb., upon which occasion a most brilliant and numerous assemblage was present. As we anticipated, the efforts of the brethren of the order in giving publicity to their object were pre-eminently successful, and the natural result was that the attendance evinced great interest and sympathy to the object both on the part of the public generally and the Craft in particular. To those brethren who first promoted the affair, and subsequently carried out the arrangements, the greatest credit is due. To particularise would, perhaps, be invidious, but we cannot forbear giving our testimony to Brother Uriah Nichols, in particular, for his persevering efforts in organising the scheme, and to Bros. B. Taylor, H. Holder, E. Brooks, J. Dickson, R. F. Woodruff, C. Eccleston, W. Riddell, T. Ellis, J. Harrop, A. H. Allen, R. Johnson, J. S. Whitaker, J. Bury, E. Simpson, Geo. Larmuth, and others, who also formed the committee for carrying out the object. Under such an efficient management, therefore, the ball programme was laid out, and a splendid list of patrons consisting of noblemen and gentlemen holding the highest honours in the Craft, besides others who were not of the order, who laudably and readily contributed their names in order to further the cause.

The corporate authorities, likewise, entered into the spirit of the undertaking, who after a deputation had waited upon them in reference to the Town Hall, Pendleton, kindly granted the free use of the whole building. In fact, a purely Masonic spirit seems to have pervaded the whole community, which culminated on Thursday evening. At eight o'clock visitors began to arrive at the hall, and continued to do so, without intermission, until after eleven o'clock. As the guests alighted from the vehicles which were drawn up at the entrance in Broughton Road—the floor of the entrance-hall and grand staircase being covered with crimson cloth, while on each side, and on the landing, were ranged trees

and shrubs—they were received by a number of the past officers of the various lodges, dressed in the full regalia of the order, which had a most striking and imposing effect. Large suites of rooms were available as dressing and retiring rooms, from whence the visitor proceeded to the ball room. At the foot of the staircase, ranged on each side, the band of the Salford Rifle Volunteers, by the kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel Barrett, played a choice selection of music with great effect. Upon entering the ball room each lady and gentleman received a beautiful programme of the dances, and at nine o'clock dancing commenced to the strains of Bro. Batley's celebrated quadrille band. The scene at once became charming in the extreme. The room was brilliantly lighted, and bright crimson cloth upholstery the seats entirely round the room gave a striking effect to the white damask-covered floor, upon which traversed in the mazy dance the forms of "fair women and brave men." It was only to be expected that beauty and elegance would be characteristic of such an assembly, but it is utterly impossible to convey an adequate idea of the varied forms presented to the onlookers, of whom there were many. Amongst the very large number of guests present we observed Alderman Higson; Councillors, Bros. Jenkins, Jones, Goodwin, Dyson, Ommanney; M'Kerrow, Sewell, Lightbown, Grundy, Nosworthy, Nall, Walker, and Nuttall; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Barrett; Dr. Pankarst, L.L.D.

Some of the most striking features of the ball were in the grotesque, yet at the same time magnificent and harmonious blending caused by the "rich and rare" dresses of members of the various degrees of Masons. At eleven o'clock much interest was created by the entry of the Royal Arch Masons, of whom about fifty were present. At the "witching hour" another event occurred in the appearance of the Knights Templar, whose dress was superbly rich. Then it was that the ball seemed to become "a fancy dress one," and the spirit of the dance was gone into with even greater vigour than before; and until nearly five o'clock the light fantastic toe tripped it. Bros. R. F. Woodruff and T. Ellis directed the ceremonies, and owing to their admirable arrangements the comforts of the visitors were most particularly attended to; and many a bashful maid and jovial swain were indebted to them for the pleasure of inscribing their names on So-and-So's programme. The stewards of the evening, Bros. B. Taylor, Jno. Barker, Allen, Harrop, Larmuth, and J. Dickson, were also well and worthily appreciated, and the result of the combined efforts of all will no doubt be a handsome surplus to the funds of the above institution.

The decorations were by Mr. J. C. Williams, of Peter-street, Manchester, and the taste displayed by that artist entitles him to creditable mention here. The refreshments, which were of a most excellent character, were laid upon tables on the landing in the hall. They were of first-class quality, and in great variety, the guests partaking of them *ad lib.*, and were supplied by Bro. Pearson, of Cheetham Hill, in his usual creditable manner.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The anniversary banquet of this flourishing lodge of instruction was held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 27th ultimo, at 7 o'clock. Bro. James Brett, the Preceptor, occupied the chair, and was supported, right and left, by Bros. Still (Secretary), Major Finney and his son, John Boyd, Wm. Carpenter, Geo. Kenning, several W.M.'s and P.M.'s of metropolitan lodges, and about fifty brethren. The banquet was a very ample and varied one, and was admirably served.

Upon the withdrawal of the cloth, the chairman proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were received and drank, as they always are, with great heartiness. In proposing the toast of the evening, the chairman reviewed the past progress of the lodge of instruction, and gave a very gratifying account of its present condition, urged brethren who did not attend lodges of instruction to do so forthwith, and earnestly pressed upon all present a conscientious discharge of their Masonic duties towards the Craft and the world at large. (The toast was received with applause, and was heartily responded to.)

Bro. Wm. Carpenter proposed "The health of the Chairman and Preceptor of the Lodge, Bro. Brett," and recapitulated some of the many services he had rendered and was still rendering to Masonry, Craft and Arch, and anticipated similar services from him in some of the higher grades, of which he was a member. He had laboured hard to acquire a perfect knowledge of the Masonic rituals, and he was as free in imparting knowledge as he had been diligent in acquiring it. (The toast was heartily responded to.)

The Chairman, in proposing the health of Bro. Still, the respected Secretary, spoke very highly of his indefatigable labours, and of the heavy obligations under which they lay to him for the prosperous

career and condition of the lodge; and Bro. Still, in responding, furnished some gratifying facts, as to the progress and prospects of the lodge, and renewed his promises of exertion on its behalf.

Several other toasts followed, including the health of the visitors, which was responded to by Bro. Major Finney, Gordon, and George Kenning. The evening was in all respects a very pleasant one, and several brethren gratified the meeting by their contributions of song.

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METROPOLITAN.

Lodge of Faith, No. 141.—This old, prosperous, and flourishing lodge held its usual meeting on Tuesday, 31st ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. J. Speed, W.M., opened the lodge, and there were present: Bros. C. C. Taylor, S.W.; Green, J.W.; Haster, P.M., Treas.; Anslow, P.M., Sec.; Themans, S.D.; Catmur, J.D.; Kennett, I.G.; Hill, I.P.M.; Gotthel, Hyde, T. Arnold, Pope, Harris, and Gluckstein, P.M.'s; and a large number of brethren. The visitors were Bros. Lailham (1316), Weybeth (25), T. White (22), F. Walters (W.M. 1309), Austin (933), W. Hamer (97), H. Ash (179), Wiseman (172), Wylett (1000), C. A. Long (W.M. 25), &c. The minutes were read and confirmed. The work done was raising Bros. Berenfield, Cronmire, Whitby, and Wilson to the third degree, passing Bros. Bartlett, Keeler, and Abbot to the 2nd degree, and initiating Messrs. Davis and Hutton into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremonies being well and ably performed. The lodge was then closed, when banquet followed.

St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142.—On Saturday, the 4th inst., at Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars, this old lodge held its installation meeting. Bro. Dubois, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by his officers, when the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. In consequence of failing health, the W.M. did not feel himself able to undergo the fatigue of working the ceremony of installation, and he therefore deputed Bro. Cockcraft, P.M. and Sec., to work it for him, who then took the chair. The W.M. presented Bro. James L. Thomas, P.M. 492 and I.G., the W.M.-elect, for the benefit of installation, who was duly installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the beautiful ceremony having been performed by Bro. Cockcraft in such a manner as to elicit the commendation of the Grand Secretary. After the readmission of the brethren and the usual salutes, the W.M. invested the officers as follows: Bros. J. Baistone, S.W.; R. G. Scarth, J.W.; W. Battye, Treas.; Ed. Cockcraft, Sec.; Rookes, S.D.; Carlyle, J.D.; and F. G. Bailey, I.G. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then delivered in a masterly manner by Bro. Cockcraft. A Past Master's jewel was then for the second time presented to the retiring Master, who had so ably filled the chair for two years, and the lodge was closed. Amongst the visitors were the V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.S.G.D. and G. Sec. of England; and Bros. John Boyd, P.M. 145; Taffs, P.M. and P.G.J.D.; Hanbly, W.M.-elect of St. Mark's; Ibbetson and Bailey, of St. Andrew's; F. Binckes, Sec. of the Boys' School; &c. The brethren then sat down to the banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas, W.M., supported on his right by the Grand Secretary and the other visitors, and on his left by Bros. Dubois, the I.P.M.; Innes, R.V.; John Kirk, W.M. 1328; and several other P.M.'s of the lodge. The usual toasts were given, and the V.W. Bro. John Hervey's name was mentioned in eulogistic terms by the W.M. in giving the toast of "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," which was responded to in the most felicitous terms by the Grand Secretary, who took occasion to remark that though it was the first time he had the pleasure of participating in the hospitality of St. Thomas's Lodge, he hoped it would not be the last.—Bro. Dubois, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He said that, having himself filled the chair for two years, he had become so accustomed to the position, that he could scarcely bring himself to think that the gavel he then held was only placed in his hands for a short time; but when he thought that the reason why he held it was to do honour to his successor, he felt that if he retained it in his possession until he had said all he wished to say on a theme so pleasing to himself and so welcome to the brethren present, he should keep them so long that they might justly think that he coveted a new lease of power. He would, therefore, with all his heart wish prosperity to Bro. Thomas as W.M. of St. Thomas's Lodge.—Bro. Carter then sang one of his beautiful songs to the delight of all present, and the W.M. responded to the toast by saying that he had attained the summit of his ambition in Masonry by being called upon to preside over so ancient a lodge as St. Thomas's, which was within a couple of years of obtaining her centenary, during which time that chair had been filled by some of the most distinguished names in the annals of the Craft; but there were none whose names were more endeared to them than that of Bro. Dubois, their immediate Past Master, who had the distinguished honour of presiding over them for two years successively, instructing them with the accuracy of his working in lodge, charming them by the genial kindness of his disposition, and entrancing them by the eloquence with which he gave utterance to those sentiments so dear to every true Mason. To succeed such a brother gave rise to mingled sensations of pleasure and sadness. Sadness, that we should not again see him in that chair he filled so ably, nor listen again to his

sparkling wit and earnest pathos which had so often made the hours pass on unheeded; and pleasure, that during the coming year of office the W.M. would always have him near to turn to for counsel and advice. With such assistance he hoped to perform the duties of the high position in which he had been placed by the kind confidence of the lodge in a satisfactory manner; and although the members might not be able to award him that meed of praise so well deserved by his predecessor, he trusted they would be able to say, "He has done his duty."—Bros. Taffs and Boyd responded for "The Visitors," of whom there were fifteen.—The W.M. introduced "The Masonic Charities," earnestly and feelingly commending each brother present to hallow the festive board by thinking of those in need of more than sympathy, who a few short years back were probably enjoying themselves as they were now.—Bro. Binckes replied, and made an eloquent and touching appeal to the feelings of all present. Bro. Dubois replied for the P.M.'s, and Bro. Battye and Bro. Cockcraft for the Treasurer and Secretary in their usual happy style; Bros. Baistone, Scarth, Rookes, Carlyle, and Bailey for the officers of the lodge, and the brethren then separated, after enjoying a most delightful evening.

Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.—The installation meeting of this celebrated lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 24th ult. Bro. T. Moore, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by his officers and a large number of the members. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., in an able manner, initiated Messrs. John Jones, Elisha Solomon, and H. S. Richard. Bro. Boyd, P.M. and Treas., then took the chair, and in his well-known superior style installed Bro. Walter, who appointed as officers: Bros. Last, S.W.; Cambridge, J.W.; J. Boyd, P.M., Treas. (reappointed); G. S. States, P.M., Sec. (reappointed); Milligan, Asst. Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Bull, J.D.; Purkis, I.G.; E. H. Thierley, D.C.; Grant, Tyler (reappointed). The lodge was duly closed and banquet followed. More than sixty brethren were present during the evening; Bros. Donald King and Giles sang their usual good songs.

Lodge of Israel, No. 185.—The above lodge met on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at Radley's Hotel, Bridge-street, Blackfriars. The W.M., Bro. M. J. Emanuel in the chair; H. Harris, S.W.; M. Emanuel, J.W.; A. Cohen, P.M., and Honorary Secretary; Joel Emanuel, I.G.; and Past Masters J. M. Harris, Chamberlain, S. Harris, and W. Littaur. The lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. J. Samuel and Rexworthy, being thoroughly proficient in the necessary questions, were raised to the 3rd degree. This being the night for the installation for the W.M., Bro. A. Cohen, P.M., then took the chair, and Bro. S. Harris presented Bro. H. Harris, S.W., and W.M. elect, to the lodge, and Bro. A. Cohen, P.M., and Honorary Secretary, performed that beautiful ceremony in a very perfect and impressive manner, that gave great satisfaction to every brother and visitor present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in the various degrees, and he then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. M. J. Emanuel, I.P.M.; M. J. Emanuel, S.W.; Hogard, J.W.; and he appointed Bro. C. Coote, P.M., Treasurer; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Honorary Secretary; Joel Emanuel, S.D.; Ayden, J.D.; J. E. Morse, I.G.; P. Phillips, D.C.; and Bro. Vesper, Tyler. The W.M. in investing his officers addressed a few but appropriate remarks to those brethren in connection with those offices. The newly installed W.M. then proceeded to initiate Messrs. Kirke (comedian Holborn Theatre), Sparks, M. Marks, S. Gompers, and G. S. Marks, into the Order, in a very able and effective manner, and the brethren present expressed their satisfaction that so young a Mason, on his occupying the chair, should be so proficient. The lodge was then called off, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, supplied by Bro. Hart, and superintended by his nephew. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were given. Bro. J. Emanuel, I.P.M., proposed the toast of the W.M., whom he said was a source of congratulation to every brother of the lodge to see that so young a brother in Freemasonry had not only invested his officers in the excellent addresses given to them, but on his occupation of the chair had initiated five gentlemen into the Order in so perfect a manner for so young a Mason. (Cheers.) They had placed the right man in the right place. The W.M. in a few select observations responded. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge, said he was pleased to see brethren connected with that fund present on this occasion connected with the charity, and he would couple with it the name of a Past Master and the Treasurer, namely, Bro. J. M. M. Harris, who was one of its staunchest supporters. (Cheers.) Bro. J. M. Harris, in responding for the toast, said he had only been elected Treasurer to that fund; it was entirely local, and he felt it a degree of pride to say that those who had been relieved or might unfortunately require the assistance of that fund, it was never known beyond the members of the Committee. He then stated that the W.M., who occupied the chair, was his own brother; he was also a Past Master, and also his brother, S. Harris, P.M., and it was a source of pleasure to see three brethren occupying that chair, each one working their way in the space of seven years. (Cheers.) Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., and Secretary, announced, after the eloquent speech of Bro. J. M. Harris, P.M., that the following donations to that fund had been handed to him, viz.:—The W.M. 21s., Bros. Gompers, 21s., G. S. Marks, 21s., M. Marks, 21s., M. J. Emanuel, S.W., 10s. 6d., Hogard, J.W., 10s. 6d., J. M. Harris, P.M., 10s. 6d., A. M. Cohen, P.M., and Honorary Secretary, 10s. 6d., P. Phillips, D.C., 10s. 6d., Kirke, 10s., Sparks, 10s. 6d., A. Marks, 10s. 6d., Ayden, J.D., 10s. 6d., Emanuel, 10s. 6d., H. Barnard, P.S.W., 10s. 6d., M. J. Emanuel, I.P.M., 10s. 6d., H.

Lyons, P.W., 10s. 6d., M. Abrahams, (East London Theatre), 10s. 6d., Pierpoint, 5s. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the brother who had preceded him in the occupation of the chair. He had conducted those duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and they, in recognition of his services, had delegated him (the W.M.) to present him, on his retirement from office, with a jewel and a very elegant clock. The jewel bore a very appropriate inscription. Bro. M. J. Emanuel thanked the brethren in a very able speech. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Initiates, said it was a source of great gratification that on his occupying the chair for the first time, to have had the pleasure of initiating five gentlemen personally known to him, and he was sure they would prove a credit and honour to the Craft. Bro. Kirke, in a very eloquent manner, returned thanks for the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. H. G. Buss, P.M., responded to the toast. They were—Bros. S. M. Lazarus, P.M. 188, P.G., S.W. (Wilts); J. Jacobs, P.M. No. 1, U.S. America; E. P. Albert, P.M. 188; J. Nicholls, W.M. 861; S. Davis, 141; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; R. A. Temple, P.M. 749, and Dobie Lodge, Kingston; M. Alexander, W.M. 188; J. Holbrook, P.M. 185; N. Braham, 1017; J. Abrahams, 188; S. A. Kisch, W.M., 1017, Maurice; A. Hyman, 188; C. Lynes, 188, and Gutnacher. Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M. and Honorary Secretary, responded for the Past Masters, and said it was always gratifying to have initiations, but this evening there were six candidates, but being bound by the laws of Freemasonry, only five could be initiated in one night, and those gentlemen were initiated by the W.M. in very creditable manner; that must be a source of pleasure to the brethren to show the excellent selection they had made. He (Bro. Cohen) was gratified to hear the expression of the W.M. and the brethren, on his performing the ceremony of installation, and he, in conjunction with every Past Master in the lodge, would do all in their power to support the dignity of the chair. The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. M. J. Emanuel. The lodge was then resumed. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and a vote of condolence was accorded to the widow of a brother who had only been a short time initiated in the lodge. It was then closed, and the brethren experienced a great musical treat. Miss Fitzhenry delighted the brethren with her charming voice; her beautiful singing was loudly re-demanded, and created quite a *furor*. Bro. Morris Abrahams (lessee East London Theatre), sang "Simon the Cellarer," in a very artistic and humorous manner. Bros. Milton and S. Davis contributed to the harmony, and Bro. P. Phillips, D.C., gave a capital recitation. The latter brother, and Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., were unceasing the efforts to secure the comfort of the brethren and visitors. The brethren separated after enjoying a very agreeable evening.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Bro. George Kenning, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. Francis Trott, J.W.; W. Goodyer, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; George Abbott, S.D.; A. J. Dickenson, J.D.; Geo. Newman, I.G.; Thos. Cohu, D.C. The lodge having been opened in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees, Bros. Frank Baker and Arthur Garnett, after having passed the usual examination, were duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge was then resumed in the second degree, and Bros. W. Donne, G. Chillingworth, and Sydney Edwards were passed to the degree of F.C. The working of the two degrees was rendered by the W.M. in a very able manner. The business on the agenda having been disposed of, the W.M. rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform. The brethren at the last lodge meeting had unanimously voted to Bro. Ebenezer Roberts, the I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel, and he (the W.M.) had much pleasure, on behalf of the lodge, in presenting and placing the same on his breast, and he trusted Bro. Roberts would receive it as a mark of the respect and esteem of the brethren for the very able manner he had discharged his duties as W.M. during the past year. The W.M. in so doing expressed a hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would bless him with a long life to wear it, and that he would be a useful Past Master of the lodge. (The jewel is of 18-carat gold and of the value of 10 guineas, of the most superb description, and beautifully designed.) There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The brethren then retired to a slight refreshment, presided over by the W.M., after which they separated at an early hour. Amongst the members present we noticed Bros. T. Fisher, A. C. Payne, E. Jones, S. Haynes, G. Parker, J. Kent, Chas. Arkell, W. R. Baker, J. T. Marks, T. J. Wheeler, and G. J. Smith. The following visitors were also present: Bros. Bryant, Master-elect No. 12; W. H. Mumford, J.W. 931; and Dr. W. M. Wheeler, 317, Kilwinning Lodge, Scotland.

Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 23rd ult. Bro. W. Yevers, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. H. Smith, S.W.; W. Simmons, J.W.; S. Poynter, P.M., Treas.; L. R. Rogers, S.D.; R. Field, J.D.; T. Allen, I.G.; H. Allen, Gastrick, Page, E. Legg, P.M.'s; and many lay members. The visitors were Bros. F. Walters, W.M. 1309; Parker, 250; C. E. Thompson, S.W. 1158; and others. The work done was initiating Messrs. H. Smith, G. P. Smith, and Sharman; and passing Bro. H. Hencke, Bro. H. Smith, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Poynter was re-elected Treasurer, as also was the Tyler. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Urban Lodge, No. 1196.—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, on the 24th ultimo. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Sawyer, and

the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. G. Palmer, W.M. 11, and W. M. Mayland, 441, were unanimously admitted as joining members. The W.M., in a proficient manner, initiated Mr. Buckingham into the Order. Bro. James Terry, P.M. and Sec., then took the chair and installed Bro. Charles Braid (the musical composer) as W.M., who appointed as his officers: Bros. J. R. Ware, S.W.; C. Wilson, J.W.; Dr. Johnstone, Treas.; J. Terry, Sec.; Kuster, Org.; J. Callingham, S.D.; W. Simpson, J.D.; R. Pearson, I.G.; Beckett, P.M., Tyler. The concluding addresses were given and the ceremony completed, the working of which, for its correctness, style, and able rendering was appreciated by all present, who fully acknowledged the superior manner in which it had been done. The lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to the usual good banquet, which, served up under the superintendance of Bro. Wickens, gave satisfaction to all. The W.M. presided at the festive board and, after the cloth had been removed, proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. He gave the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Sawyer, in a suitable speech, concluding by presenting him, in the name of the lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel, as a token of the esteem and affection of the members. The jewel bears the following inscription:—"Presented by the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, to Bro. William Sawyer, in appreciation of his valuable services as W.M. during the past year. 24th January, 1871." Bro. Sawyer acknowledged this gift in a capital speech. Other toasts followed, and the brethren did not separate till a late hour. Visitors: Bros. Veal, Douglas, G. A. Littlewood, A. Braid, and several other brethren.

