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Reviews.

*Furness ; Past & Present.* By F. LEACH.

Part IV. of this work has reached us, and is fully equal to any of the preceding parts. Bro. Tweddell’s connection with the publication appears to have ceased, but his mantle has fallen upon a worthy successor. Part IV. is embellished with a splendid coloured drawing of the famous Furness Abbey window, now in the Parish Church, Bowness, Windermere, and views of Holker Hall and Springfield, Ulverston, mansions of more than local fame. The work will be a complete record of the flourishing district to which its pages are devoted.

*Phemie Keller, and The Rich Husband.* By the Author of “George Geith,” &c.

With feelings of pleasure we resume our pen to record our impressions of Mrs. Riddell’s powerful delineations of character. In “Phemie Keller,” we are somewhat reminded of passages in “Too Much Alone,” a work which we are now engaged in reading, and the same quaint stream of thought may be said to pervade all the author’s novels. Various slight but natural touches, however, impart originality to each figure in the *dramatis personæ*, and the interest of the several stories are fully maintained to the end. The “Rich Husband” is rather a painful tale, although doubtless true to life. Many of the scenes are most graphically depicted, and the versatile talent of the author seems to shine as much in the pathetic as in the descriptive or didactic. Quite a harvest of choice sayings—and wise as choice—may be gathered from Mrs. Riddell’s writings, and while lively incident and sparkling dialogue abound, there is an utter absence of that straining after effect, and that hungering after startling catastrophe, which are, unhappily, so conspicuous in the sensational productions of the day. We can, therefore, heartily commend these works to our readers, not only as specimens of a high order of intellect, but as narratives of modern life and manners, faithfully reflected in the mirror of a pure and cultivated mind.

FREEMASONRY in IRELAND.

BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

(Continued from page 83.)

[The sentence, “On application to the authorities at Dublin the work is preserved in their archives,” should read *is not preserved*. The author of this article cannot procure or trace it anywhere.]

The following laws were compiled and arranged by a Special Committee of Grand Lodge appointed soon after A.D. 1810, and they were printed for general remarks and suggested alterations about 1815. We have never met with them before, and beg to present the “communication” in its entirety to our readers:—

*The following report of a Committee appointed to revise and give a more practical adaptation to the Laws of Freemasonry, is submitted to you for perusal before the same shall be taken into consideration by the GRAND LODGE; any remarks or suggestions transmitted (post paid) to the Grand Secretary, No. 35, Capel-street, on or before the first Thursday in February shall be laid before the GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND, when the rules are under Discussion.*

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

His Grace the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master.	
Hon. A. Hutchinson, D.G.	Alderman M. West, G.M. Master.
Henry Townshend, Esq.,	William Campbell, P.M. G. Treasurer
Revd. Robert Handcock,	John Sharkey, M. 189.
D. D. & G. Sec.	John Campbell, M. 489.
John Fowler, P.M. 620.	John Norman, P.M. 620.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland on Thursday the 1st day of June 1815, “to revise and adapt to practical purposes the Laws of the AHIMAN REZON,” and by a subsequent order of the Grand Lodge, on the 3rd of August being authorised to consult the MS. Books of the Order, having met and considered the same, are of opinion, that the Draft of the Laws hereto annexed, is such as is consistent with the “ancient Landmarks,” founded on the Basis of the former Code, and appropriate to the present state of the Order in this Country, and as such, they trust it may meet with the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee have laid down for the outline of its plan,

1. *General Classification.*
2. *Particular Arrangement.*
3. *Brevity and Simplicity.*

They have therefore taken the liberty of altering the wording and arrangement of the old Code of Laws, when-ever it seemed necessary, either for elucidating the subject, or producing greater simplicity in the new One; often combining in one regulation, the purport of two, three, or even more of the old ones, for which Reason they have annexed to their Report, Marginal Notes, containing, for the Satisfaction of the Brethren, a reference to the Number of the Law, as well as the Page of the AHIMAN REZON (Brother Downe’s last Edition), where the original matter of each of the Regulations in the annexed Report is to be found; and in all cases, where they have taken the liberty of suggesting any new matter for the approval of the Grand Lodge, they have particularly marked it as such, by *Printing it in Italics.*

All which in most respectfully submitted,  
 J. FOWLER,  
 Acting Chairman to the Committee.  
 WM. FRANCIS GRAHAM, D.G. Sec.  
 To the Right Worshipful  
 The Grand Lodge of Ireland.

SECTION THE 1ST  
 OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1. The Grand Lodge, the Supreme Authority, consists of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, all former Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Wardens, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the *Grand Chaplain*, the Members of the Grand Master’s Lodge, and the Masters and Wardens of all the particular Lodges on the Registry of Ireland.

2. The Grand Lodge shall meet for the dispatch of business on the first Thursday in every Month, at 7 o’clock in the Evening, and at all times when summoned by the Grand Master; but shall not at any time be closed for a longer period than one Month; nor adjourned on any Night of its Meeting without the consent of the Majority of the Brethren present.

3. If at any Meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master and his Deputy, as well as all former Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters, be absent, the present Senior Grand Warden fills the Chair, and in his absence the Junior Grand Warden, and in his absence the Past Grand Wardens and Members of the Grand Master’s Lodge, *who have filled the Chair in any Lodge*, according to Seniority, and in case no brother of the above description be present, the Chair shall be filled by the Majority of Voices present, and the Grand Wardens’ Chairs in like manner.

4. In the Grand Lodge none can act as Wardens but the present Grand Wardens, if in Company, *unless they are called upon to fill a more elevated station in the Grand Lodge, pro tempore*, but in their absence the oldest former Grand Wardens are to be called upon to fill the Wardens’ Chairs, but if no former Grand Wardens are present, *their places are to be filled according to the foregoing Regulation.*

5. No Brother shall sit in the Grand Lodge but the present and past Grand Officers, the Members of the Grand Master’s Lodge, and the Masters and Wardens of all particular Lodges, without a dispensation from the Chair for that purpose, but if a Master or Warden be sick or *necessarily absent* a proxy shall be admitted in his place, provided he be a past Officer of the Station he represents, and a Member of the same Lodge, and in like manner a Grand Officer being at the same time the Officer of a Private Lodge, may appoint a past Officer of his particular Lodge to act, pro tempore, as its representative in the Grand Lodge, although he be present in his situation of Grand Officer.

6. Every Master and Warden at his first attendance at the Grand Lodge, shall stand such examination as the Grand Master or the Right Worshipful in the chair shall appoint, and if found incapable of his office, he shall not be received as a Member of Grand Lodge.

7. The Roll shall be called each Monthly Meeting of the Grand Lodge, and every absent Member, *being the Representative of a Lodge in the City of Dublin or its Vicinity*, who does not send a proxy shall be fined 1s. 1d., and the Lodge not represented by any of its Officers or their Proxies shall be fined 5s. 11½d.

8. The Accounts of the Grand Lodge are to be examined and settled half-yearly, and printed, and all Dues, Fines, and Forfeitures to be paid off on or before the first Thursdays in June and December; and the Masters and Wardens of Lodges or their Proxies shall not be permitted to take their places in the Grand Lodge if there be any Arrears due from their respective Lodges until such Arrears be first paid off, nor shall any of the Brethren belonging to Lodges in default be entitled to Grand Lodge Certificate.

9. The Masters or Wardens *or their Proxies* representing particular Lodges shall not be permitted to take their places in the Grand Lodge without their Jewels, which must be of Silver, and pendant to blue Ribbons, the Grand Officers alone being entitled to wear them of Gold, but all Members of the Grand Lodge must appear in White Aprons, bordered with Sky Blue Silk, and no other colour.

10. The Grand Lodge alone is competent to elect its Grand Officers, with the exception of the Deputy Grand Master, but, the Grand Master’s Lodge is vested with the privilege of recommending candidates for that purpose to the Grand Lodge; and none but the Members of the Grand Lodge shall be admitted within the Doors during the Election of the Grand Officers: the Election to be held at the Grand Lodge Meeting in May.

11. At the Grand Lodge Meetings all matters that concern the Fraternity in general, particular Lodges, or individual Brethren, are to be gravely, maturely, and sedately considered of; here also all differences that cannot be accommodated privately, nor by a particular Lodge, are to be decided, and if any brother think himself aggrieved by the Decision, he may appeal to a subsequent Meeting of the Grand Lodge, he leaving his appeal in writing with the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, or the *Grand Secretary*, provided there is an interval of one Month between the time of leaving his appeal and its being read in the Grand Lodge, that the Pursuivant may give timely notice to all parties concerned, unless in cases of necessity, or when the parties are all present.

12. All matters in the Grand Lodge are determined by a majority of votes, each Member having one, and the Grand Master, or the person representing him in the Chair, two, and the Grand Lodge has an inherent power and authority, for the benefit of the Fraternity, to make new regulations, or to alter those already formed, always preserving the old Land Marks, the Members of the Grand Lodge being the Representatives of the whole Order.

(To be continued)

## Reports of Masonic Meetings.

## THE CRAFT.

## METROPOLITAN.

*Bedford Lodge, No. 157.*—At a meeting held of this lodge on Friday, 10th inst., at Freemason's Hall, there were present: Bros. J. Hills, W.M.; W. Holland, S.W.; G. Silcocke, J.W.; Brandar, S.D.; Briggs, J.D.; S. Hills, P.M., Sec.; J. Smith, I.P.M.; T. Cubitt, P.M.; Mills, P.M.; Eades, L. Drew, Tullet, Mack, Walker, &c.; and Bro. F. Walters, W.M. 1309, as a visitor. The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The candidates for the several degrees were absent. Bro. J. Hills, W.M., in an appropriate speech, presented Bro. J. Smith, I.P.M., with a massive gold Past Master's jewel, which, at the last meeting of the lodge, had been unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds. Bro. John Smith, in a kind feeling speech, acknowledged the handsome present they had made him. Several propositions for candidates for initiation to be done at the next meeting were made. The lodge was closed. The usual superior banquet and dessert followed, and some excellent singing brought this happy re-union to a pleasant termination.

*Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.*—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. The lodge was opened. There were present: Bros. J. W. Williams, W.M.; T. Hardy, S.W.; R. Thomson, J.W.; W. Bristo, P.M., Treasurer; H. J. St. John Ingram, B. Seneat, S.D.; H. Dalaroce, J.D.; S. Smith, Organist; C. F. Knox, M. Hermann, W. France, F. Bristo, T. C. White, F. Allen, and others. The visitors were: R. A. Wright, P.P.G.S.D., Herts; F. Walters, W.M. 1309. The work done was passing Bro. White to the second degree, which was done in an able manner. The lodge was closed. The banquet followed, and the good music and singing, for which this lodge is so famous, completed the evening's proceedings.