Lodge of Asaph, No 1319.—This young and prosperous lodge held its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 6th inst. at 1.30 p.m., in the Moria Room. Present: Bros. E. Stanton Jones, W.M.; Charles Coote, S.W.; J. M. Chamberlin, J.W.; Charles Coote, jun., Treas.; James Weaver, S.D.; E. C. Frewin, J.D.; C. S. Jeykell, I.G.; G. W. Martin, Org.; W. A. Tinney, D.C.; Frederick Burgess, G. Horton, J. Egerton, Thos. Edgar, H. Snyders, H. Snelling, W. H. Weston, J. M. Ball, W. T. Maby, H. J. Tinney, G. Tyler, J. Boatwright, and C. H. Stephens. Visitors: Bros. J. Laars, Perséverante Amitié, O. de Paris; H. F. Moale, Astrea, 972; P. A. Charrier, Dinapore, 1210; C. J. Cooper, St. John and St. Paul, 349. The business consisted in balloting for Messrs. Joseph Baker and John Tiplady Carrodus for initiation, and Bros. Frederick Burgess and Edward Terry as joining members. The ballot proved unanimous in their favour, and Mr. J. Baker being in attendance, was duly initiated into Freemasonry as an Entered Apprentice. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. H. J. Tinney, H. J. Snelling, and J. Egerton passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bros. W. A. Tinney, J. M. Ball, H. Snyders, W. H. Weston, and W. A. Easton raised to the degree of M.M. All the candidates for the second and third degrees answered the usual questions in the examinations faultlessly. The W.M. insists upon every candidate making himself proficient in the former before giving him a superior degree, according to the Book of Constitutions (large edition, page 83, par. 1). We should like to see this rule carried out in every lodge, as it is clearly stated "that a candidate is not entitled to receive a superior degree unless he give proof of his proficiency in the former. The respective ceremonies, charge, and lecture on the tracing board, were given by the W.M. in his usual impressive and grammatical manner. Mr. John Strachan, dramatic author, was proposed for initiation, and Bro. J. L. Toole, comedian, as a joining member. It is proposed to subscribe to the "Little" Testimonial, and the amount will be decided at the next meeting. The business being finished, the lodge was closed in due form. The respectability and financial position of so young a lodge (this being only its third meeting since the consecration) is most satisfactory; mustering 33 members all paid up, and the founders free from the costly debt of furnishing the lodge, everything of which is of the best quality, and the jewels sterling silver. The founders of the Lodge of Asaph have proved what can be done with energy and good management, and we therefore wish it every success in its future.

PROVINCIAL.

LYNN.—Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107.—On Saturday evening last, the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, of which the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master of England, is a member, was honoured with a visit by his Royal Highness, who was attended by the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, the Prince's private chaplain, and chaplain to the lodge, and Bro. Francis Knollys, of the Keystone and Westminster Lodge, No. 10. The brethren of the lodge to the number of about 25, having assembled in the lodge room at the Globe Hotel, received his Royal Highness with Masonic honours; and, having taken his seat on the right of the principal chair, he commanded Bro. J. T. Banks, the officiating Worshipful Master, to open the lodge. The usual ceremonies were then proceeded with, and Bro. Francis Knollys was advanced to the degree of a Fellow Craft Freemason. At the conclusion of the business of the evening, the Prince addressed the assembled brethren in a very feeling and impressive manner upon the principles and benefits of Freemasonry, expressing his earnest desire for their wide extension both within and without the Craft—adding with much emphasis:—"And then we shall have peace." His Royal Highness also spoke in terms of gratification of the reception he had met with, and the manner in which the duties of the lodge had been performed. The lodge was then closed. Before returning to Sandringham, the Prince honoured with a visit Mr. T. M. Kendall, (a Past Master of the lodge, and surgeon to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales), at his residence, in St. James's-street. His Royal Highness had been hunting in the morning, and changed his attire

at Viscount Marsham's, Gayton Hall, near Lynn, proceeding thence in a private carriage with Mr. Onslow and Mr. Knollys to Lynn. A private room adjacent to the lodge was placed at his service, and he there donned the splendid insignia of his office. Passing up the lodge room between the brethren, who gave the "grand and royal" on his arrival, and the same on his departure. His stay lasted an hour and a half. The tracing board in the second degree was explained to Bro. Knollys by Bro. G. S. Woodwark, W.M.-elect, who was then S.W. G. Sadler, P.M., acted as J. W., and C. T. Ives, P.M., as S.D.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights, No. 148.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms on Monday evening last week. The W.M., Bro. Wm. Richardson, was supported by Bros. J. Jackson, S.W.; W. Sharp, J.W.; John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg.; H. B. White, P.M., Prov. G. Deacon; and about forty other brethren. The lodge was opened in form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. J. H. Gornall, M.R.C.S. Eng., and Rev. J. D. Massingham, D.D., claimed preferment, and having proved their claim, were entrusted and retired. On re-admission they were raised by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Stevenson, White, and Bowes. The lodge was closed down, and the brethren separated in harmony.

BATLEY.—Nelson of the Nile Lodge, No. 264.—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at their lodge room, Freemasons' Hall, Park-road, Batley, Yorkshire. Bro. Benjamin P. Parker, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Jas. A. Parr, S.W.; W. H. L. Newsome, J.W.; Wm. Parker, S.D.; J. L. Heaton, J.D.; M. Parker, I.G.; R. Brearey, Sec.; A. Talbot, Treas.; Jas. Preston, D.C.; A. Parker, Org.; M. Whitaker and J. Kitchen, Stewards; J. H. Senior, I.P.M. Visitors: Bro. W. Ward, W.M. 971; Bro. Joseph Hebblethwaite, in addition to a strong muster of the members. The lodge was opened by the W.M., when the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission into Freemasonry of Messrs. John Sheard and James Parker, which proving unanimous, and they being in attendance, were initiated into the Order, the ceremony being gone through by the W.M. and J. J. Parker, which, with the help of the officers was rendered very effectively. Bros. John Wm. Blackburn and Chas. Clifton were passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being gone through by the W.M. and the I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Senior; after which the brethren took up the business of the lodge respecting the annual gathering of their wives and sweethearts, when the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Sincerity, No. 292.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on the 9th ult., when, after the usual routine business was disposed of, a letter was read from the W.M. of 1013 requesting that the third degree might be conferred on Bro. Dr. Arkins of that lodge, who was immediately proceeding to sea. Bro. Llewellyn being also present for taking his third degree, after the usual preliminaries had been compiled with, Bro. T. Wylie, P.M. and P.G.R., proceeded to raise the two brethren to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge was then closed down, and it was announced that an emergency lodge would be held at the end of the month for the purpose of installing Bro. Pelham, the W.M.-elect, at that time away for the benefit of his health. No other business appearing, the lodge was closed, and the brethren separated. The W.M. and several members of 1013 honoured the proceedings with their presence.—A lodge of emergency was held on Monday, the 30th ult., when a goodly number of members and visitors met to congratulate the W.M.-elect on his return with renewed health, and to assist at his installation. The lodge being opened, Bro. Pelham was presented to the P.G.R., acting as W.M., by Bros. R. Wylie and Holbrook. After the usual preliminaries, a Board of Installed Masters was declared to be sitting, and the P.G.R. proceeded with the installation. On the re-admission of the brethren, the following were invested officers:—Bros. Wilson, S.W.; Hustwick, J.W.; Hess, P.M., Treas.; Elliott, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler; the Stewards-nominate were not present. The charges to the several officers were impressively given by the P.G.R. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Angel Hotel, where a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent. Both lodge and banquet were honoured by the presence of several distinguished brethren, among whom we noticed Bros. Holbrook, Dep. Dist. G.M. of British Columbia and Vancouver's Island, an old P.M. of 292; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094; Dr. Ridley, 477 and P.M. 321, (I.C.); Johnstone, S.W. 477; &c.

ROCHDALE.—Lodge of Harmony, No. 298.—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening se'night. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Robert Howard, assisted by the prompt attendance of his officers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Mr. Henry Brewin Noble, who had been proposed by Bro. Ashworth, P.M., as a fit and proper person to be made a Mason, and become a member of the said lodge. The ballot proving unanimously in favour of Mr. Noble, Bro. Ashworth, by the kind permission of the W.M., was called upon to take the chair, and as the proposer, permitted to initiate Mr. Noble into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the address, &c., being given by the W.M., and the charge, &c., by Bro. Gillman. After the ceremony, which was very creditably performed throughout, Bro. Ashworth informed the brethren that an application having been received for the name of some brother to represent this lodge at the

annual Festival of the Boys' Institution, to be held on the 8th March next, he had had the pleasure of forwarding to Bro. Binckes the names of four brethren, viz., W. H. Prince, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Robert Butterworth, J.W.; Thomas Oakden, J.D.; Jno. Ashworth, D.C., as the Stewards for this lodge; and expressed a desire that others in the lodge, who have both time and means at command, would follow the noble example of these brethren, and thereby assist our worthy Bro. Binckes—who so ably advocates the cause of the Boys' School—in providing the necessary funds for carrying out the increased accommodation so much required to meet the applications from all parts of the country for the education of sons of deceased Masons. The labours of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed in due form by the W.M., after which the brethren adjourned to banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent.

SOUTHPORT.—Lodge of Unity, No. 613.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, January 30th, when the chair was occupied by Bro. William Dodd, W.M., supported by Bros. John Wainwright, S.W.; H. E. Cullingworth, J.W.; C. H. Brown, Treas.; G. Bailey, Sec.; T. P. Griffiths, S.D.; T. S. Cory, J.D.; F. Brown and S. Kershaw, Stewards; and J. Witham, I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bros. L. L. Heyward, J. Heyward, and Mellinger were raised; Bros. R. Watson, J. Smallshaw, and W. B. Leeming were passed; and Messrs. C. Gialoussy and J. Butcher were initiated into Freemasonry. The whole of the work, which lasted about four hours, was performed in a most praiseworthy manner by the indefatigable W.M., assisted by his officers; the beauty and solemnity of the proceedings being greatly enhanced by the use of appropriate Masonic music. The visitors were Bros. P. W. MacRorel, P.M. 986; P. J. Whitehead, 1313; and H. Heys, 637. Bro. J. Merchant was proposed as a joining member, and four gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.—Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.—The installation meeting of this lodge took place in the lodge-room, at the Town-hall, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The ceremony was to have been performed by the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Wilbey, but he was unfortunately prevented by illness from attending. He had, however, provided an excellent representative in Bro. R. de M. Lawson, of 632, Trowbridge, P.P.G.J.W. Wilts., who, having taken the W.M.'s place, received the W.M.-elect, Bro. T. J. O'Rielly who was presented by Bros. Nott and Holloway, P.M.'s, and in a most impressive manner installed him into the chair of K.S. The newly installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. V. Holloway, I.P.M.; M. M'Hugh, P.M., as S.W.; J. J. Jefferies, J.W.; Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chap. of England, as Chap.; Joseph Burt, P.M., Treas.; William Nott, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Chandler, S.D.; H. I. Ward, J.D.; T. B. Fox, I.G.; Raymond, D.C.; and T. J. Mullings, Steward. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. Raymond, comprising an abundant supply of venison and game from Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park. A very pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The brethren of 663 were gratified by the presence at the lodge and subsequent banquet of visitors from 144, 316, 325, 355, 632, and 751.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

British Chapter, No. 8.—This chapter met on Friday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when the installations into the three Principals' chairs were as follows: Comps. John Braddick Monckton, Z.; Frank Richardson, H.; and Arthur Augustus Richards, J. Comps. Stanley Robinson and Thomas Ransom Sachs were the two Scribes, and Comp. Morris Evans, P.S., who appointed Comps. Edwin March and Francis Webb his 1st and 2nd A.S. Comp. Joseph Stohwasser, P.Z., was re-invested as Treasurer; Comp. Edward Baxter as Dir. of Cers.; and Comp. Wilhelm Ganz as Org., who, at the entertainment at the Tavern, gave the companions much pleasure by his skill on the piano. At the banquet the usual complimentary jewel from the chapter was presented to Comp. John Thomas Griffith, M.D., the late M.E.Z.

PROVINCIAL.

LITTLEBORO'.—Chapter of Benevolence, No. 226.—The annual festival and installation of officers of this chapter took place on Friday evening, the 3rd instant, under the presidency of Comp. Briggs, M.E.Z., supported by Comps. Davis, H.; Peacock, J.; and officers and companions of the chapter. The following visitors were also present: Comps. Davies, P.Z. Chapter of Hope, No. 54; Roberts, P.Z. Unity, 298, Prince George, 308; and Jos. Ashworth, Unity, 298. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Comp. Roberts, assisted by Comps. Davis and Midgley, and the following officers were duly installed: Comps. William Briggs, M.E.Z.; William Peacock, H.; A. Rigg, J.; J. W. Kershaw, E.; Robert Whitworth, N.; James Briggs, P.S.; Kershaw, Treas.; Briggs, Org.; and Midgley, Janitor. There not being any further business, the chapter was duly and solemnly closed and the companions adjourned to the place allotted for their enjoyment, where a few hours were pleasantly spent.

The length of our report of the festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution has crowded out a large amount of copy, amongst which are several reports acknowledged last week, and also reports of Lodges 279, Leicester; 537, Birkenhead; 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale; 1085, Derby; 1130, Melton Mowbray; 1301, Brighouse; 1330, Market Harboro'; 1339 (consecration), Stockwell; also R.A. Chapter 148, Mark Lodges 62 and 122, Red Cross Conclave No. 3, and Grand Lodge of Scotland.

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F. J.—Many thanks for second instalment of American Tour; it is in type.

BRO. DELFRAISSE.—Your letter will appear next week.

M. J. M.—The W.M. should nominate a Brother to act as S.W. *pro tem.*

H. B.—Certainly. There are many thousand professors of the Catholic faith enrolled within the ranks of the Fraternity, notwithstanding the opposition of bigoted minds.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri for 1870. The Personal Expenses of Charles II. in the City of Worcester, 1651. By Bro. R. Woof, F.S.A., F.R.S.L., &c., &c.

Several reviews stand over till next week.

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A MODEL GRUMBLER.

OUR attention has been called to an eccentric magazine, whose advent into the literary world is but of recent date, and whose pages appear to be devoted to diatribes against everything in general and Freemasonry in particular. This pretentious publication, which is facetiously called a "Review," is in reality an apotheosis of *Diogenes*—we mean the extinct comic paper, not the famous cynical philosopher who dwelt in a tub. In one number we find horrible details respecting incineration, or the art of burning one's dead relations in an off-hand and satisfactory manner; the ghastly process being gravely commended as a sure and certain means of averting possible plagues amongst the living. In another article the Mosaic account of the Creation is quietly

demolished; but as it is with the Masonic iconoclast's efforts that our readers are most concerned, we shall not, we hope, be doing them an ill turn if we present them with a few choice specimens of the epithets which our "Reviewer's" redundant vocabulary of abuse enables him to scatter for the edification of all who choose to listen. We may premise by stating that in a former number of this new-fledged Juvenal, THE FREEMASON, its proprietor, its contributors, its subscribers, are tarred with the same brush and share the same horrid doom of excommunication—the only wonder being that we have all not only survived the withering effects of our critic's wrath, but absolutely appear to thrive upon it, like the big navy who, when his Lilliputian wife thrashed him, good humouredly explained, "You see it pleases *her*, and doan't hurt *me*." However, be this as it may, we cannot resist the temptation of reproducing a few tit-bits—rare *morceaux*—from the intellectual banquet so prodigally provided for the benefit of the Craft. *Entre nous*, we wonder how many Freemasons read the said "Review?" In the first place, our Solomon *redivivus* being afflicted with a new disease—which we will take the liberty of calling, without consulting the faculty, "Grand Master on the Brain"—discusses in querulous tone and moody spirit a fearful wrong which he has experienced at the hands of the Earl de Grey and Ripon. Awful to relate, the editor of this "Quadrangular Review"—for such is an approach to the euphonious appellation of the new periodical—has applied for a new lodge, and has been refused. Was there ever such unheard-of despotism on the part of the powers that be? Does not the Grand Master, and the Grand Master's "Devil"—whoever he may be—deserve to be immolated at once on the altar of Masonic vengeance for so cruelly depriving our modern Solon of the hoped-for opportunity of airing his Masonic opinions in a select Masonic coterie of his own? Of course, after the expressive epithet "Devil," the term "old women," applied to the committees of the Craft, is weak and inconsequential. To be consistent, our "Quadrangular" friend ought to have made them all, without exception, imps—allotting at least one tail and two horns to each member. Further on we find the same diabolical imagery again in the ascendant—only this time the "Devil" is designated the Grand Master's "Mephistophelian prompter." "What's in a name?" says Shakespeare; but the line must be drawn somewhere. Inconceivable as it may seem, we have met men who object to be called by their Christian names "Rogue" or "Villain," although the said cognomen was fully confirmed by their countenances. In like manner, this mysterious Satan who sits at the Grand Master's right hand, and moves the figures on the Masonic chess-board, may, if he have an existence, rise up and protest against the opprobrious, if high-sounding, language in which his proceedings are

noticed. In ancient times, every wizard had his familiar, who generally assumed the canine form and played up the tricks of "Old Harry" with all a juvenile dog's love of mischief. Does our reviewer mean to insinuate that a similar official prevails in Freemasonry, and that the boasted "light" of the Craft is but the reflection of a second Lucifer? But this is not all; the "Quadrangular" next concentrates his gaze upon a "self-elected and ignorant set of Masonic swash-bucklers," and with one stroke of the pen consigns to dust and ashes the Supreme Grand Council of the 33°. This Masonic body was, he avers, "imported from America by a low quack doctor, Crucefix, *alias* Goss and Co., the successor of the notorious Dr. Eady of Newman-street, whose name was chalked on every wall within twenty miles of London." This "quack," he continues, "soon bagged a whole tribe of Masonic duffers or dummies," gave them very grand titles, such as "Sovereign Grand Commanders," and did a rare trade in the distribution of magnificent decorations. Our Triton among the minnows then attacks the present officers of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, affirming that the "Sovereign" is an unknown nonentity, and that the "Treasurer-General" is the real controller of affairs, especially combining the receipt of cash with the equally agreeable task of snubbing his "Illustrious" inferiors. What a fearful tale is this, "my masters!" We are further told that an "unworthy prince," who recently "snapped his fingers at the Council," has been tried by a jury of "thirty-one idiots" and sentenced to "Masonic death," and that the said delinquent means to expose the whole body in the "Court of Queen's Bench." The reception of a "Prince Rhododendron" at a "high-falutin" meeting of "Grand Elected Knights K—h" is next alluded to in not very complimentary terms, and after a second onslaught upon Craft Masonry, an illustrative anecdote of a wooden ass—possibly an ancestor of the reviewer—winds up this charming model of good taste and Masonic courtesy. Stay; we had almost forgotten to add that a veritable illustration of the "Procession to Manchester" is annexed to this extraordinary literary production. It represents "The Sovereign Tribunal led by the Devil (our friend cannot get on, it seems, without a "devil"), carrying the banner of the 33rd, and accompanied by Grand Inquisitors, proceeding to Manchester, to pass SENTENCE on a Sovereign Prince Rose Croix for the crime of *lèse majesté*. A celebrated *Tiler* volunteers his services as executioner." A demon of the accepted type, three donkeys in various attitudes, personifying stolidity, bewilderment and triumph, three long-robed familiars, and a tom-cat carrying the sword of state are the principal figures in this astounding work of art. Now, if all this had appeared in an anti-Masonic publication, no one would have felt either surprised or annoyed, but when it comes

out under Masonic auspices, we are tempted to ask—What next? Fortunately, the harm such eccentric escapades can effect is greatly limited by the fact that most people laugh at them as good, though some-what far-fetched, jokes, and now that our reviewer has evidently found his vocation, we have no doubt he will, for our future edification, continue to blend amusement with instruction in the same exquisitely refined style of which he so undoubted a master.

Multum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

As one of the many favoured brethren who have perused with interest the quotations from the "Encyclopedia Metropolitana," by Bro. Forsyth, I beg to thank him for the trouble he has taken, and I hope his example will act as an incentive to others in making known whatever may be of value to the Craft

W. JAMES HUGHAN.

I remember a brother named Demetrius Rodocanachi being initiated in the Sefton Lodge, No. 680, Liverpool, in the year 1859; can any of your readers inform me if "His Imperial Highness Prince Demetrius Rhodocanakis," whose name I have frequently seen in THE FREEMASON, is the same brother?

W.M.

THE WARDENS' CHAIRS.

At page 73 W. P. B. says "the question is one of courtesy and good feeling" as to who should be put in the chair of an absent Warden; and he thinks that "the office-bearers under that rank might be allowed to officiate *pro tem.*" Very few, if any, will agree with him in that. In most lodges there are meetings for instruction just before the lodge meeting, at which the officers rehearse the duties to be performed; and it would most likely spoil the whole working of the evening, and bring discredit on the lodge, by a sudden change in the duties each officer came prepared to carry out; and no doubt, under such circumstances, a W.M. exercises a wise discretion by appointing Wardens from skilled members of the lodge; keeping the assistant officers to their respective duties.

W.M., M.O.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND THE 1717 THEORY.

The author of the remarks upon this subject at page 68 not only shows his ignorance of what the 1717 theory really is, but also shows his want of observation as to what takes place in the columns of THE FREEMASON. He implies that the supporters of the 1717 theory denied the connection between St. John and the masons. Now, that is untrue, for I did the very opposite, asserting that many of the old fifteenth century operative masons, like good Catholics, held St. John as their patron saint, just as the shoemakers held St. Crispin. However, while saying so, I deny that any sixteenth or pre-sixteenth century Speculative Masons held St. John as their patron saint, for that was impossible, simply because no Speculative Freemasons were then in existence.

W. P. B.

AMERICAN BRETHREN AND THEIR VISIT TO EUROPE.

Allow me to support your leader of Saturday, the 4th of February, in reference to the contemplated visit of Knight Templars in America to Europe.