## PROVINCIAL.

*BRIGHTON.*—*Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271.*—On Friday, January 20th, the annual meeting of this old established lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion. The lodge was opened by Bro. John H. Scott, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., Sussex (in the unavoidable absence of the W.M.), at half-past four o'clock, and the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed. The Secretary then informed the acting W.M. and brethren of the communications received by him, which comprised the resignations of three members of the lodge—Bros. H. Smithers, P.M., Lardelli, and Craven—also that Bro. John Cordy regretted his inability to continue any longer the duties of Treasurer, on account of the increasing infirmities of age and the distance his present residence was from Brighton. Upon this, Bro. G. H. King, P.M., proposed in the kindest terms and most fraternal manner, "That the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Cordy for his faithful and constant services during the many years he had held the Treasurership." In doing this Bro. King referred in the most feeling terms to the many years that Bro. Cordy had been connected with the lodge, both as a member and as an officer, but more especially as the Treasurer since the lamented death of Bro. D. M. Folkard, and expressed the regret that he was certain every member of the lodge would feel at losing the services and advice of their old friend, for such they had ever found him, especially in the days when Freemasonry in Brighton was not so flourishing as at present. Whatever fortune the lodge had experienced, good or bad, in times past, Bro. Cordy had always been prepared to share it, and at the present time it was a source of great regret they were compelled to receive from their excellent brother the intimation "That he felt unable to attend to the responsible duties of the office." The proposed motion was carried unanimously. The chair was then taken by Bro. G. E. Pocock, P.M., 271, 851, &c., Past G.S.B. England, and Prov. G. Sec. Sussex, to enable him to install his son, Bro. C. J. Pocock, S.W. and W.M.-elect, he having been initiated into Freemasonry in this lodge by his father some years since. It must be a particularly pleasing duty for a father to initiate a son into Freemasonry, but the pleasure of installing a son into the chair of K.S. must be much greater, it being the highest honour the brethren can confer on any of their members. To witness this most interesting ceremony, a very large number of distinguished Masons assembled from all parts of the province. Bro. King, P.M., 271, P. Prov. G.P., Sussex, presented Bro. J. C. Pocock as having been duly elected to the office of Master. This afforded him an opportunity of offering some observations in reference to the unusual circumstance of a father installing a son into the chair of the lodge was opened in the third degree, and the brethren below the degree of Installed Master having withdrawn, a Board of Masters, in number about 24, was then formed. The business of the Board of Installed Masters having been completed, Bro. G. E. Pocock gave a Masonic explanation of the 47th Problem of Euclid, pointing out the harmony, the charity, and the beauty in a Masonic sense, of this celebrated figure in geometry, and impressing on the brethren standing around him, the importance and the necessity of complying with the rules of Freemasonry, in every way, so that its teachings should impress all with the necessity of cultivating a sense of the important responsibilities attached to the privilege of being a Mason. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the Master Masons admitted. Bro. C. J. Corder, P.M., 271, P.P.G.W., Sussex, then proclaimed the W.M. in the East, West, and South. The address to the Master on the importance of his office, and the duties connected therewith, was given by Bro. E. J. Karner, P.M. 271, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of

Sussex, in a manner which elicited the expressed approval of the brethren present. Bro. John H. Scott, P.M. 271, P.P.G. Warden, Sussex, then addressed the Wardens on their duties, position, and responsibilities. The general address to the members was given by the Installing Master, and, at its conclusion, both father and son received the hearty congratulations of their friends. The officers nominated and invested were as follows: Bros. Beard, M.D. I.P.M.; E. Bright, S.W.; Loveday, J.W.; Rev. John Griffith, P.M. 811, P.G. Chaplain, Sussex, Chaplain; G. Tatham, P.M. 271, P.P.G.W. Sussex, Treas.; Rev. A. Creek, Sec.; W. Wilkinson, S.D.; Gill, J.D.; J. Corder, P.M. 271, P.P.G. Warden, Sussex, D. of C.; Ford, I.G.; John Fabian, P.M. 271, P.P.G.D. of Works, Sussex, Steward. Before the lodge was closed, various sums of money were voted from the lodge funds to charitable institutions: the Masonic Boys' School; the Masonic Girls' School; the Benevolent Fund for Aged Freemasons; the Sussex County Hospital; the Brighton Dispensary; the Brighton Eye Infirmary; the Brighton Soup Fund; the Brighton Lying-in Institution. All business being ended, the lodge was closed soon after six o'clock, p.m., and the brethren, to the number of 60, adjourned to the magnificent banquet room of the Royal Pavilion, where was provided a banquet supplied by Mr. Mellison, of the Brighton Concert Hall Restaurant. The dinner-table was most sumptuously supplied with every delicacy in season, the wines of the choicest description, and the table decorations elicited special remark for their chaste and elegant arrangement. Mr. Mellison personally superintended, and the arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the brethren were generally approved. During the evening there was present: Bros. Rev. Sir John Hay, Past Grand Chaplain of England; G. E. Pocock, P.M. 271, 851, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; W. R. Wood, P.M. 811, P. Grand Steward, England, P.P.J.G.W. Sussex; E. J. Turner, P.M. 271, Deputy Grand Master, Sussex; Rev. John Griffith, P.M. 811, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Sussex; W. Challen, P.M. 315, P.P.G.S.B. Sussex; C. J. Corder, P.M. 271, 732, 851, P.P.G. D. of C., Sussex, and P.P.G.S.W., Sussex; Taaffe, P.M. 811, P.D. of C., Sussex; John H. Scott, P.M. 271, P.P.G.S.W., Sussex; G. H. King, P.M. 271, P.P.G.P., Sussex; Scott, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, Sussex; W. Kuhe, P.M. 271, P.P.G., Organist, Sussex; Devine, 315, P.G. Organist, Sussex; P. R. Wilkinson, P.M. 271, P.P.G.D., Sussex; Dixon, P.M. 271, P.A. D. of C. Sussex; W. A. Stuckey, P.M. 271, P.P.A.G. D. of C., Sussex; V. Freeman, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W., Sussex; John Fabian, P.M. 271, P.P.G., D. of Works, Sussex; G. Tatham, P.M. 271, Treasurer 271, P.P.G.W. Sussex; Branwell, P.M. 271; Lowdell, P.M. 271; E. Bright, S.W. 271; Creak, Sec. 271; W. Wilkinson, S.D., 271; Wilkinson, 271; Sabine, P.M. 73; Loveday, J.W. 271; Gill, J.D. 271; Foord, I.G. 271; Langtry, 271; Evershed, W.M. 56; C. M. Smith, 271; Adams, 271; R. M. Webb, 732, Mayor of Brighton; A. H. Cox, 732, ex-Mayor of Brighton; W. H. German, 811; S. Wing, 811; G. A. Day, Sec. 732; James Curtis, W.M. 315; E. Turner, W.M. 811; E. Carpenter, W.M. 732; S. Ridley, Treasurer, 732; G. Hawkins, &c., &c.

*LEICESTER.*—*St. John's Lodge, No. 279.*—The first meeting of this lodge since the annual festival was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., under the presidency of Bro. Stretton, W.M. On the conclusion of the preliminary business, Bros. Pye and Beeton were duly raised to the third degree, the ceremony, at the request of the W.M., being very impressively performed by Bro. Toller, P.G. Sec., the effect being greatly enhanced by the musical service conducted by Bro. Charles Johnson, P.P.G.O., on the organ. Bro. Kelly, P.G.M., read a letter from Bro. W. James Hughan, of Truro, thanking the brethren for the handsome manner in which his former donations of books to the library of the Masonic Hall had been acknowledged, and now presenting, through him (Bro. Kelly) a further present of Masonic publications; Bro. Hughan writing—"You are heartily welcome to these for the library, and kindly say that if the members will only make the library worthy of the province, I will not forget the shelves, they may be certain." Bro. Kelly, after eulogising Bro. Hughan for his handsome presents to the library, and especially for the valuable aid he had rendered at the two last elections to their local candidate for the Boys' School—Alfred Nutt, son of the late Bro. John Nutt, of this lodge—proposed that, as a slight mark of esteem and gratitude, Bro. Hughan be elected an honorary member of the lodge, in addition to a vote of thanks, which was seconded by the W.M., and heartily concurred in by the brethren. On the proposition of the P.G.M., seconded by the W.M., a vote of condolence was passed on the recent decease of Bro. Robert Crawford, a P.M. of the lodge and a Past Grand Senior Warden of the province, who was for upwards of a quarter of a century an active member, and during a considerable portion of that time the Treasurer of the lodge. Some business of a routine character was then transacted, two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, a Committee was appointed to revise the by-laws, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

*LANCASTER.*—*Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281.*—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. There were present W. Bro. Dr. Moore, W.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Bros. John Hatch, I.P.M.; William Hall, S.W.; Wm. Fleming, J.W.; James Hatch, P.M. and Treas.; Edmund Simpson, P.M. and Sec.; Edward Airey, S.D.; William J. Sly, J.D.; John Harrison, I.G.; John Watson, Tyler; Harry Sumner, Steward; and a large assembly of brethren. The lodge being opened and usual business transacted, Bro. Barrow proposed that the use of the lodge-room and furniture should be let to a new lodge, on the same terms that it had been to Lodge No. 1051. The

question was deferred until such a time as the lodge should be founded, every probability being held forth that the request would be granted. Bro. Barrow then asked the recommendation of the lodge to a petition for a new lodge, to be called the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, to be held in Lancaster. This was seconded by Bro. Edmund Simpson, P.M., and carried unanimously. A petition to the Fund of Benevolence, on behalf of the widow of a deceased Past Master, was read, and received the unanimous recommendation of the lodge. One joining member and two candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was closed in due form.

*BERWICK-ON-TWEED.*—*Lodge St. David, No. 393.*—The brethren of this lodge met on the evening of Tuesday, 7th February, being the regular monthly meeting, in their own hall. Bro. George Moor, Worshipful Master, occupied the chair, the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bro. C. I. Paton, S.W., and Bro. C. Hopper, J.W. The lodge was opened in due form, previous minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. the Rev. H. Proctor, Vicar of Tweedmouth, was unanimously elected a joining member. A proposal was made from a brother for affiliation, accompanied with the usual recommendations, and was laid on the table and ordered to be entered in the summonses for ballot at the next regular monthly meeting. No further business being before the meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren immediately thereafter sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared for the purpose of entertaining the Senior Warden. After the table was cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm. The Worshipful Master, Bro. George Moor, rose and said: Brethren, we have this evening given honour to our illustrious ruler in Freemasonry, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and also to our good and faithful Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed, but the banquet specially prepared, of which we all have partaken, was for the purpose of entertaining one of our own office-bearers—the Senior Warden. It is now some time ago since he joined us, and several of us have had the privilege of knowing him in private life, as well as in his Masonic career, and all of us in the capacity of Freemasons highly esteem him for his noble illustrations of the true principles of Freemasonry. The lodge has received many tokens of a ready willingness shown to improvement, which the brethren are fully aware of; and in order to mark our sense of the many efforts of this, the members of the lodge unanimously resolved to give our Senior Warden a suitable testimonial, which we consider would be best, in the shape of a handsome solid gold Masonic jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Chalmers Izett Paton, by the brethren of Lodge St. David, No. 393, in recognition of his many kindnesses, and as a mark of respect and affectionate regard. 7th February, 1871." I now present this solid gold jewel to him, in the name of the whole of the brethren of the lodge, in the earnest desire that he may long be spared to wear it, and continue to work in the glorious cause of our noble Order.—The Senior Warden, Bro. C. I. Paton, rose and said: Worshipful Master, Brother Warden, and brethren, it is with feelings of great pleasure that I sit here in the chair of the Senior Warden, and if I have carried out the symbolic teachings proper to my office to the satisfaction of the lodge, I cannot but rejoice in it. I accept with delight and gratitude the mark of your favour which I have just received; and will wear this jewel with pride in future days at all Masonic gatherings. Since I first saw the light of Masonry, I have endeavoured to walk according to strict rule and plumb, always striving to observe the glorious teachings and principles of our ancient and honourable Order. I can venture to defy any one to point out any deviation on my part from the ancient landmarks, laws, obligations, and charges. (One thing I may say—I do it without wishing to say anything derogatory to any one, and I hope I shall be understood, by every brother present—that the greatest fault of Freemasons is their not paying sufficient attention to the Divine truths taught in our ceremonials and illustrated in our symbols. No brother can be justified in allowing these great truths to escape from his memory and regard, because his promises, made at the very threshold of our Temple, ought to remain for ever deeply engraven on his heart. Were this more duly considered, and were these truths more constantly present to the minds of brethren, strifes or divisions, such as sometimes unhappily do occur among us, would be impossible. Freemasons, calling themselves Christians, throughout the world regard St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist with special reverence; and their admirable teachings of morality and brotherly love may be deemed the foundations of the rules and teachings of the Order. I have endeavoured, however, feebly to struggle for the maintenance of the rules of virtue and morality inculcated by them—the observance of which in their integrity is the honour and glory of our Order. I have endeavoured to maintain the laws of the Order by correcting errors. I have but imperfectly succeeded; I hope, however, that ultimately I shall be successful, and that these laws will be vindicated in their integrity. I often think of one of our symbols—"The All-seeing Eye"—and I rejoice to entertain the confidence that He who rules over all will with unfailing justice confound the guilty and protect those who are in the right. Some time may elapse; the course of Providence is often slow to our apprehension, but the end is not less sure. I am contented to wait for the end. In maintaining the cause of Freemasonry, I have lately been involved in a controversy with a brother living in America, on the subject of our relation to St. John the Evangelist; I hope, however, that I have been able to maintain our right to assert a relation to St. John as one who taught the same principles which we teach, and that from a very early period his name has been connected with Freemasonry, and that he has been specially revered by Freemasons in all parts of the world. I have laboured to maintain

the antiquity of Freemasonry against those—some of them honoured brethren—who have adopted the opinion that our present or modern Freemasonry is a new thing, the existence of which dates no further back than the beginning of last century. I have constantly and earnestly—you will allow me also to say, honestly—opposed what is known as the 1717 theory. I do not believe that our system of Freemasonry was invented and palmed upon the world by Bros. Drs. Desaguliers, Anderson, and their fellows. I believe they were too good men to attempt anything of the kind, and that in their great labours for the revival and reorganization of Freemasonry they were as sincere as we are this night; and if this only is admitted, which the character of the men renders indisputable, the whole question is at an end. But I need not go far for an argument to prove an antiquity of Freemasonry, beyond the date which a few recent critics have assigned to it. I have only to look, Worshipful Master, to the chair in which you sit, which is decorated with symbols such as we use at the present day, but bears the date 1641. Thus we are at once thrown back beyond the year 1717, and the resuscitation of Freemasonry which then took place, and in which Dr. Desaguliers and Dr. Anderson were the chief agents. Again, Worshipful Master, Bro. Warden, and brethren, I have to thank you for the kindness which you have shown to me—for the honour which you have conferred upon me. I will always wear this jewel with fresh remembrance of you, and may I be enabled so to conduct myself that you may never be ashamed of me, and that the interests of the Masonic fraternity may be promoted by all that I do.—Bro. Lambert, a Past Master, next proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," in a neat and appropriate speech.—The Worshipful Master briefly replied. A number of songs were sung by various brethren, and after every one having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the brethren parted to meet again on another night.

**HERTFORD.**—*Hertford Lodge, No. 403.*—A lodge of emergency was held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, last week. Present: Bros. H. B. Hodges, W.M.; J. D. Medcalf, S.W.; A. H. Wagner, J.W.; T. S. Carter, Secretary; J. R. Cocks, Treasurer; W. H. Nicholls, J.D.; C. P. Wyman, I.G.; S. Neale, M.C.; C. Drummond, P.M.; and E. A. Simson. Visitors: Bros. E. Salisbury, P.M. 901; H. L. Inskip, 449. Mr. Henry Campkin, of Datchworthbury, near Stevenage, Herts, farmer, was initiated. The whole of the ceremony was worked very creditably.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—*Zeland Lodge, No. 537.*—On Wednesday, 18th January, the annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Hamilton Square, when Bro. Thomas Earl Hignett was placed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Willoughby, P.P.J.G.W., assisted by Bros. H. Bulley and J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W.'s; W. Bulley, P.P.J.G.D.; Thos. Platt, P.P.J.G.D.; Harold, P.P.G.P.; Stevenson, P.M.; Lambert, P.M.; Golborne, P.M., &c. Amongst the visitors present were: Bros. H. Holbrook, R.W.D.P.G.M., a lodge, and of expressing the feelings of the members in stating that the selection had given the whole of the members of the lodge the utmost satisfaction, as also the gratification it afforded him (Bro. King) in being allowed to present so conscientious a Mason, one whom they had ever found prepared to do the work of any office undertaken by him to receive the benefit of installation. The installing master then proceeded with the ceremony in that correct, impressive and kindly manner, which has for years distinguished Bro. G. E. Pocock's working in Masonry. Victoria, Vancouver's Island; J. B. Hignett, P.P.J.G.D.; Bullock, P.M. 971, &c. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. T. Marwood, S.W.; R. H. Moore, J.W.; J. P. Platt, Treas.; A. B. Golborne, Sec.; Hilton, S.D.; Golborne, J.D.; Biggs, I.G. Bro. Bullock, who had been proposed as a joining member, was then balloted for and unanimously elected. The usual annual subscriptions were voted to the various Masonic Institutions. Bro. H. Bulley, in an exceedingly appropriate speech, proposed that, in the name of the lodge, a sum of five guineas be given to one of the Masonic charities to constitute the retiring Master, Bro. Lambert, a Life Governor, which was unanimously confirmed. Bro. Lambert suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to him. Upwards of 30 of the brethren then adjourned to the Woodside Hotel, where they partook of a most excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony and hilarity.

**BRIGHTON.**—*Yarborough Lodge, No. 811.*—The members of this, the last established of the Brighton Craft lodges, met on Saturday, January 21st, in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion. The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Edward Turner, 30, and he was well supported by the various officers of the lodge. A gentleman was expected for initiation, but he did not present himself. Several questions, interesting only to members of the lodge, were discussed; one gentleman was proposed for initiation, and one brother, of Lodge 271, for joining. All business having been completed the lodge was closed at an early hour, thus permitting the brethren to enjoy the banquet which followed the close of the lodge. This was provided in the adjoining room by Messrs. Mutton Bros., of the King's Road, and in every respect, waiting included, gave satisfaction. The tables were decorated with great taste; fruit and flowers, vases and epergnes, intermingled in artistic array. The cloth having been cleared, the W.M. in brief, but most appropriate terms, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. W. R. Wood, P.M. 315, 811, 63, Past Grand Steward, Past Prov. G.W., Sussex, replied on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. He referred to the present position of Freemasonry in this country, and attributed it

to the position and the knowledge of the present rulers of Masonry in England. They were in his opinion, as also in the opinion of the various bodies of Masons with whom he mingled, determined to do justice to their position, and to recognise the importance of acknowledging the right of every Mason to meet together in the circle in which he lived. (Hear, hear). This is fully borne out by the freedom with which the applications for new lodges had been entertained, and in so many instances during the past year been granted. He trusted that the present rulers of Craft Masonry would continue in this course and live many years to see the beneficial results to the order which he was sure would be the consequence. (Applause). Bro. J. C. Burrows, P.M. 811, Past Prov. G.W., Sussex, replied on behalf of the Past Masters of the lodge. He said, there is so much that is beautiful and good in the forms and ceremonies of this mystic art, so much that impels us to look with forbearance on the failings of others, and teaches us to pity and assist the distressed as well as to succour the weak, that it must commend itself to all men who desire to do good. He trusted that in some way or other every one present endeavoured to do something towards aiding their fellow-creatures in the hour of adversity; indeed, in looking round the table he recognised the faces of very many who sought, as he hoped he did, to practise Freemasonry as well as to speak it from the lips. The Past Masters of the Yarborough Lodge had, he fully believed, done this, as well as attending to their duties at the lodge meetings. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. R. M. Webb, 732, (Mayor of Brighton), who assured the company present that he felt honoured at being present that evening to enjoy the splendid hospitality of the lodge. This was the first time he had had the pleasure of being with them, he hoped, most heartily, not the last, and he urged upon them to return the visit to his own lodge—the Royal Brunswick, 732. Upon very many occasions he had witnessed the beneficial effects of Freemasonry, the true spirit of benevolence that actuated its members, who, in manner most practical, illustrated the teachings, and the lessons of the impressive ceremonies which, step by step, introduced every initiate to the full privileges of the Master Mason's degree. Benevolence and hospitality were the most brilliant gems in the Masonic diadem; long may the time be—indeed may the time never come—when their lustre shall be diminished by the acts of any brother of the Order. (Hear, hear). Several other toasts followed, and the evening was brought to a happy close shortly before twelve o'clock. There were present: Bros. E. Turner, 30, W.M.; C. Horsley, S.W.; S. Tnauer, J.W.; Nicholson, S.D.; J. Wood, J.D.; T. Lainsou, I.G.; Rev. Tyffe, D. of C.; Artis, W.S.; J. C. Burrows, P.M. 811, P.P.G.W., Sussex; Molineaux, P.M. 811; G. De Paris, 811; Gell, Sec.; W. R. Wood, P.M. 315, 811, 63, P.G. Steward, P.P.G.W., Sussex, Treasurer 811; Rev. Dr. Griffiths, P.M. 811, Chaplain 271, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Sussex; Dr. Taaffe, P.M. 811, Prov. G. D. of C., Sussex; Dr. J. N. Cunningham, P.M. 811, 1110, J.W. 315, P. Prov. G.W., Sussex; R. M. Webb, 732, (Mayor of Brighton); J. C. Pocock, W.M. 271; G. Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G.P., Sussex; Kuhe, P.M. and Organist 271, P.P.G. Organist, Sussex; Devine, Organist 315, Pro. G. Organist, Sussex; Yarrow, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, Cheshire; T. J. Sabine, P.M. 73; Hurrell; Adams, 271; Whatford, 271; Bristowe, German, S. Wing, Heckstall, Smith, Storr, &c., &c.