I most heartily endorse your kind and well-meant recommendation to our American brethren *not* to attempt any procession in our streets. For certain, as you say, it would expose them to "ridicule," and would not render their visit productive of unalloyed happy results, as

we would wish. Let them come to England, Ireland, and Scotland as Freemasons to Freemasons, and let the secrecy of our ceremonies be preserved, even as respects our clothing, &c., as much as possible. For certainly any procession in public would be universally condemned by the Order in this country, especially as the Craft refrains so generally from displays of any kind. In our lodges, chapters, encampments, &c., we shall be delighted to greet them "properly clothed," and I am certain that a thorough, hearty, and most sincere welcome will await our American brethren from the north to the south and from the east to the west of the British Isles.

It would be well for the Craft in England to be kept informed on the subject, so that arrangements might be made to give our visitors a banquet in London.

W. JAMES HUGHAN.

I find the following in the *Jewish Record*. What does it all mean, and who is the Grand Commander of the Supreme Degree?

HAM.

"It is with much pleasure we record that Bro. S. M. Lazarus, of Great Prescott-street, Goodman's-fields, has received from the Grand Commander and Inspector-General of the Supreme Degree of Royal Ark Mariners a diploma appointing him a Past Commander of the said Order and an Honorary Member of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 2, in consideration of his services as a member of that degree for forty-eight years."

The following curious letter appeared in the *New Era*, Trinidad:—

"Sir,—Amongst the rules of the Roman Catholics here there is one prohibiting *Freemasons* from serving as godfathers to children. Can you inform me whether this rule has been altered of late? My reason for asking is, that one of the dignitaries of the 'Royal Trinity Lodge' was selected to hold the important office of 'Parain' to one of the *bells* destined for the chapel of the cemetery. It may be interesting for Masons to know whether the same rule holds good against 'des cloches.'

HIRAM.

"San Fernando, Dec. 29."

DERIVATION OF "COWAN" (pp. 43, 57, 73).

I give no opinion upon this subject at present, only permit me to state that some interesting remarks upon it are found at pages 267, 347, and 372 of the *Freemasons' Magazine* for Oct. 8th, Nov. 5th and 12th, 1859. At the same time I must put the Masonic student on his guard as to Scotland being either the "head-quarters of Speculative Masonry" or of "Masonic excellence," for England is the mother of our Speculative Freemasonry; and as to Operative Masonry, Scotland, after the thirteenth century, from its internal convulsions, &c., could not be put on a level with England at all.

W. P. BUCHAN.

QUALIFICATIONS OF VISITORS TO LODGES.

Will "J. B." give an address where a communication on the subject may reach him from one in a chrysalis state?

NEOPHYTE.

THE A. AND A. RITE.

I am pleased to see that you have decided that all communications on this subject shall be signed by the writers, shall be free from personalities, and confined to the merits of the rite; and upon these these terms I am willing to take the field against all comers. Who is the "Sovereign Prince" the Palatine Rose Croix Chapter boasts among its members? I should like to behold him in all the glory of his "potential wisdom." Will he please give his name and trade?

Though the letter of Bro. Newnham is not altogether free from the objections of personality, yet I am willing to pass that over, and consider his points, briefly, but in a courteous manner; the *speciousness* of his letter is provable from the communication of mine, to which he refers:—

1. I stated that I had never sought the honour of being a member of the A. and A. Rite, and that I was prevailed upon to join the Palatine Chapter by the misrepresentations of a friend; his intentions were, I believe, to have brought the chapter again under the ancient Templar government. The chapter at that time was very loosely worked, but done in a Masonic spirit—none of the elements of cliqueism being then present; this trouble having been brought about by the domineering spirit of a few who work in bands throughout the Craft. At the time of my admission I was unaware that I should be governed by *nine men*, who elect themselves for life, and wish I never had known it. It will be seen that a very difficult point in Masonry is here raised, for without any preparation beforehand the most solemn O.B. are dictated, and either misunderstood or else accepted, because retreat is no longer possible.

2. Another of Bro. Newnham's objections is easily answered. I said I *might* have become a zealous member of the rite "reserving my disapprovals," &c., which anyone may see merely means that I might have remained a member for the purpose of aiding its reform on a better basis.

3. The remark of Bro. Newnham about the obedience due to a P.G.L. in the Craft, is altogether out of place; because no *legal Masonic* body in this country is governed in the same way and in the same spirit as the so-called Supreme Council, and I sincerely hope never will be.

Thus I take it that all Bro. Newnham's objections to my communication fall to the ground, as he admits his inability to defend the rite on its own merits, and he therefore attacks me upon a casuistical question.

As Bro. Newnham has criticised, in freely-spoken terms, my conduct in regard to the so-called S.C., will he pardon me for asking him kindly to explain to me one thing in return, it is: How he, a Christian clergyman under sacred vows, can conscientiously add to his signature a degree like the 30°, which stinks in the nostrils of the rigidly orthodox? I cannot discuss this in your pages, but I am willing to do so privately with any member of the 30°.

Fortunately, all do not think with a few members of the rite, and my breakfast table is every day flooded with a correspondance (sacred even from my friends) devoted to execrations of the rite; and one brother, of good social position, strongly advocates my proposition to cite the so-called Supreme Council before Grand Lodge for obtaining large fees without warrant or authority.

JOHN YARKER.

P.S.—Your editorial note, I fear, is rather hard upon my last communication (not yet printed); as I am utterly unconscious of indulging in any personalities against the so-called S.C. therein. I certainly mentioned a notorious fact, namely, that one of its founders was an expelled Mason, hence probably their hereditary *forte* in that respect. If, however, there are any uncourteous expressions in that letter. I beg that you will print the same with necessary alterations; sending me proofs as requested. And I must beg to point out that after printing the letter of Bro. Newnham *against me*, I have a claim upon your kind consideration for the publication of this. J. Y.

I have heard, many years ago, that a Sir Knt. Dixon, of the time-immemorial Camp of Antiquity, Bath, purloined their warrant, and made nine high grades under it before it could be recovered. People seem to know so little of the origin of the Supreme Council that I venture to ask whether this step of Bro. Dixon has anything to do with the establishment of the Council? Evidently if Dr. Goss (an expelled Mason) and Dr. Leeson had ever legitimately received their degrees in a Templar Encampment their oaths would have prevented them establishing this Council. Who will condescend to enlighten us upon these points; or tell us in what encampment these two brothers were received *ne plus ultra's*!

HISTORICUS.

Original Correspondence.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents.

THE "RECTANGULAR REVIEW."

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been called to an article in the *Rectangular Review* for January. As I was the originator of that publication, but declined, after the first number, to be a party to the gross Masonic strictures a certain Brother, acting as Editor, has since inserted, I shall feel greatly obliged by your kind insertion of these few lines to express my indignant repudiation of the same.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,
otherwise known as
CRYPTONYMUS.

Feb. 4, 1871.

THE ROBERT WENTWORTH LITTLE TESTIMONIAL.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In last week's number (604) of the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror*, under the head of correspondence, appear two letters, signed "A Craft Mason" and "An old P.M.," on what they call "The Proposed Testimonial to the Projector of the new-fangled Masonic Degrees." The writers are evidently well acquainted with the history of the gentleman and Brother Mason they write about, and therefore must know that he is highly esteemed by his Masonic friends, respected by his brother officers, and known for his honourable conduct; and this knowledge must make their unmasonic and unbrotherly conduct appear worse in the eyes of all who love justice, and many will regret that such men are found connected with Masonry. Unfortunately these letters will be read by young Masons who have never heard of the Orders in question, and who may consider that some crime has been committed in Masonry by a brother who deserves to be publicly exposed, and who is not fit to hold appointment in the Grand Secretary's office; and will not see—as all who know Brother R. Wentworth Little will—the *animus* which runs through those letters. The Editor states that he "is not responsible for the opinions expressed by his correspondents," but I hold that as a Mason, he is responsible for any article appearing in that paper liable in any way to injure the character of a worthy brother.

In the same paper there is a paragraph as follows:

"If Masonry is in your heart, you will be a moral, temperate, and prudent man, keeping a guard over lips and actions."

Again, at page 79 I read these beautiful lines:

"BROTHERLY LOVE.

In love review thy brother's acts,
He may have err'd—ere long mayst thou.
Be charitable in thought, in word, in deed,
And thus thy friendship to him show.
Should slander's venom'd dart afflict,
Be prompt the slanderer to repel;
If danger menaces his hearth,
Strive with thy might it to dispel."

I say the Editor of a Masonic journal should be a "true Mason" and practise "brotherly love," but in No. 605 (this week's *Magazine*) there is a leader on the subject, which clearly identifies the Editor as "endorsing the remarks of those correspondents."

I desire to protest in THE FREEMASON against such unmasonic—such unbrotherly acts. I have often had occasion to see Bro. Little in his official capacity, and can bear witness to his courteous manner and ever-ready willingness to give every information in his power, without in the least making a trouble of it, although often after business hours; and I hereby acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered to me on those occasions—on business of the Craft, I allow, but rendered in a truly Masonic spirit.

As for the snarl at the Grand Secretary, it is too contemptible to notice. That gentleman and brother is too firmly rooted in the hearts of all Masons who know him in Masonry, to think for a moment that a whirlwind of scandal could shake his position in the slightest degree; and it is an insult to him to doubt his love and fidelity to the Craft.

I am, yours fraternally,
MAGNUS OHREN.

Lower Sydenham, S.E., 6 Feb., 1871.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of Bro. Moss in your last number is very satisfactory, and has given great pleasure to many of Bro. Wentworth Little's friends, all of whom will now unite, I am sure, to promote the desired object. There is one point, however, to which attention may be called with advantage. Great stress has been laid upon the services which Bro. Little has rendered to the Red Cross and other high degrees; but it

ought also be remembered that our worthy brother's labours have been quite as extensive, and his zeal as fervent and unremitting, in the cause of Craft and Arch Masonry. It is not every brother who, after a career of ten years in Freemasonry, can present such a record of work accomplished as Bro. Little. The number of some thirty lodges and chapters—and of which he is honorary member—bear testimony of Bro. Little's ability, either as consecrating officer, installing Master, or as an assistant to other eminent Masons officiating at those interesting ceremonies.

Of the position he has held in our esteemed Grand Secretary's office for the last nine years it is unnecessary to speak, because all London Masons know that Bro. Little has charge of the financial department, which is certainly not the least responsible or important amongst those confided to the employes of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. For these services he is paid as a matter of course; but all his spare time is devoted either to literary pursuits—many articles from his pen having appeared anonymously both in Masonic and general magazines—or to the equally pleasing task of communicating instruction to the brethren in Freemasonry.

In justice to Bro. Little I state these facts, in order to remove an impression—which I hear there is abroad—that the proposed testimonial is simply in recognition of the services he has performed on behalf of the Red Cross Degree.

Apologising for troubling you at this length,

I am, dear sir and brother,
Yours fraternally,
JOHN BOYD,
P.M. 145, 534; P.Z. 145, 534; &c.

QUALIFICATIONS OF VISITORS TO LODGES.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—After the letter published by the Grand Lodge as to visiting brethren, I hold that no W.M. would be doing his duty in admitting a stranger to his lodge without his Grand Lodge certificate, and giving strong proof that he was the person named in the certificate; and a brother who desires to visit lodges *where he is a stranger should prepare himself* accordingly. In the case of the German, Bro. "J. B.," whose letter appears at page 74, I am not surprised that he was told he gave the wrong word, for I remember trying a German some years ago, and he gave me the word of the second degree for the first, and the first for the second, assuring me that the words were so given in Germany. This is very singular, and was no doubt the reason why Bro. "J. B." gave apparently the wrong word, although it would be right in his country. As "J. B." appears to be a reader of your paper, let me suggest to him that, if his stay in England is for any length of time, that he joins some lodge in his locality. He will then be affiliated, and can take the other two degrees, and get a Grand Lodge certificate, which will carry him through the world.

Yours fraternally,
W.M., M.O.

SCOTLAND.

SOCIAL MEETING OF LODGE ST. DAVID'S, No. 78, DUNDEE.

Sometime ago, on the motion of Bro. Berry, it was decided to hold, in connection with the lodge, a social meeting of the members and lady friends, ending with an assembly. The meeting took place on Tuesday, the 24th ult., within the Thistle Hall, Dundee: the attendance was numerous, upwards of 120 being present. The R.W. Master, Bro. Berry, took the chair exactly at 8.30, having on his right the Rev. Dr. Andrew Taylor, P.G. Chaplain of Forfarshire; around the chair also we observed the Past Master of the lodge, Bro. J. Hutton; Bro. J. M. Beatts, Secretary; Bro. Longmuir, R.W.M. Operative Lodge; Bro. Roger, R.W.M. Forfar and Kincardine Lodge; Bro. Gellately, R.W.M. Thistle Lodge; Bro. Cant, R.W.M. Albert Lodge; Bro. Fenwick, P.H. Dundee Royal Arch Chapter; Bro. Captain Reid, Dundee Hyland Volunteers; Bros. Smyth, Henry, Kidd, Adams, M'Lennan, Inverarity (Treasurer), and Wilson, J.W. 47.

The R.W.M., after congratulating the lodge on the great success of the gathering, asked the Secretary to read the letter of apology from Bro. Sir John Ogilvy, *J.P.*, for Dundee, and which was as follows:—

Baldovan House, Dundee, Jan 29, 1871.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I feel greatly obliged to the office-bearers of St. David's Lodge for the kind invitation they have sent to me, through you, to be present at their social meeting on the 24th current. I wish much I could avail myself of it, but the same reason which prevented me from attending a meeting of the Operative Lodge a night or two ago will prevent me from being

with you. I had suffered so much from a severe attack of influenza a short time ago that I thought right, prior to my departure for London, I should altogether avoid going out at night. This resolution I have steadily kept, though in doing so I have had to deny myself the pleasure of being present at some meetings in Dundee which otherwise I would gladly have attended. I feel that under these circumstances my friends and brethren of St. David's Lodge will kindly excuse my absence—I am the loser. Wishing you all a pleasant gathering,

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
JOHN OGILVY.

To J. M. Beatts, Esq., Dundee.

The R.W.M.: I am sure we cannot proceed with our programme without thanking the hon. baronet for the sentiments he has expressed towards us in the letter now read. He has long represented Dundee in Parliament—now the second commercial town in Scotland; and I am sure it is your wish, as it is mine, he should long do so. The Committee to whom you referred the successful carrying out of this meeting, have placed in my hands, as Master of the lodge, a programme of the proceedings, and I find the first part consists of my own address to you, songs and recitations, and an address from our Rev. Bro. Dr. Taylor. This they desire finished by 10 o'clock, and then the Hall will be cleared for dancing till three in the morning, and that finishes the second part, and concludes the first—but I am sure not the last—social meeting of the members of this lodge, their wives and bairns. Bro. Berry then went on to refer to the great prosperity in the town at present; the cause of the present gathering; the prosperity of the lodge, fourteen having joined it since St. Andrew's Day; finishing his remarks with a reference to the sad scenes of the present war; expressing a hope that the newly-proclaimed Emperor would not press his triumph further, but return to his Queen, re-echoing the message announced eighteen centuries ago—"On earth peace, goodwill toward men."

The first part of the programme having been gone through, and thanks recorded to Dr. Taylor for his address (and we regret we have no space for its insertion), an interval was allowed for refreshment, and during which the hall was cleared for the assembly.

Dancing commenced at 10.30, and was carried on with great spirit till 3 a.m., when, on the motion of the R.W.M. of the Thistle Lodge, 158, seconded by the R.W.M. of the Operative Lodge, 47, a hearty cheer was given to Bro. Berry for his kindness and attention to one and all.

Bro. Berry having returned thanks, declared the first social meeting of Lodge St. David's to be duly closed.

Masonic Miscellanea.

THE 73rd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is fixed for Wednesday, the 8th of March. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., *M.P.*, R.W. Prov. G. Master of North Wales and Salop, has most kindly consented to preside.

THE name of Bro. S. Rosenthal, P.M., was accidentally omitted from the list of those present at the installation meeting of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, on Saturday, the 28th ult.

BRO. SIDNEY SPENCER'S tender for the tenancy of the City Terminus Hotel for a term of years has been accepted by the South-Eastern Railway Company.

THE first annual ball of the Constitutional Lodge of Freemasons (Bro. R. P. Atkins, W.M.) was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street. The company numbered about 160.

A MOVEMENT is on foot, having for its object the presentation to Lord Dalhousie, of a testimonial, in acknowledgement of the distinguished services he has rendered to the Craft during nearly half a century. It is proposed that the testimonial take the form of a bust—in duplicate—one copy to be presented to the noble Lord, and the other to be placed in Freemasons' Hall.

A COURT of Assistants of the Gold and Silver Wire Drawers' Company was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Bro. D. H. Jacobs, P.M. 27, was sworn in as Master of the Company. After the usual routine business was concluded, a sumptuous dinner was provided, the Master presiding, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Charles Gammon, P.M. 795 (Maidenhead).

ERRATA.—At page 43, 3rd column, 2nd line, for "cuon" read *kuon*; 9th line, for "cunes" read *kimes*; 34th line, for "those" read *two*; 42nd line, after "intruders" read *and intruders into Masonry*; 47th line, omit the word "as;" last line, for "arena" read *arcana*.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly committee meeting of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., Bro. Major Creaton in the chair. There were also present: Bros. W. Farnfield, Sec.; J. Hervey, G.S.; E. H. Patten, B. Head, Young, Cox, J. Smith, F. Walters, G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Bellerby, and some others. The minutes of the January meeting were read and confirmed.

It was announced that the legacy of £200 willed to this Institution by the late Miss Sarah Dowsett, of Reading, had been received. The result of the festival held on Friday last was declared to amount, with other lists to come in, to £3,471 14s. The usual vote of thanks was given to the chairman who presided at the festival, Bro. Samuel Tomkins, G.T., and to the Stewards who assisted in obtaining the good results on their lists, as also for their exertions at the festival—both votes being carried unanimously. It was also carried unanimously, "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be carried into effect by allowing a clerk to be appointed, at £50 a year, to assist Bro. Farnfield in his increased duties; the salary to commence from the beginning of the financial year Dec. 1st, 1870." The deaths of Bros. Birdsall, of Northampton, and John Simmons, of Southsea (male annuitants), and Mrs. Ann Hamer, of Chichester (female annuitant), were reported. It was decided that fifteen male and ten female annuitants should be elected on Friday, May 19th. Other business having been disposed of, the usual vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

FESTIVAL of the ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of this institution was held on Friday week, at Freemasons' Tavern. Our columns have for some time past announced that Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, would take the chair on that occasion, and it was therefore greatly to the surprise of the Craft that our last issue informed them that he would be unable to be present. The death of one of his near relatives happening a few days ago, he was compelled to throw on Bro. Farnfield, the Secretary of the Institution, the task of finding another brother to occupy the President's place. The task was not a difficult one, for, as the gallant Colonel pointed out in the letter which we published, every Freemason is ready to assist his brother in time of need. The brother who stood in the gap on Friday week was Grand Treasurer Bro. Samuel Tomkins, and the observations which fell from him when he proposed the toast of the evening were such as to show that the institution itself and Freemasonry stand not in need of a wise and thoughtful advocate. He was supported in his office by a numerous body of brethren, many of the leaders of the Order taking part in the festivities of the evening. The new province of Middlesex, in honour of Colonel Burdett, was strongly represented by brethren, and its Treasurer, Bro. Buss, had the satisfaction of carrying in the largest lists of subscriptions.

Above one hundred Stewards supported the claims of the fund, and among the brethren who were present we observed:—John Ll. Evans, President of the Board of General Purposes; Rev. C. J. Martyn, G. Chap.; Major Creaton, P.G.D.; Benjamin Head, P.G.D.; George Gumbleton, P.M. 10; S. L. Tomkins, P.G.D.; E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; H. Browse, P.G.D.; Captain Cope, P.G.S.B.; Edward Cox, V.P.; R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas. Middlesex; John

Bodenham, P.G.D. Staff; F. A. Philbrick, V.P.; R. Spencer, V.P.; W. Hepworth Radley, P.P.G.W. Lincolnshire; J. Macre Moir; G. M. E. Snow, V.P. and P.P.G.W. Kent; W. Farnfield, Sec.; E. M. Hubbuck, Treas. Board of Stewards; J. A. Rucker, President of Board of Stewards; James Brett, G.P.; John Coutts, A.G.P.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School; H. T. Smith, P.G.S. West Yorks.; George Kenning, W.M. 192, P.G.S. Middlesex; Matthew Cooke; Samuel May, V.P.; George Pymm, P.M. 749; Barnes, P.M. 933; Joseph Tanner, P.M. 101; Stedwell, Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex; James Terry, P.M. 228, &c.; A. D. Loewenstark, P.Z. 73, &c.; Dr. F. J. Lilley, P.M. 507; Edward Baxter, P.G.S.; William Smeed, Alfred Layton, S.W. 181; T. Cubitt, P.M. 186; W. Mann, P.M. 186; E. J. Barrow, P.G.S.; William Clouston; J. T. Moss, P.M. 169; Albert Glover; Israel Abrahams, P.M. 188; H. Keeble, 1275; Thomas Meggy; F. Walters, P.M. 73, &c.; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1506, &c.; W. Dodd, W.M. 1194; Boncey, Partridge Sillifant, Hill, Welch, Capt. Payne, Allan, and Roebuck. Many ladies also witnessed the proceedings.