**KIRKBY LONSDALE.**—*Underley Lodge, No. 1074.*—The annual meeting for the purpose of installing the W.M.-elect, and celebrating the festival of St. John, was held at the Concert Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, on Friday, the 27th ultimo. Bro. Dodd, W.M., P.G.S.B., H. 995, &c., occupied the chair of K.S., supported by Bro. W. James, S.W., P.G.S., and W.M.-elect; and Bro. the Rev. Canon Ware, J.W., P.G. Chap. The following brethren were also present, viz., Capt. Braithwaite-Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Capt. Mott, P.M., P.G.S.D. West Lancashire; Lieut. Gawith, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. James, J.W. 995; H. Ranthmell, P.G.D.C.; Dr. Page, S.W. 48, Edinburgh; &c. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. N. Hindson as a candidate to receive the light, which on proving unanimous, he was introduced and initiated by Bro. Dodd in his usual faultless style. Bros. Dr. Page and R. James were also unanimously elected as joining members. Bro. James, the W.M.-elect, was then duly presented by Bro. Captain Braithwaite and duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Dodd, the retiring W.M., he being ably assisted in the ceremony by that zealous and distinguished brother, Capt. Mott. On the lodge being resumed in the first degree a joining member was proposed, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the Royal Hotel for the banquet, when a thoroughly fraternal evening was enjoyed, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who was ably supported by the I.P.M., and Bros. the Rev. Canon Ware, S.W., and T. Wearing, J.W. The other officers appointed for the current year are: Bros. Dr. Page, S.D.; Rev. E. A. Sall, LL.D., P.G.C. Somerset, Chap.; W. Smith, Sec.; H. Brayshaw, I.G.; and Thomas Anderson, Tyler. At the previous meeting Bro. Dodd, I.P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer.

**DERBY.**—*Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.*—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., when Bro. L. L. Simpson, S.W., was installed in the chair of K.S. The installing ceremony was performed by Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M., P. Prov. G.S. Derbyshire, in his usual correct and impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. W. Webster, S.W.; J. M. Moore, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M., Sec.; P. Prince, jun., S.D.; H. Headland, J.D.; R. Radcliffe, I.G.; and W. Stone, Tyler. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Midland Hotel, where they partook of an excellent repast, provided by Bro. Plock. The usual

loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and the brethren separated after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

**MELTON MOWBRAY.**—*Rutland Lodge, No. 1130.*—The annual festival and installation of W.M. was held, pursuant to summons, at the George Hotel, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. W. Kelly, R.W.P.G.M.; Douglas, W.M. (in the chair); J. Jones Fast, S.W. and W.M.-elect; &c., &c. The lodge was opened in form at three o'clock, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report read by the acting Secretary and passed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Fast was presented by Bro. Langley, P.M., to Bro. Douglas for the benefit of installation. After he was obligated as W.M., the lodge was opened in the third degree, and on the withdrawal of the brethren below the chair, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Fast was placed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Douglas, in the presence of the P.G.M. and Bros. Toller, Langley, Brown, and Markham, and saluted. The brethren were then called in, and Bro. Fast was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. The usual charge having been given to the W.M., he appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Douglas, I.P.M.; J. E. Bright, S.W.; S. Weaver, J.W.; Rev. C. H. Corydon Baker, Chap.; F. J. Oldham, Treas. (elected by the lodge); Thomas Barnard, Sec.; Capt. Hartopp, S.D.; William Adcock, J.D.; F. S. Petty, Org.; W. A. Leadbetter, I.G.; J. Turville, Tyler; and J. E. Clarke and Thomas Nixon, Stewards. The remaining charges were given to the Wardens and brethren. Bro. Fast then handed the Past Master's jewel, voted at the last meeting, to the P.G.M., for him to present it to Bro. Douglas, which he did—expressing the pleasure it gave him to do so, and fully endorsing the words of the proposer and seconder of the resolution authorising the purchase of the jewel.—Bro. Douglas replied, explaining that although he had wished to have the money devoted to charity, out of deference to the feeling of the brethren he had given way and thankfully received the jewel, which would remind him of many happy hours spent in the Rutland Lodge.—Bro. Fast proposed the usual vote of thanks to Bro. Douglas for his services during the past year, which was seconded by the P.G.M., who congratulated the lodge upon the fact that the outgoing Masters had made a point of installing their successors. Bro. Douglas briefly responded. The brethren present then paid their annual subscriptions. Bro. Langley proposed that the sum of £5 5s. be voted out of the lodge funds towards Bro. Dean's list for the Boys' School Festival. The W.M. seconded the proposition, and as Bro. Dean was present, the Treasurer at once handed him the money. The lodge was closed in harmony with solemn prayer at 4.30 p.m., and the usual banquet followed.

**SCARBOROUGH.**—*Denison Lodge, No. 1248.*—This lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 12th of January, in the lodge-room, Grand Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Armitage, presided, supported by Bros. Donner, S.W.; Fricour, J.W.; Taylor, S.D.; Foster, J.D.; Delamare, I.G.; Verity, Tyler; also Woodall, P.S.P.G.W.; Rooke, P.J.P.G.W.; W. Peacock, Williamson, Martin, and Stewart, P.M.'s; and a goodly number of members. The lodge was opened at 8 p.m., and the minutes were read and confirmed. The brethren named for the second and third degrees in the notice paper being absent from illness and unavoidable circumstances, the business remaining to be disposed of was the election of the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. W. F. Rooke (the Worshipful the Mayor of Scarborough) was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. J. Kitchin was re-elected Treasurer, after which the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren spent a fraternal hour at the refreshment board.

**BRIGHOUSE.**—*Brighouse Lodge, No. 1301.*—The fourth monthly meeting after consecration took place on Wednesday, the 18th January, when the following members and visiting brethren were present: Bros. William Boothroyd, W.M.; T. W. Hellewell, S.W.; T. Burgess, J.W.; Bro. T. Bottomley, Sec., being absent through a pleasing incident to himself and another, Bro. J. M. Wood kindly took his post for the evening; J. Powell, S.D.; J. Sugden, J.D.; J. M. Stott, I.G.; W. W. Widdop, P.M. 275, P.P.G.W.; J. Pease, P.M. 275, P.P.G.W.; T. Higgins, 521, P.G.D.S.; Williamson, W.M. 521; E. O. Child, W.M. 652; F. Crossley, P.M. 1231; Alderson, J.W. 495; H. J. Robinson, S.W. 521; &c. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and Bro. J. Craven, P.M. 290, was balloted for and approved as a joining member. Messrs. C. Sunderland and F. Spice were also balloted for, approved, and initiated the same evening. The lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren retired to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in such a manner that none but Masons can understand. A few remarks made by several of the visiting brethren were listened to by the members of the lodge with feelings of gratitude for the kind and generous wishes towards the 1301, who, if they are careful in having none but fit and proper men for candidates, may be one of the most flourishing young lodges in the province.

**MARKET HARBOUROUGH.**—*St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330.*—A monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Assembly Room, Three Swans' Hotel, on the evening of Friday, the 3rd inst., the following brethren being present, viz., Bros. W. Kelly, R.W.P.G.M., W.M.; Rev. J. F. Halford, M.A., J.W.; Waite, P.M., Treas.; Marris, P.M., Sec.; Douglas, J.D.; Macaulay, I.G.; Harrison, Martin, Freestone, Heygate, Shovelbottom, Whitehead, Dixon; and Bembridge and Clarke, Tylers. Visitors: Bros. Buzzard, W.M. 523 (who acted as S.W. in the unavoidable absence of Sir H. St. J. Halford, Bart.), and Charles Johnston, P.M. and P.P.G.O., who presided at

the harmonium. On the conclusion of the preliminary business, Bros. Dixon and Platford having passed examinations, were duly raised to the third degree. A third raising and two passings were due, but the candidates were unable to be present on this occasion. Messrs. Joseph Healey and James Gibbs, both of Market Harbour, having been unanimously elected, were initiated into our mysteries. After some other business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**ALDERSHOT.**—*Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331.*—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., the W.M., Bro. C. Carnegie, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. of Wks. Essex, in the chair. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bros. J. Gallagher (P.M.), J. Cunningham, G. Fleenoe, J. T. Evans, and W. Horner as joining members, and for Farrier-Major C. Dillon (3rd Hussars), Corporal Charles Beach (Royal Engineers), and Sergeant R. Young (9th Lancers), as candidates for initiation, who were all unanimously approved of. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. Gillon, Peers, and Plimsaul were questioned respecting their knowledge of that degree, and they received a mark of approval and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bros. Gillon, Peers, and Plimsaul were raised to the sublime degree, the questions appertaining to the third degree being put to the brethren for the information of those who were raised. The lodge was then closed down to the second degree, when Bro. Evans, who had been raised in the Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, signed his Grand Lodge certificate, and was presented with it by the W.M. The lodge having been resumed in the first degree, Bros. Garden, Savigear, Mount, Lucas, and Shillington were questioned as to their proficiency in that degree, which, proving satisfactory, they were entrusted with a test of merit and retired. The lodge was then resumed in the second degree, when they were passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was again closed down to the first degree, and Farrier-Major Dillon and Corporal Beach were initiated into Freemasonry. The working tools of the first degree were effectively explained by Bro. Fenn, R.H.A., S.W. A letter was read from the Grand Secretary, in reply to an inquiry whether Wardens could confer degrees, which stated that though not positively illegal, it was most undesirable that Wardens should do so. It was proposed by Bro. J. Belling, B.A., P.M., seconded by Bro. Capt. Richardson (Royal Engineers), and resolved, "That the lodge remove to the Royal Hotel on the 1st April." The W.M. announced that he would hold a Lodge of Instruction on the 23rd inst. The questions appertaining to the first degree were put to the brethren by the W.M. for the information of the newly initiated. Bro. Anderson, Master Gunner at Aldershot, was proposed as a joining member. Nothing further having been proposed for the good of Freemasonry in general, or this lodge in particular, it was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

### ROYAL ARCH.

**WARRINGTON.**—*Chapter of Elias Ashmole, No. 148.*—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the chapter rooms on Tuesday week. After the chapter had been opened by the Principals, the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. It being the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the choice of the chapter fell upon the following companions, viz.:—Comps. D. W. Finney, Z.; John Bowes, P.Z.; Prov. G.S.B., II.; W. Mossop, J.; W. S. Hawkins E.; W. Richardson, P. Soj.; W. Sharp, N.; Robt. Jackson and John Harding, Asst. Soj.'s; Jas. Hannan, Janitor. This being all the business, the chapter was closed with the usual solemnities.

**ROCHDALE.**—*Chapter of Unity, No. 298.*—The annual festival and installation of officers of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Arm-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The companions assembled in the above rooms at 6 o'clock, under the presidency of Comps. Prince, Z.; Holroyd, II.; and Ashworth, J.; supported by Comps. Roberts, Wrigley, and Briggs, P.Z.'s; Woodcock, E.; Waterson, N.; Macdougall, P.S.; Butterworth and Howard, Asst. Soj.'s; Rowcliff, Treas.; and other companions. The minutes having been confirmed, and sundry other matters having been disposed of, Comp. Roberts, who was called upon to perform the ceremony of installation, having assumed the chair of the M.E.Z., called upon the companions, Installed Principals, to assist him in forming a Board of Installed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Principals, when Comps. James Holroyd was installed M.E.Z.; Wm. Ashworth, II.; and Woodcock, J. The following companions were also installed:—E. G. Heape, E.; R. Collingwood, N.; R. Butterworth, P.S.; R. Howard, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. Oakden, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Rowcliff, Treas.; J. Ashworth, jun., D.C.; Wrigley, Organist; and J. Ashworth, sen., Janitor. The ceremony of installation, &c., was ably performed by Comp. Roberts, who had great pleasure in receiving the thanks of the companions. The labours of the evening being ended, the chapter was duly closed, when the companions adjourned to banquet, after which the usual complimentary and loyal toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

"MORE than a year ago one of my children was attacked with bronchitis, and, after a long illness, was given up by my physician as 'past cure.' I was then induced to try your Vegetable Pain Killer, and from the time I began the use of it the child rapidly got better, and is now strong and healthy. — JOHN WINSTANLEY, to Whittle-st., L'pool, Jan., 1869.—To P. D. & Son."

### MARK MASONRY.

#### METROPOLITAN.

#### Macdonald Lodge, No. 104.

The regular meeting of this lodge, now in the second year of its working, was held on Saturday last at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifle Volunteers, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.

Bro. James Stevens, W.M., officiated, and conferred the degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master respectively on Bro. Messenger, of the Macdonald (Craft) Lodge, No. 1216, in which he was ably assisted by Bros. T. Meggy, I.P.M.; Dr. Eugene Cronin, S.W.; S. Rosenthal, J.W.; A. Wolton, J.O.; Thos. H. White, J.D.; Charles Fountain, Steward; and G. Newman, I.G. Powerful effect was also given to the ceremony by Bro. W. Worrell, the Organist of Beckenham church, who presided at the harmonium, and played the various chants arranged by him for this degree, with exquisite taste. The other brethren present were Bros. C. H. Hammerton, Sec.; G. Neal, R. Whiffin, No. 118, and H. Massey, P.M., No. 22. The ceremony was given without any omission, and the lecture explanatory of the degree was delivered by the W.M. at the end. The brethren then adjourned to supper, and afterwards honoured the customary toasts.

The W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Rosenthal with the toast of "The D.G.M., Earl Percy," and remarked that the D.G.M. was as ardent in the cause of Mark Masonry as the Grand Master himself was.

Bro. S. Rosenthal, in answer to the call of the W.M., stated that Earl Percy, who would, if possible, have been at this lodge when the Grand Master honoured it with a visit, had promised that he would, if it were in his power, attend to-night. The first opportunity, however, that he had he should avail himself of the invitation, and not require one of the deputy officers to reply for him.

Bro. Meggy said that all the officers did their duties, and were happy in the performance of them. They did more as Grand Officers of this degree than did the officers of other degrees. This was a model degree, for Grand Officers did their work as well as hold office. The work must be done by some one, and they preferred to do it themselves. While they did so they deserved well of the Craft. For himself, he could say that he endeavoured to discharge his duty while he was a Grand Officer, believing that as he had accepted the post of honour, he had taken it with its consequent burdens.

Bro. Meggy proposed the health of the "W.M." The manner in which he had performed the work of the chair entitled him to the highest praise. He had really proved himself an excellent Master in Mark Masonry, because he went to the fundamental principle. In connection with himself (Bro. Meggy), the W.M. had been endeavouring to improve the ceremony and to elucidate, with the sanction and approval of the G.M., the difference between the ranks of Mark Man and Mark Master. After it had been worked a little time, they hoped to arrive at the climax, and submit to the G.M. a scheme for his approval and Grand Lodge's authorization. What Bro. Stevens had done, showed that he was desirous to benefit the degree; at the least, the possession of such a Master reflected credit on the lodge. From the way in which he had performed the ceremonies that evening he had proved himself a Master of the Art, and great praise was due to him for the labour he had bestowed on it, and the success he had achieved.

The W.M. thought that to receive praise from Bro. Meggy, who had been a fellow-labourer in the vineyard, was, to use a quotation which he remembered, "Praise from Sir Hubert Stanley is praise indeed." Bro. Meggy was the brother to whom the Grand Master had referred in many cases of difficulty in connection with the degree. Therefore he must have been a good worker to receive such distinction, and it was, consequently, doubly a gratification to him (the W.M.) to have his humble efforts so highly spoken of. Not having been connected with the degree above two years, he was pleased that the aptitude he had evinced for the Order had induced the Grand Master to couple him with Bro. Meggy in the work of securing and perfecting such a ritual as might hereafter be adopted through the whole of the Mark Degree. It was true that a little consideration and a good deal of attention, to what had been already taught him in the way of ritual, had been necessary; but it had resulted in what he hoped would be a permanent and satisfactory amendment acceptable to the whole of the Craft. Having seen the working in the lodge on former occasions, the brethren would have noticed that the distinction which was now made between the degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master, could not but do good, as it would serve to explain the difference shown in the narrative of the lecture. In that they had endeavoured, as far as possible, to approach towards similarity between the ceremonial and the explanatory lecture. The distinction between Mark Man and Mark Master

was of great importance, and he hoped it would be recognised.

The W.M. next proposed the health of "Bro. Meggy, P.M.," and in doing so referred to the great services he had rendered to the lodge. During the twelve months he was in the chair, and subsequently he had done his best to show the brethren how Mark Masonry should be placed, and what he (the W.M.) had said of Bro. Irvine in reference to his connection with the Macdonald Craft Lodge, he could say of Bro. Meggy in reference to this Mark Lodge, that he hoped the day might be far distant, and it ought never to come, when his name was forgotten by the brethren.

Bro. Meggy said this was a pet lodge of his. He had partly founded it; he had watched over it as a child, and it had rewarded his attention by showing proficiency. He looked forward, when he founded it, to establishing a lodge that should do credit to the order, and he could "lay the flattering unction to his soul" that the Grand Master was pleased with what they had done, for, when he paid the lodge a visit, he stated that he was pleased, and requested that such a memorandum might be entered on the minutes of the lodge. The Grand Master had also mentioned it in other lodges. He had gone so far as to say, "If you only do it as they do in the Macdonald Lodge, you will be of service." This lodge ought to be proud of that recognition; and as long as it showed its proficiency, he (Bro. Meggy) would feel he was rewarded. It was the highest compliment they could pay him as one of the founders of the lodge. All the trouble he had had was amply repaid by the way in which the lodge conducted itself. As a member of the lodge he could only thank the brethren for the way in which they had drunk his health, and begged to assure them that his services would always be at their disposal.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the newly-advanced Brother." As in the Craft, so in the Mark, it was one of the most pleasing duties of a W.M. to perform the ceremony on a new brother, and to welcome among the brethren assembled the brother who did the lodge the honour of joining it. Circumstances had prevented the attendance that evening of all the brethren they expected to be advanced; but it was gratifying to find that, not only they, but also members of the lodge who were absent, had felt it due to the W.M. and the lodge to send letters of apology for their non-attendance. With respect to the candidates, this circumstance alone would make their incoming at a future period the more welcome. That evening there had fortunately been work to do in consequence of the attendance of Bro. Messenger. That brother had been much impressed with the ceremony, and he (the W.M.) could only say that if Bro. Messenger saw the beauties of the Mark Degree that the other brethren of this lodge saw, he would give as much attention to it as he had already given to the Craft. They had in Bro. Messenger a member who would be a credit to the lodge, and one who was desirous of making that advancement in Masonry which all Masons should aspire to. As a comrade in the 1st Surrey Rifle Corps, and a brother of the Macdonald Craft and Mark Lodges, the brethren would welcome him most heartily among them, and would do their best to secure his promotion.

Bro. Messenger replied, and hoped that if he strove to become a proficient in this degree, the brethren would reward him, as they had his acquisition of a knowledge of Craft Masonry by putting him in office. He should then feel that his labour had not been without its fruits.

"The Visitors" and "The Charities" were the next toasts, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

#### PROVINCIAL.

#### Roberts Lodge of Mark Masters, Rochdale, No. 24, E.C.

I beg to hand you, for insertion in your valuable paper, a brief account of the formation of this very prosperous lodge, which is held in the Masonic Rooms, Arm-street, Rochdale, and which was commenced at a casual meeting of a few energetic brethren of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298 (Craft) who are members of the Prince Edward Mark Lodge, No. 14, held at Stanfield Bottoms, about eleven miles from Rochdale.

It having been felt a great inconvenience to attend the duties of the lodge at so great a distance from home, and their being lodges, chapters, conclaves, &c., of almost every degree in Masonry in connection with the above rooms, except the Mark degree, it was resolved to apply to Grand Lodge for a warrant, and a petition was accordingly presented to our worthy Bro. Wm. Roberts, of which the following is a

#### COPY.

To Wm. Roberts, Esq.

Dear Sir and Brother,—We, the undersigned, being Mark Masons and Subscribing Members of a regular constituted Mark Masters' Lodge, under the constitution of

the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, beg you to take the necessary steps for forming a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, to be held in the Masonic Rooms, Arm-street, Rochdale; and we, the undersigned, hereby promise and undertake to bear the expense incumbent thereto, and to become members thereof.

We further beg that you will not lose any time in obtaining the warrant, &c., but that all necessary dispatch may be used by you for carrying out this our wish.

(Signed) W. H. PRINCE, P. M. JAMES HOLROYD, P. M.  
W. ASHWORTH, P. M. JOHN BARKER, P. M.  
R. BUTTERWORTH. JNO. ASHWORTH, jun.  
JESSE FIRTH. THOS. OAKDEN.  
JOHN Mc'NAUGHT.

In accordance with the invitation, Bro. Roberts met the promoters, when it was resolved:—

1st.—That a petition be presented to the Grand Master of Mark Masonry, setting forth the wish of the brethren, and praying them to grant a warrant for the brethren to hold a Mark Lodge in the above rooms.

2nd.—That the lodge be named the "Roberts Lodge," in compliment to our very highly-beloved and respected brother, Wm. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G. officer for the Craft, Royal Arch, K.T.'s, &c., of Lancashire and Yorkshire.

3rd.—That the brethren deposit the necessary funds in the hands of Bro. Oakden, as Treas., *pro. tem.*, for expenses of warrants, jewels, furniture, &c., which was done and, the necessary pedestals, jewels, &c., (complete set) were ordered to be procured at once. A petition having been drafted and signed, was sent to the Grand Secretary, Bro. Binckes, on the 6th December, 1869, who, with his usual promptness, replied by return of post that the Grand Master had graciously been pleased to grant the prayer, the lodge to be called the Roberts Lodge, No. 24; meeting on the last Wednesday in January, April, July, and October, with the following brethren as the first officers: Henry Prince, P.M., W.M.; James Holroyd, P.M., S.W.; Wm. Ashworth, P.M., J.W.

The petition having been granted but not received on the 30th December, a special meeting was held by authority of the Grand Master for the advancement of candidates, to enable the promoters to fill up the offices at the consecration. Several brethren joined the lodge as members, and were affiliated, so that at the consecration, which took place on the 25th January, 1870, there were about 22 brethren on the books, each having his proper clothing, collar, jewel, &c. The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. Roberts, as D.G.M. by authority from the Grand Master, Bro. Portal, in a very able and impressive manner, assisted by Bros. Greenwood, Acting Grand S.W., and Heape, Acting Grand J.W. Bros. Prince, Holroyd, and Ashworth, were duly installed as the First Master, and Senior and Junior Wardens.