Grace having been sung after the drawing of the cloth,

The CHAIRMAN rose and said: Brethren, before I address myself to my duties as your chairman on this occasion, I have to explain to you how it is that our friend, Colonel Burdett, is not here. He has met with a severe bereavement in his family, and he has written the letter I am about to read to you to Bro. Farnfield:—"Dear Bro. Farnfield,—As a great many of the brethren may not have an opportunity of knowing the reason of my absence at the festival this evening, I shall feel it a great favour if you will explain it to as many as you can, especially the Stewards, how much I regret not being able to be present, as I have looked forward to it with much pleasure, knowing how well I should be supported; but a very severe domestic affliction will entirely prevent it. In haste to catch the post, Yours sincerely, FRANCIS BURDETT." Our friend, Colonel Burdett, not being able to take the chair, it has fallen to my lot to do so. I am sure you feel sympathy for him in his affliction, and I trust you will extend your kind consideration to me. (Hear, hear.) The chairman then proposed "The health of the Queen," which, as usual, was heartily drunk, and succeeded by the singing of the National Anthem.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, the next toast I have to submit to you will prove your Masonic loyalty to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. We are fortunate in possessing, not only so good a Grand Master in himself, but one who endeavours to follow in the steps of a series of noblemen who have so ably fulfilled their duties as his predecessors. During the long reign of the Earl of Zetland Masonry made a great advance; and if it should please God that Lord de Grey's reign should be as long, I have no doubt the progress of Freemasonry during his rule will be as great in proportion. Not only do we pay this compliment to him as Master of the Craft, but as President of this Institution; and I call upon you in those two characters to drink his health.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, the next toast I have to propose to you is "The healths of the Right Worshipful the Past Grand Masters, the Earl of Zetland and the Prince of Wales." That is comparatively a new toast in our Masonic meetings. Though Lord Zetland's health has compelled him to retire from his post as our ruler, he still feels an interest in Masonry as a Past Master, and we shall ever drink his health with enthusiasm and affection. But not only do we now drink the health of Lord Zetland, but we express our affection and esteem for the Prince of Wales, who also takes a genuine and sincere interest in Freemasonry. We are very proud and happy that he should do so, and I am sure upon this and all other occasions we shall cordially unite in remembering him at our gatherings. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, the next toast is that of "The Right Worshipful the Deputy G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Present and Past Grand Officers." Now, I think we are happy in having so worthy a Deputy Grand Master. He feels an interest in his work, and the whole Craft and the whole community owe him their thanks for the kindness and courtesy with which he took up the question, during the dull months of August and September, of aid to the sufferers in the great Continental war. That was entirely the act of Lord Carnarvon, and in so acting he carried out his duty as Deputy Grand Master, and met our wishes. The other Grand Officers feel highly honoured by being appointed Grand Officers,

and feel much pleasure in performing their duties. I shall call only on my friend, Bro. Llewellyn Evans, to return thanks for this toast.

Bro. LL. EVANS: Right Worshipful Sir and brethren, I feel very highly honoured at being called upon to respond to the toast of the Past and Present Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, although there is a brother present higher in rank than myself, to whom of right it ought to have fallen to acknowledge that toast. Brethren, our Right Worshipful President has told you that the Deputy Grand Master called Grand Lodge together last year in an autumn month, and proposed and carried unanimously a vote of money for the relief of the sufferers in France; but he did not tell you what I tell you—that, as Grand Treasurer, your chairman came forward and said, "I will pay the money at once without waiting for the confirmation of the vote by the next Grand Lodge." That shows you what sort of stuff our President of this evening is made of. With regard to the other officers of Grand Lodge, both present and past, I will only say for them, and for myself as one of them, that we are all anxious to discharge our duty to Grand Lodge and the Craft in general, and your approbation is the utmost reward we desire. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, the toast I have now to propose to you is one of the deepest interest on the present occasion. (Hear, hear.) It is "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." It is unnecessary that I should say one word to you as to the present Masonic charity. Your presence here is a proof that you both feel your obligations, and that you appreciate the pleasure to support it. What would Masonry be without its charities? They are an essential feature in the institution, and to see them flourish is the most gratifying thing that can happen to any Mason. Why do they flourish? Because a great many brethren, as they gradually rise in Freemasonry, feel an interest in the charities of the Craft. They first take the Stewardship of one charity, then of another, and then of a third. They interest their brethren and their friends; they keep up the traditional practice of charity in the Craft; and the noble annual subscriptions that we see announced at our various festivals are the result. Without this good feeling on the part of the Craft, and on the part of the brethren who come forward to work the charities as Stewards, they would present a very different figure to what they do; and it is a matter of profound gratification to every one in Freemasonry to see how the charities flourish. This charity was the last of the three charities in the date of its formation; but without it the Masonic scheme of charity would have been at fault. It was perfectly necessary that such an institution should exist to do justice to the scope and bearing of the charity we ought to exercise, and to the kindness we feel towards our unfortunate brethren. It is a very gratifying point that for some years past the amount collected annually for our charities has been very much larger than it used to be in times past. That is an unmixed source of gratification to every Mason. But I think we ought not to forget that, while this is owing partly to the exertions of the Stewards, partly to a better feeling prevailing in the Craft, it is, to a certain sense, owing to increased numbers. And what I want to draw your attention to is, that these great numbers will infallibly, in the ordinary vicissitudes of human life, produce a certain number of brethren who will require assistance from the Annuity Fund, whose widows will require to be assisted likewise by the Annuity Fund; and whose children—boys and girls—will also require to be assisted in the schools. While we congratulate ourselves on our prosperity as charities, that prosperity is largely owing to our increased numbers; and that the increased numbers will bring more claimants on our charity we cannot doubt. All honour to the Stewards! all honour to the Craft! But unless we are actuated by the same feelings of sympathy, our charity will not be in proportion to our increased numbers; and therefore it is necessary that on this occasion this consideration should be borne in mind—that, owing to our increased numbers, the amounts raised are not at all too much; they are very gratifying, but we require them not only to be kept up, but to be increased. And if we only bear this in mind; if we are thankful for the progress we have already made, but are determined that that progress shall only lead to further fruits, we are quite right; if we rest on our oars we are quite wrong. I will not detain you further on this topic; but I will just give you a few statistics of our past and present position. The institution for granting annuities to aged Freemasons was suggested by the Most Worshipful Grand Master his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, in the year 1842. Since which time 316 aged brethren have been elected on the funds, to whom have been paid up to the end of December, 1870, the sum of £34,845 5s. After the election in May last there were 100 male annuitants, each

receiving £26 per annum on the books. The aggregate amount paid them in the year was £2,600. The permanent annual income for the male annuitants at the present time is from Grand Lodge, £500; Grand Chapter, £100; dividends on funded property, £688 10s.; together, £1,288 10s. The residue of the income, including the working expenses of this branch of the institution, is made up from annual subscriptions and two-thirds of the donations; the other third has to be invested. There are twenty-one approved male candidates on the list for the next election. There are a great many distressed brethren who are anxious to be elected whose cases are found to be fit for assistance; but the amount of our funds will not admit of their being relieved. As to the Freemasons' Widows' Fund, it was established under the sanction of the late Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, in 1849, since which period 128 widows of our aged brethren have been recipients of relief from the fund, to whom have been paid, to December last, £15,538 10s. After the election in May last, there were 69 female annuitants each receiving £25 per annum, £1,738 10s. in the aggregate; in addition to which, there are seven widows entitled for three years to half their deceased husbands' annuities, unless elected annuitants in the meantime. The permanent annual income for the widows at the present time is, from Grand Lodge, £300; Grand Chapter, £50; dividends on funded property, £403 10s.; making together, £753 10s. The residue of the income, including the working expenses of this branch of the institution, is made up from annual subscriptions and two-thirds of the donations; the other third has to be invested. Mark this point again. There are twenty approved female candidates on the list for the next election. There is an asylum at Croydon attached to the institution capable of affording accommodation for 34 inmates, each of whom has two rooms. At present there are 32 occupants. The other annuitants, male and female, are permitted to reside where they please. The whole of the building has been paid for, and there is a sustentation fund of £1,000 stock, the interest of which is applied to the repairs of the edifice, so that the subscriptions for annuities are not applied for the purpose of maintaining the building. I think that is a most gratifying account; but while there are so many poor and distressed brethren and widows of deceased brethren claiming your assistance, you see there is a very strong reason for continued efforts and increased exertions for the adequate support of this charity. I wish its advocacy was in better hands than mine; but I trust to your Masonic feeling to do what is requisite, knowing that while you are thankful to the Almighty for giving you the means of living in comfort yourselves, you will do your best to assist your poorer brethren. (Cheers.)

Bro. FARNFIELD, jun., here read the Stewards' lists, which the CHAIRMAN afterwards announced represented a total of subscriptions to the amount of £3,377 16s.; fourteen lists, however, still left outstanding. (Applause.)

The Rev. C. J. MARTYN, G.C.: Right Worshipful Sir, to use the very common and hackneyed phrase, an honour and pleasure now devolve upon me, but to use a phrase well understood among us, the W.M., brethren, has entrusted me with his gavel, and therefore you know the nature of the toast I am about to propose. If it had not been that we are assembled to celebrate the establishment of a particular institution, it would have been the toast of the evening—it is "The Health of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer and our Chairman." (Hear, hear.) Brethren, you have shown me by the plaudits with which you have received his name the honour and estimation in which you hold him, even if it had not been already signified by the fact that the office he now holds he has held for nineteen years—a servitude such as falls to the lot of very few, and which relieves me of saying a great deal in his praise. I am certain on the present occasion it must be a source of great gratification to him to find he has presided over so large and influential a meeting, when the amount subscribed is £3,377, with fourteen lists to come it. Any man might well be proud to be in the position of Bro. Tomkins this night, because no one knows better than he that unless the funds are forthcoming, the affairs of these institutions could not go on at all. It is to me, and to many members of the Craft who take an interest in these charities, a source of regret that they are not better and more widely supported. I am sorry to find from a THE FREEMASON that there are four-fifths of the Masons who do not subscribe to the charities at all. That is a disgrace to our order which we ought each of us to try to wipe off. The other day, at a meeting of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, a request was made to the Craft to use their utmost endeavours to induce the brethren throughout the country to increase the funds of these institutions by becoming subscribers. You all know that it is the drop of water that wears away the stone; and so if each

one of us would put his shoulder to the wheel and try to make these charities wider known and better appreciated—would try to show the brethren among whom he is thrown how excellent they are, instead of the £3,377, in which we rejoice to-night, our lists at these festivals would be three times that amount. Now, brethren, I beg to propose to you with all kindness, heartiness, and good feeling, the health of our Grand Treasurer and President this evening, Bro. Tomkins. It is very seldom that we find a brother come forward at such short notice to take the chair. We, of course, hoped to see the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex here; but failing him, I am certain there is no one we would rather see in this chair than our Bro. Tomkins. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, I thank you cordially for the kindness with which you have responded to this toast. I assure you it is a great pleasure to preside at these festivals. It is a great pleasure to find this great charity flourish. It is a pleasure to find these brethren take such an interest in it; and it is also a great pleasure to find that when we meet brethren will tell us some truths which to all brethren may not be acceptable. I am sure that many brethren have not promoted the success of the charities as they ought to have done, and I hope they will kindly weigh and consider and bring into practical operation the thoughtful suggestions that have been made by the Grand Chaplain. We all have but one object; we desire that Masonry may rise and flourish; and we know it cannot flourish unless the charities are heartily supported. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN: The next toast I have to give you is "Prosperity to the other Masonic Charities." They are all closely and nearly allied. We wish this charity to prosper; we wish equally that the other charities may prosper. Great success has attended them of late years; and I trust that their success this year will not be less than on recent occasions. The Boys' School Festival is to be held on the 8th of March. I am not able to tell you when the Girls' School Festival is to be held. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master, will preside, but he has not yet named the day. I hope as many brethren as possible will attend on both occasions, and that we shall have the pleasure of finding the pecuniary result of each festival will be large.