Bro. Wm. Ashworth, P.M., then resigned his office as J.W., in favour of Bro. Firth, and was elected, the First Treasurer, and with the rest of the officers, was invested by the W.M.

The officers for the first year are: Bros. W. H. Prince, P.M., W.M.; John Knight, P.M., I.P.M.; James Holroyd, P.M., S.W.; Jesse Firth, J.W.; Robert Butterworth, M.O.; Thomas Oakden, S.O.; Jos. C. Gillman, J.O.; Richard Hankinson, P.M., Chaplain; William Ashworth, P.M., Treasurer; William T. Stott, Secretary; William Roberts, P.M., Registrar; John Ashworth, S.D.; Robert Howard, J.D.; James Cross, D.C.; Edward Woodcock, I.G.; John Mc'Naught, Organist; Edwin Taylor, Steward; John Ashworth, sen., Tyler.

The first Annual Meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, January 25th, 1871. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Prince, Grand S.B., Provincial Mark Lodge of Lancashire, assisted by his officers, after which Bros. H. Crossley, of Halifax, and R. H. Hays, of Southport, were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Masters by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Roberts, G.S.D., Provincial Mark Lodge of Lancashire. The ceremony of advancement having been concluded, the W.M. vacated the chair, and called upon Bro. Roberts to form a Board of Installed Masters, who took the chair accordingly, and requested Bros. Prince and Ashworth to assist as S. and J.W. Bro. Holroyd having been duly presented, and given his due qualified assent to the ancient charges, the brethren below the degree of an Installed Master were requested to retire, when the W.M. elect was O.B., and afterwards installed by Bro. Roberts in ancient form. The brethren having been re-admitted, saluted the newly-installed W.M., with the usual honours, after which he proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Prince, P.M., I.P.M.; Firth, S.W.; Butterworth, J.W.; Oakden, M.O.; Gillman, S.O.; Howard, J.O.; Ashworth, P.M., Chaplain; Heape, P.M., Treasurer; Prince, P.M., Secretary; Roberts, P.M., Registrar; J. Ashworth, jun., S.D.; Woodcock, J.D.; Stott, D.C.; Collingwood, O.; Cross, I.G.; Heys, Steward; J. Ashworth, sen., Tyler. The brethren having been duly installed and saluted, the W.M., in closing the lodge, had great pleasure in receiving the hearty congratulations of the representatives of lodges No. 14, 20, 46, 123, and from the P.G.L., there being eight Prov. Grand Officers present. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, provided by Bro. Butterworth, of the Golden Fleece Hotel, in his usual *recherché* style. After the cloth had been removed, the

usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given and responded to by the various brethren. This lodge now numbers 42 members, many of whom have gained Prov. rank in the Craft, as well as in the recently-formed Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, and from the progress made in Mark Masonry in this town, as well as in the country at large, it seems certain that at no distant day Mark Masonry will become a very powerful institution and an influential auxiliary to Craft Masonry. It is a fact with Lancashire, which cannot be disputed, that those who have joined, and are constantly joining the Mark degree, are really those who have made Craft Masonry flourish, having done the work, and are ever ready to do more for the good of Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—*Union Lodge, No. 46, E.C.*—This lodge held its third meeting, since its resuscitation in October last, on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., when a goodly number of the brethren were present. The progress this lodge has made speaks well for the future of the Mark Degree in Manchester, and shows clearly the estimation in which the degree is held by the brethren in the North. About the year 1863 this lodge ceased working from a variety of causes, chief among which was the compulsory absence from the city of several of its best friends and supporters, whose daily occupations were removed considerable distances away, and from other reasons not necessary here to dwell upon. Suffice it to say that under the promised headship of our esteemed citizen Bro. Callender there were willing hearts and hands found to resuscitate the lodge, the first meeting of which was held in October last, at which time about twenty of the old original members rejoined. Since which there have been eighteen advancements, nine affiliations, and one joining member, and the lodge now numbers about sixty members, besides having already for its next meeting in March eight candidates for advancement and two for affiliation—showing very clearly the estimation in which the Mark Degree is held in the new province of Lancashire. On this occasion the highly-esteemed W.M.M., Bro. John M. Wike, was absent through severe indisposition, his place, however, being ably filled by Bro. Thos. Hargreaves, W.M. Blair Lodge, No. 113, who performed the ceremony of advancement in his usual good style. The visitors present were the W.M.M. of the old Ashton Lodge, Bro. Whitehead; Bro. J. Birch; and Bros. Handley and Milnes, M.O. and S.O. of the Callender Lodge, No. 123, Bury. After refreshments, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. L. Hine, S.W., when the usual loyal toasts were duly given and responded to, after which Bro. Chadwick, the Secretary, proposed "The health of the Visiting Brethren." In doing so he drew the special attention of the brethren to the fact that they were on that occasion honoured with the company of the W.M. of the Ashton Mark Lodge, which lodge, working without warrant, was neither connected with the E.C. nor S.C., but on a basis and foundation of its own, amenable to none and responsible to none. He (Bro. Chadwick) hoped the time was not far distant when the Ashton brethren would flock to their standard, and he was quite sure the M.W.G.M.M. and the P.G.M.M. would receive them with open arms; but they must have a name and habitation, and conform to the wishes and commands of the G.M.L. by holding no Sunday meetings and by having a fixed abode, not travelling about from town to town in search of a home. Bro. Chadwick concluded by proposing the toast, coupling with it the names of Bro. Whitehead, W.M. Ashton Lodge, and Bro. Hargreaves, W.M. Blair Lodge, No. 113 E.C.—Bro. Hargreaves briefly responded, and Bro. Whitehead thanked the brethren present for their kindness in receiving him and drinking the toast proposed by Bro. Chadwick. He, however, wished to say a few words respecting the Ashton M. Lodge, and in doing so wished to disabuse entirely the minds of Bro. Chadwick and others that there was any likelihood of their lodge joining bodily the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire. He was quite sure there was not—and this conclusion was forced upon him by various circumstances; besides, he said, that we were already getting into the fold all such who, in the first place, could afford to join a Mark lodge, and, in the second, those who were worth our acceptance. He (Bro. Whitehead) thought it would be well to let the Old Ashton Lodge alone, and if the P.G.M.M. thought it desirable to establish a Mark Lodge in Ashton, there were plenty of brethren who would willingly support him in so doing, and he, for one, would gladly join a lodge thus formed. He again begged to thank the brethren of the Union Lodge for their kind reception of him, and if again invited, he should be glad to come and see them.—The remaining toasts were duly given and responded to, and the brethren retired at an early hour.

HAVANT.—*Carnarvon Mark Lodge, No. 62, and Royal Ark Lodge, No. 7.*—The usual quarterly meetings of these lodges were held on the 30th ult. In the Royal Ark Lodge, which was first opened, the chair of N. was taken by Bro. H. Martin Green, P.N., the W. Commander (Bro. Purnell) being unavoidably absent. Bros. Clay and Coles, of the Mark Lodge, No. 62, and Bro. Montague Haynes, of No. 63, were elevated in due form. Bro. Clay was appointed J.D., Bro. Coles, G., and Bro. Haynes, Steward, and the lodge was closed; visitor present: Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.N.—The Mark Lodge was opened by Bro. Trigg, W.M., assisted by his officers, and no candidate for advancement being present, Bro. Reynolds, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was faultlessly performed by Bro. Binckes, G. Sec., the Installing Master. The following brethren were appointed officers: Bros. Coles, S.W.; Good, J.W.; Green, M.O.; Clay, S.O.; Trigg, I.P.M., J.O.; Hillman, S.D.; Barnes, J.D.; Collings, I.G.; Blackmore, Tyler; and Bro. Hillman was invested as Treas. A vote of thanks to Bro. Binckes, for his kindness in attending from London on the present occasion, and for his willingness at all times to assist this lodge, was proposed,

seconded, and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—*Percy Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 122.*—The first meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees, on Thursday, the 26th ult., under a dispensation from Earl Percy, P.P.G.M., authorising the lodge to meet previously to its consecration. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. Harpley, P.M., and the warrant of constitution and dispensation read, after which the minutes of the previous meetings of the members of the lodge were read and confirmed. The following brethren were then affiliated: Rev. James Milner, James Bowron, jun., C. A. Head, T. C. Davison, and Thomas Walton. A set of bye-laws was then submitted for approval, and was adopted, after which the ballot was taken, and several brethren were duly elected and advanced, after which Bro. H. G. Faber, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. was installed W.M. by Bro. S. Gourley, M.D., W.M., Electric Lodge, 39, and P.S.G.W., assisted by Bro. Brunton, P.M., P.J.G.W., and Bro. Harpley, P.M. The following officers were then nominated and invested:—Thomas Whitwell, S.W.; C. Ianson, P.M., J.W.; Thos. Bowron, P.M., M.O.; John Trotter, S.O.; James Bowron, J.O.; Rev. J. Milner, Chaplain; G. M. Watson, P.M., Treas.; A. C. Knowles, P.M., R.M.; I. H. Hart, Sec.; C. A. Head, S.D.; Thos. Nelson, P.M., J.D.; J. S. Byers, Org.; Thos. Walton, I.G.; John Trenholm, Tyler. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, and partook of a most sumptuous repast, followed by the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts, interspersed with vocalism, and the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

#### ORDERS OF CHIVALRY.

##### RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

*Rose and Lily Conclave, No. 3.*—An emergency meeting of this Conclave was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street, on Saturday, the 4th inst., when Bros. D. Bliss, of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73; Jas. W. Dawson, of the Sun Lodge, 106; and Edward H. G. Dalton, of the Montefiore Lodge, 1017, were installed as Knights of the Order by Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little, who officiated as M.P.S. Ballots were taken for the officers for the ensuing year, when Sir Kts. W. Mann, Viceroi, was unanimously elected M.P.S.; George Kenning, V.; C. A. Cottebrune, P. Sov., Treas.; and J. Gilbert, Sent., by show of hands. The acting Rec., Sir Kt. M. Edwards, announced the resignation of Sir Kt. Ord, Treas., and the conclave having voted five guineas to the "Little" Testimonial, was then closed, and the Knights adjourned to the refectory and partook of a very substantial repast. A most harmonious evening was spent, enlivened by the songs and speeches of Sir Kts. Cottebrune, Mann, Kenning, Brett, and the newly-installed Kts. Sir Kt. Brett, K.G.C., P. Sov. No. 2, was the only visitor.

#### INSTRUCTION.

*Chigwell Lodge of Instruction.*—The inauguration of this new lodge of instruction was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. Bro. Joseph Tanner, P.G.S.D. Essex, P.M. and Sec. 101, S.W. 453, as the W.M., opened the lodge. He was supported by Bros. Dr. John Bunce, S.W.; Joseph Clarkson, J.W.; W. N. Trent, Treas.; G. J. Shepherd, Sec.; W. Lewis, S.D.; Samuel Lilley, J.D.; D. Reed, I.G.; F. D. Cates, N. Kepps, W. Skene, Frederick Gordon, Charles Halphouse, J. T. Taylor, W. M. Edmunds, Thomas N. Nicholson, John Egan, and many others, including a long list of visitors. The minutes of several preliminary meetings were read for information. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor being the candidate. It was rendered in a correct, impressive, and painstaking manner, and was an agreeable treat and pleasure to listen to. Then, by particular desire Bro. Terry gave, in his usual correct and finished style, the working of the first, second, fourth, and fifth sections of the first lecture, which was acknowledged by a unanimous vote of thanks being accorded to him and placed on the minutes of the lodge books, for his great kindness in doing this work for the lodge. The propositions for joining members were then received, and other business followed, after which the lodge was closed. The beautiful new furniture of this lodge of instruction, so complete in all its details, was supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, of Little Britain. It gave the greatest satisfaction, and was the admiration of all present. Refreshment followed. Bro. H. Lock, the much-respected host, gave a liberal supply of all things needful both at banquet and dessert. He was most attentive to the wants of all, and his exertions were fully appreciated. The usual toasts having been given, the brethren separated at an early hour.

A ROYAL Ark Lodge of Instruction is held every Monday evening at the Lyceum Tavern, Strand, at 7 o'clock.

TWO meetings will be held of a Mark lodge, one at the Freemasons' Tavern on Monday, the 20th February, at 6 o'clock, to advance Master Masons to the degree of Mark Master, and afterwards elevate them as Royal Ark Mariners, at a fee of two guineas for the two degrees; and the second at Bro. Gosden's, the Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Monday week, the 27th February, at 6 o'clock, with the same design and at the same cost. Brethren wishing to avail themselves of these opportunities are requested to communicate with Bro. Meyer A. Loewenstark, Secretary, Devereux-court, Strand, W.C.

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HACKETT.—On the 12th inst., at his residence, Dugdale-street, Chilvers Coton, Bro. Dacres W. Hackett, of the Midland Bank, Nuneaton, J.W. of Abbey Lodge, 432, in the 29th year of his age, deeply regretted by a large circle of Masonic friends.

HAIGH.—On the 9th inst., at 429, Oxford-street, Bro. Charles Haigh, late of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975.

LACEY.—On the 26th ult., at his residence, Eugina Villa, Hammersmith, Bro. Edward Lacey, P.M. Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192.

## Answers to Correspondents.

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W. GAREY.—Thank you for the extract; it will appear.

R. W. Bro. KELLY, Prov. G.M. Leicester.—Your contribution will appear next week.

F. L. E.—The J.W. is to examine visitors, mostly accompanied by a P.M. The laws and regulations as to lodges of instruction are all contained in the Book of Constitutions.

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## ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

THE departure of the Earl de Grey and Ripon for America upon a most important mission, cannot fail to have been noticed by our readers, and we believe there is scarcely a member of the English Craft who does not wish success to the message of peace and conciliation which the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England conveys to the citizens of the great Transatlantic Republic.

It is no business of ours, as a Masonic journalist, to discuss the political bearings or the moral justice of the Alabama claims; nor is it within our province

to pronounce any oracular judgment upon the point of disputed fishery rights; but as the representative of a vast organization of peace-loving men, we hail with unfeigned delight the prospect of an immediate settlement of those vexed questions which have for some time past disturbed, and almost imperilled, the harmony which should ever prevail between the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race. It is also our privilege to rejoice that the olive-branch has been confided to a statesman who holds so high a rank in the Masonic fraternity of England, and who will, doubtless, pursue his difficult but honourable task in a spirit of candour, equity, and truth. Moreover, we believe that the same spirit will actuate the distinguished men who are associated with Lord de Grey as the exponents of English views, and that the Commissioners who have been selected to act on behalf of the American Government will likewise be guided by a far-reaching perception of the lasting advantages to be derived by both nations from the results of the forthcoming conference.

A great deal has been said and written about the common origin of Englishmen and Americans—about their community of faith and identity of language—but the world's history proves that these links are in themselves insufficient to bind men together in the bond of friendship unless strengthened by kindly acts and tokens of mutual affection.

Again, it must not be forgotten that, although the Anglo-Saxon element still prevails in the United States, there is a powerful and rapidly-increasing Teutonic element, and an equally powerful Celtic element, which may eventually obtain great sway in the Republic; and it may be added that neither of those elements is particularly friendly towards England.

We do not, however, wish to descend to the low stand-point of mere policy; but we say deliberately that the goodwill and alliance of our American friends ought to be courted by every honourable means, because they are allied to us, not only in blood, but in the exercise of those principles of civil and religious liberty so little known and practised by other nations. The time may yet come when the earth shall witness a final struggle between the powers of despotism and the champions of freedom, and in that day the might of America will count for much. A people now numbering forty millions, and increasing at the rate of 20 per cent. in each decade—a territory of almost boundless extent, rich in resources of every kind—such is the prospect presented to our view by the American Republic; and it is one which may well make us ponder over the probabilities of the future. The alliance of Albion and her giant-child Columbia will ever be a guarantee of the world's liberties and of civilisation—a stumbling-block to tyrants and slaves.

Fortunately, there is no reason to dread the outbreak of such a calamity as war

between two such powers; but we want more than this negative satisfaction, we desire to see the most intimate and cordial relations established between the two countries, so that both shall march side by side in the van of human progress. The cultivation of feelings of amity and mutual respect should therefore be the constant aim of all enlightened statesmen on either side of the Atlantic, and the mission of the Lord President of the Council may be accepted as an evidence of this sagacious policy. Turning to the Masonic aspect of the question, it cannot be doubted that the true-hearted Freemasons of the "States" will readily come forward to greet the Grand Master of England with genuine enthusiasm upon his auspicious visit to their shores; and the influence of such an event will be felt in the land long after our Most Worshipful Brother's return to England—an influence for good, a remembrance which will cement, let us trust for ever, the union of two free and mighty nations. It may not be amiss to mention that Lord de Grey is accompanied by a zealous Mason in the person of Lord Tenterden, who will act as Secretary to the Lord President. As plain Brother Abbott, Lord Tenterden has long been known to the London Craft, and especially to the members of the Lodge of Harmony, and the Iris Chapter at Richmond, in both of which bodies he has occupied the principal chairs, and now holds the respective offices of Secretary and Scribe. Lord Tenterden is a really hard-working Mason, as a proof of which it may be mentioned that he can not only confer the various degrees of the Order with great accuracy and precision, but can also deliver that very difficult lecture on the "Platonic Bodies," which we had almost fancied appertained exclusively to the province of one of our best known and most respected Preceptors in Freemasonry.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master will also be assisted in the adjustment of the delicate questions involved between England, Canada, and the United States, by the Premier of the Dominion, Sir John Macdonald, a brother of eminence, and who fills the exalted position of representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Canada. Our best wishes have already been expressed for the success of their mission, and we may conclude with a hope that our Grand Master's stay in the States may combine pleasure to himself personally, with profit to the international interests, which it will be his ambition to consolidate and maintain. He will, as we have said, receive a hearty reception at the hands of American Masons, and may expect on his return a most cordial welcome from the brethren over whom he rules; for, however much we may differ in politics—and the political opinions of Masons differ as widely as the poles—we are all, at least, convinced that the honour of old England could not have been confided to a statesman of greater sagacity or more unimpeachable integrity than the illustrious Chief of the English Craft.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

In reply to the query of W.M., in last week's FREEMASON, I beg to refer him to your own issue of October 30th, 1869, wherein is given the full particulars of the initiation of H.I.H. THE PRINCE DEMETRIUS RHODOCANAKIS in the Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 48, Edinburgh. The *Mons. Demetrius Rodocanachi*, or rather *Demetrius Stamatii Rodocanachi*, was initiated in the Sefton Lodge, No. 680, Liverpool, in the year 1859, just ten years before the Prince's entrance into the Brotherhood, and, we believe, is now a 33° of France, and a resident of Galatz. P.M.

WHAT IS TO "HELE," ETC. ?

I have no doubt that many, like myself, have noticed how frequently an initiate is perplexed when called upon to pronounce the word *hele*, in one part of the ceremony through which he is passed. He generally exhibits hesitation before he utters it, and then pronounces it as if he were not sure that he has caught the word aright. His perplexity is sometimes increased by the W.M. pronouncing the word as if written *hail*! or *hale*—a pronunciation which some are ready to defend. I doubt not that you agree with me in deeming it very desirable, not only that our ritual should be correctly recited, but that it should be well understood—that the meaning of every phrase and of every word should be thoroughly apprehended; and this should be especially so in our obligations. Now, I do not think this is the case in relation to the word in question. What does the verb *hele* really mean? I dismiss the words *hail* and *hale* as being wholly out of the question. I believe the only Anglo-Saxon word so pronounced is *hæl*, which we spell *hale*—healthy, sound, robust, &c.; or when used as a salutation, spelt in English, *hail*, implying, probably, a good wish, as welcome! or, as we sometimes say, "all right." A *hail-fellow* is a companion—a good fellow. But neither of these words can have reference to *secrecy*, or concealment. Is not, then, the word we should use, the old Saxon word *hele*, from *helan*, to cover? From this same word we get our *hell*, which signifies a covered or hidden place, and answers to the Hebrew *sheol* and the Greek *Hades*, both translated *hell* in our Bibles, although it is plain, in almost every place in which the word is used, that it simply means the unseen or hidden place in which departed spirits are kept, and not a place of punishment, which the word is now used to denote. Thus the psalmist says (Ps. cxxxix., 8), "If I make my bed in *hell*, thou art there." If *hele* be the word we should use, and the meaning is *to cover*, I see why our Outer Guard is called a *Tyler*—his duty being to cover, that is, to hide or conceal, the entrance to the lodge. This word to *cover* is often thus used to signify to *protect*, to *guard*, as a shield is said to *cover* or *guard* the body; as also to *hide*, *conceal*, or *put out of sight*. So Job says, "If I *cover* my transgressions, as Adam;" that is, if, like Adam, I try to conceal my transgressions. In like manner, the psalmist says, "If I say darkness shall *cover* me," which is immediately explained by "The darkness *hideth* not from Thee." Thus, the *Tyler covers, conceals*, or protects the door of the lodge. Down to the present day, I believe, the meaning of the old word is retained in Cornwall, where *tylers* or *tilers* are called *hellyers*, or *coverers*, because they cover-in the roof of the house. But, then, why have we, "*hele, conceal, and never reveal*?" Some say these are mere synonymes, heaped on one another to render the obligation more impressive. I do not think so—firstly, because an accumulation of words tends to weaken a sentence rather than to give it strength or emphasis; and secondly, because the construction of the sentence will not justify that assumption. "*Hele, conceal, or never reveal*" might do so, but "*hele, conceal, and never reveal*" certainly will not. The conjunctive conjunction denotes that *to reveal* is something in addition to what goes before. Why, then, are the three words used? What is the difference in their meaning? Will this do?—

1. *Hele*, to cover or hide; that is, never to permit certain things to be *seen*.

2. *Conceal*, to be so cautious in our words that even the most astute or quick-witted stranger shall never be able to discern or discover what is not proper to be *made known*.