Bro. BINCKES: Bro. Chairman, it is a somewhat curious and singular coincidence that in commending this toast to the reception of our friends there should be some circumstances of doubt with reference to the festivals of both institutions whose success has been so heartily wished. The Girls' School, fortunately, have the most illustrious Chairman to preside at their festival, but the date at which it is to be held is left open for His Royal Highness to fix. The date of the Boys' School Festival is fixed for the 8th of March, but we have no chairman at present. What we are to do I do not know. Two or three illustrious brethren have been asked, but they are unable to take the chair; and here we are within five weeks of the festival, and I am not able to say who will preside at it. This is of itself a matter of anxiety, and causes one some little uneasiness. But, brethren, bear with me one moment when I say that other circumstances press on the Boys' School even more than the want of the name of a chairman. I cannot but feel that with the rival attractions which the sister institution presents this year, the amount of interest felt in the Boys' School must of necessity suffer some depreciation; but I do hope that our kind friends will not forsake us altogether, but will come forward in goodly numbers to our relief—if not in such large numbers as in days gone by, yet still in such array as will enable us to conduct the business of that great institution in a proper and suitable manner. The next point I have to bring before you is this, that while the Aged Freemasons' Institution, whose festival we celebrate this evening, has a large funded property of £35,000, and supposing your contributions in any one year fall short of their annual wants, they can sell stock—"No, no"—they could if they had no other resource to supply their annual wants. The Girls' School with £28,000 could do the same; but if we, the Boys' School, suffer this year on account of a falling off in voluntary contributions, we have not this sum, we have not a shilling of stock we can sell, and therefore I must ask our friends not to forget that peculiar position in which we are placed this year. We have a fewer number of Stewards than ever we have had before; and I cannot at the present moment see how to provide the money required for our annual maintenance. Therefore, I think that if ever there was a moment when I was placed in a position to justify the making of a strong and earnest appeal to the liberality of our friends that moment is now; and I cannot help feeling that on account of that large amount of money which has recently been subscribed in this country for the relief of the distress which prevails abroad, we, along with other institutions at home, must suffer. But I do hope that our

Masonic brotherhood will take care that their own charities do not fail of success, no matter how great is the distress in foreign countries. It would be a great shame—if I might use the term—if our own household should lack support in distress when support is given to suffering abroad; but the relief of which ought not to interfere with the legitimate support of our home institutions. You must bear with me in this, because I feel myself responsible in a measure for providing the maintenance and education of 128 of your sons. If we fail in doing that, you would immediately and naturally say, Who is to blame? You would lay it to me, and say it was from your trust to the position I hold that you in former years supported me; and I hope, therefore, that you will rally round us on the 8th of March very numerous, and rally round us a little more numerous on account of the difficult position in which we are placed. Our Bro. Farnfield I congratulate on his success. I thank your Chairman very much for the way in which he has spoken of this and the sister school, for which Bro. Patten will speak presently. I thank you for the whole of the executive for your support of our institution—for the large and generous assistance you have given us in the past. I assure you my faith is not shaken in our present success; and I have undoubted faith in what the future of that great institution will bring forth. No matter what may be said by a few isolated members in the outer world, every shilling we spend is carefully laid out; the institution's concerns are narrowly watched; your contributions are most gratefully received; and I pledge you my word every shilling you contribute is most faithfully applied. (Hear, hear, and great applause.)

Bro. PATTEN: Brother Chairman and brethren, I beg to thank you most sincerely for the very kind manner in which you have drunk success to the Girls' School. It is true that I have not the same claim upon you as Bro. Binckes has for the Boys' School; therefore I shall not detain you. I thank the Craft for the support they have given the Girls' School hitherto, and I hope they will continue it. The Prince of Wales has kindly consented to take the chair on a Wednesday in May next. The day is not fixed, because His Royal Highness has to fix the day for himself. I see around me many of my kind friends who have served the office of Steward for the Girls' School for some years past, and I do hope I shall receive their names as Stewards for the next festival. My letters went out to all the lodges on the first of this month, and I hope a large number of them will be returned with the name of a brother willing to act as Steward under His Royal Highness the Chairman. I do not know that I have much more to say to you. You have done me great service while I have been Secretary to the Girls' School. I trust that as long as I hold that position you will support me, and if you do you will perform your duty to the Craft. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: I am sorry that at this hour of the evening there are so few brethren present to listen to and honour the toast that I am instructed to propose—"The Health of the Ladies." I can assure them that we fully appreciate their presence, and are extremely pleased to see them at our Masonic festivals. Their powerful and valuable influence should be a means of inviting us to the performance of good works; and I will therefore propose their health, and I shall call on Bro. Spiers to respond to it.

Bro. R. J. SPIERS, P.G.D.: Brethren, I am called upon to respond to this toast, than which there is not one that entails a more acceptable duty. We are all much indebted to them, and speaking in their name, I may say that although this toast comes to you at a very late period of the evening, I believe that it is not any want of gallantry that has caused this, but a desire to hear a toast which I hope will keep you quiet; at all events, will detain you here, because it is one of the best toasts of the evening. Brethren, you have not at present admitted to the privileges of Freemasonry the sex for whom I have now the honour to respond, but I think the time is not very far distant, because we see here in London that ladies are honoured by receiving a greater number of votes for our School Board than any of the gentlemen. In the place from which I come, the city of Oxford, we also have elected at the head of the poll a lady, the sister of one of our most eminent professors; and considering, what we do, the influence the sex ought to have upon us in contributing to that blessed work of charity, on behalf of which we have this day met, I am sure they are glad of the opportunity of coming forward to help you by every means in their power. Although they have deserted us now, at all events I feel assured that their best feelings are with us, and that we may always depend on that dear sex to help us on in that good work we are engaged in; and whether as wives, sweethearts, sisters, or daughters, we may ever rely on them to render service to this excellent Craft. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: My last toast is that of "The Stewards." We are all much indebted to them for the extremely good meeting we have had. Everything has been judiciously arranged, and we have had nothing to find fault with. Our success is very much owing to the thoughtful care and laborious attention which the Stewards have bestowed on the arrangements of the evening, and I call on you to acknowledge, by drinking their health, the sense you entertain of their endeavours.

Bro. J. A. RUCKER: Right Worshipful Sir, having had the honour of being elected President of the Board of Stewards by those brethren who offered to serve that office with me, it becomes my duty—as I assure you it is a very great pleasure—to return thanks for them for the cordial manner in which their names have been received. I think it is patent to every one that there has been some trouble involved in the office, as we have met on the 3rd of February instead of the 25th of January. I will say that we entered on our business with cheerfulness, we pursued it with diligence, and we terminate it with gratification. We all admit that it is not customary for men to undertake a duty in which they have not a pleasure. That we have done our duties with diligence I refer you to our lists. That we have done them with satisfaction I cannot doubt after the way in which you have expressed yourselves. I thank you very much.

During the evening a beautiful selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Lawler, by Madame Lancia and Misses Marian Johnstone, Montague, and Marion Severn, who were assisted by Bros. Young and Montem Smith, and Mr. Linley. A concert was given in the Temple after the toasts had been drunk, and the remainder of the evening was spent by the brethren in the company of the ladies, listening to some delightful and well-selected music.

The duties of toastmaster were most efficiently discharged by Bro. Thomas Spencer.

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„ Moss, John Thomas	W.M. 1326

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the Boys' School held the usual monthly meeting on Saturday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. Browne, V.P., occupied the chair, and there were also present, Bros. J. Hervey, G.S., V.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, V.P.; F. Walters, V.P.; B. Head, V.P.; Grosjean, J. Turner, Cox, White, and other brethren.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the General Committee were read and confirmed, and minutes of recent meetings of the Quarterly and House Committees were read for information. No fresh petitions of candidates were presented. The list now contains the names of 58 candidates for admission to the school, only fourteen of whom can be elected at the election in April next.

It was announced that a legacy of £200 from a lady had been paid into the Institution.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

Bro. RANSFORD, P.G. Organist, announces that his Annual Evening Concert will take place on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, at 8 p.m. Eminent artistes are engaged to appear.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending February 18, 1871.

MONDAY, FEB. 13.

- Lodge 5, St. George & Corner-stone, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 29, St. Albans, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
- „ 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- „ 222, St. Andrew's, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
- „ 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.
- „ 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. Dilley, Preceptor.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern-Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.
- St. James' Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Swan Tavern, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square, at 8.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.
- „ 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.
- „ 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- „ 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- „ 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- „ 228, United Strength, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
- „ 235, Nine Muses, Clarendon Hotel, New Bond-st.
- „ 548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
- „ 834, Ranelagh, Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.
- „ 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- „ 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction (382), Hotel de Cologne, 60 and 61, Haymarket, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753) Knights of St. John's Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge, and Lodge of Benevolence, at 7 precisely.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- „ 140, St George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
- „ 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- „ 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
- „ 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Tav., New Wandsworth.
- „ 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction, (228), Bull & Gate, Kentish Town-road, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7½.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Ludus, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 49, Gihon, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-st.
- „ 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- „ 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- „ 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- „ 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- „ 1139, South Norwood, South Norwood Hall.
- „ 1287, Great Northern, Great Northern Htl., King's Cross.
- Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- K. T. Encampment, Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
- The R. A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Goat and Compasses, Euston-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17.

House Committee Boys' School.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
Rose Croix Chapter, Invicta, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 7.30; Bro. W. Watson, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-st., at 6; Bro. Henry Muggeridge, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Pier Htl., Chelsea.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Domestic Chapter of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Comp. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Htl., Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's-lane, Brixton.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Htl., Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Br. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Br. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury; Bro. R. Lee, Preceptor.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18.

Lodge 715, Pannure, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Lewisham.
" 1329, Sphinx, Stirling Castle Tavern, Church-st., Camberwell.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7.
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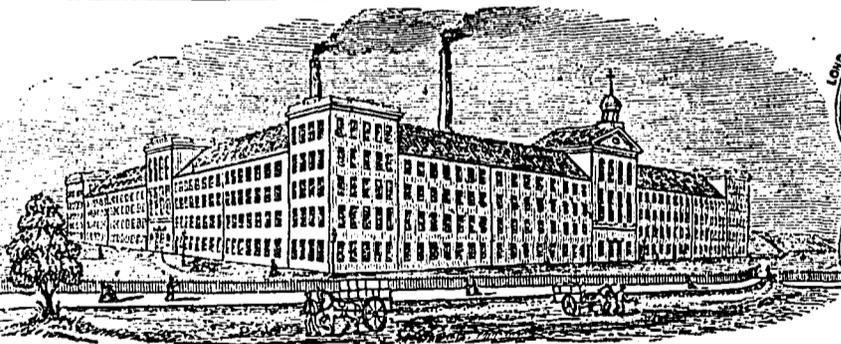
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