3. *Never reveal*, to abstain from making known, in any way, what is entrusted to us as Masons.

These suggestions are offered with all deference, and in the hope of eliciting something on the subject from some of our erudite brethren.

I am obliged by Bro. Hughan's promise to say something on the word *cowan*, as I am also to Bro. Buchan for his reference to the *Freemasons' Magazine*, although the reference is useless to me, as I have not access to it. I do not think we can derive the word, as Bro. Walford thinks we may, from the Hebrew *cohen*. WILLIAM CARPENTER.

BRO. YARKER AND THE A. AND A. RITE.

As a general rule, I think it undesirable to prolong newspaper controversies, because they tend to degenerate into mere personal repartees, or into wranglings about what each writer is supposed to have said, or really did say. In the present case, however, as a great moral principle is at stake, I trust you will permit me a few words of comment upon Bro. Yarker's communication in your issue of the 11th inst. I ask my brother Masons to read my letters side by side with his; and I promise that this shall be the last with which I will intrude upon you, at least on the present aspect of the question.

Bro. Yarker says, that "A very difficult point in Masonry is raised" by the fact that "without any preparation beforehand the most solemn O.B. are dictated."

Now, I utterly deny that there is any difficulty in the point at all—at least, to a straightforward mind. We, to forward some purpose of our own, *voluntarily* put ourselves in a position, in which we are perfectly well aware, that an unknown O.B. awaits us. Under these circumstances, any man of honour or right feeling is bound to adhere to his sacred promise, even though he should, at some future time, see cause to regret that he made it. Bro. Yarker prefaced his first communication to you with a text of scripture. Let me quote another passage, which is at least equally appropriate to the subject under discussion:—"He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not,.....shall never fall."

Bro. Yarker says that I "admit" my "inability to defend" the A. and A. Rite "on its own merits." This is simply untrue. No word of my first letter can bear such a construction. When the present matter of principle has been settled, then I am perfectly willing to enter upon the further question of the comparative merits and de-merits of a professedly hereditary Governing Body in connection with any Masonic Institution; but that which we, as Freemasons, want to attain is Light and Truth. This can only be done by the calm discussion of *ascertained* facts, and general principles; and the introduction of personal grievances and private insinuations renders such discussion impossible. Nor will I, for one, take part in any controversy in which these weapons are allowed.

Bro. Yarker asks how I, as "a Christian clergyman, under sacred vows," can conscientiously belong to a degree like the 30°, "which stinks in the nostrils of the rigidly orthodox."

The "sacred vows" which a clergyman takes, are to be found in the "Ordination Service," and can be read by all who choose to consult that service. I am aware of nothing in those vows which can deter any clergyman from joining any degree of Christian or Philosophical Masonry.

As to the opinion of the "rigidly orthodox," let me say, once and for all, that such a phrase as this is well enough for bigots, or inquisitors, to hold over the heads of those whom they wish to terrify into submission; but it *could not* be used by any man whose *sole* desire is either to acquire, or to impart, truth.

If Bro. Yarker *seriously* wishes to raise the question whether any Christian man can conscientiously join the 30°, let him say so, and I, as a member of that degree, see no reason why

the question cannot be discussed publicly, without revealing one jot or tittle of the secrets of the degree. I will only further remark that if in the 30° there be anything really "*unchristian*" in principle, it must be equally so to the laymen and to the cleric.

P. H. NEWNHAM,  
Frome, Vauchurch Rectory, Dorchester.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

Bro. Frank M. Pixley, Grand Orator of Grand Chapter of California, thus addressed the Grand Lodge, Oct. 12, 1869:—

"The ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees—the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow-Craft, and the Master Mason. These, with the appendage of the Royal Arch, form a system complete in all its parts. . . . This is the true Masonic Institution; and what is beyond this in the way of fancy degrees, Scottish rites, modern French rites, and all the various systems of modern origin, are new and ornamental only. . . . Among them are to be found Provosts and Judges, Illustrious Elects of Fifteen, &c., &c., &c., Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, all which is simply Masonry run crazy. None of these new-fangled systems, rites, and titles have ought to do with Masonry as practised by those early brethren whose lives were the embodiment of the highest lessons of Masonic wisdom, the impersonation of temperance, courage, self-sacrifice, heroic suffering for conscience's sake—the very types of a simple, holy, earnest life. Well has a standard writer upon Masonry remarked, that, when titles such as Sovereign Prince, Sovereign Grand Commander, Thrice Puissant Grand Master, &c., appear in the public prints, they are only calculated to make the vulgar stare, and with the right-feeling, sensible Mason—a man of the world—excites only derision and contempt." HISTORICUS.

THE APEX = 49° = 81°.

A very serious mistake occurs in THE FREEMASON of the 16th ult., in which it is affirmed that "there are only three holders of the *Apex* in the world, who exist by the succession of triplicate warrants from Frederick the Great," and that the symbols of the degree are a "*Cord and Dagger*."

Now, brethren should not be precipitate in their revelations on the subject of this *climax* of our Grand Historico-Masonic mysteries, for I am in a position to assert, most emphatically, that the warrants in question were not promulgated by Frederick the Great, and that the three so-called *Apexes* were, in fact, no other than the three *sponsors* of the ONE SUPREME APEX, whose very style proclaims his crowning and *solitary* grandeur, and the succession of whose high office comes by an Act of Grace on the part of the existing Apex, who, under circumstances of the greatest solemnity, and himself *strictly veiled*, transmits to his successor (if practicable, in the presence of one or more of the Sponsors) the rituals of all other orders (some of which are scarcely known in England), contained in an antique leaden casket cased in cedar of Libanus (or Lebanon). By this means the *Apex-elect* is, if of one of the lower degrees (but in no case under that of P.M.) under a peculiar dispensation put in possession of the working of all the others.

True enough, the *Cord and Dagger* are the symbols of the Sponsors, but not of the *one* unapproachable Apex, for he has *seven* (hence the con-fraternity known in the East as the *Sat-bhae*, seven brothers), but which failed under a secret suspension of the then (1845) Sublime *Climax Apex*, who, at that period, happened to be on one of his tours of secret inspection in India.

From the nature of the office of Grand *Climax Apex*, 81°, it has been a time-immemorial law that his name should never be divulged nor his actual identity known to any *but a Sponsor*. Sometimes it happens, where Apex dies in any remote locality, his successor cannot be known to the Sponsors, but the latter can always identify the *true Apex* by the seven symbols which lead to the leaden casket that crowns the mystic edifice, and which, with reverence, I venture to

assert *I have seen*; but it is not fitting that I should say more.

There is a remarkable painting, of small size, called "The Dream of Apex." It represents a man in a gloomy apartment, startled at the appearance of a serpent; but, for reasons inconvenient to mention, the *locality* cannot be indicated.

As your correspondent is perhaps aware, the *one* supreme Apex takes in regular succession, as his symbol, one of the starry signs; but these are not numbered as amongst the *seven* occult symbols.

Allow me to add, that "the *Frederick the Great*" is not a warrant of authority. The *Emperor Frederick Barbarossa* certainly did issue one, but under the superior inspiration of the Veiled Apex, who, at that period, is supposed to have been a Venetian. N. B.—E.

#### THE WARDENS' CHAIRS, (pp. 73 and 89).

If "W.M., M.O.," will re-read his own remarks in conjunction with mine, he will see that he has shown no cause of difference between us. I spoke of "brethren able to discharge the duties," while he speaks of "skilled members," which is just the same. Now, a brother may be "skilled" who has never been in office. Then supposing the W.M. and S.W. were present, and the J.W. absent, while also no P.M. was present, I ask what could be done then? The Master of a lodge ought to know his men, and give every due encouragement to young members who are learning and taking an interest in the duties of the lodge. Consequently if he knows some of those brethren are *quite qualified* to do some absent officers part, he ought to encourage them by allowing them to do it, and not overlook them. I like to see a healthy emulation in a lodge as to taking part in its working—it is far too often absent—consequently I would respectfully ask the P.M.'s to encourage their younger brethren as much as possible, when duly practicable. W. P. B.

#### THE CHURCH OF SANTA SOPHIA (page 73).

The following addenda, being a condensation of Mr. Ferguson's remarks on the subject, may be interesting. St. Sophia was commenced by Justinian in the tenth year of his reign, on the ruins of one erected by Constantine, but destroyed by fire in that year; completed in six years, but twenty years after much injured by an earthquake.

In the course of the restoration, which ensued, several alterations and additions were made, but whether the exo-narthex or outer porch was added then, or after, is not clear; it was not part of the original design, but built during the Christian occupation of the city. St. Sophia has no external architectural beauty in its present state, but beautiful internally. The church itself is nearly an exact square of 229 feet north and south, and 243 feet east to west, surmounted in the centre by a great dome, 107 feet in diameter, and 182 feet from the floor. Internally the church, instead of showing a Greek cross, as is usually asserted, is virtually contracted in the centre, and in plan more the shape of an hour-glass.

The dome of Sta. Sophia is about the same diameter as St. Paul's, London, but 33 feet less in height internally, which is in favour of the former, and gives the effect of great space, while St. Paul's looks too much of a large hole in the roof. It is certain that no domical building of modern times can at all approach Santa Sophia's either for appropriateness or beauty. If we regard it with a view to the purposes of Protestant worship, it affords an infinitely better model for imitation than anything our own mediæval architects ever produced. So much for Justinian's work; but what about Constantine? Now it so happens that we have still an extant building erected by Constantine more than fifteen hundred years ago, and one, too, which may well claim the highest interest and veneration from the whole Christian world. I refer to the *real* church of the Holy Sepulchre, alias, the "Mosque of Omar," or, as Mr. Ferguson more correctly styles it, the "Dome of the

Rock." This old *Christian church* is hallowed by many associations. It contains the tomb of Christ, and nigh it the words were uttered—"He is not here; He is risen! Come see the place where the Lord lay."

I intend to forward a few remarks upon this venerable and sacred structure shortly.

W. P. BUCHAN.

#### FREEMASONRY AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

One of the most extraordinary facts connected with the American Revolution is, that every general officer on the side of American independence was a Freemason, with one solitary exception, the traitor Benedict Arnold. C. F. M.

#### WASHINGTON AS A MASON.

We extract the following interesting item from Lossing's "Pictorial Field Book of the American Revolution:"—

"The Americans were encamped in log huts at Morristown, and Washington's head-quarters were at the old Freeman Tavern, which stood on the north of the village green. In the Morris Hotel, a building then used as a commissary store-house, the chief often participated in the rites of Freemasonry in a room over the bar, which was reserved for a ball-room and the meetings of the Masonic lodge. There he conferred the degrees of the Order upon his companions-in-arms, and his warm attachment to the Institution lasted until his death." C. F. M.

### Original Correspondence.

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

#### THE "LITTLE" TESTIMONIAL.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

V. D. B.,—It is quite refreshing, after reading the leader on "Masonic Monstrosities," to peruse the manly and most fraternal letters of Bros. Magnus Ohren and John Boyd respecting the testimonial to our mutual friend and distinguished brother, Robert Wentworth Little. I do not believe it worth while to notice any anonymous personal attacks on Bro. Little by persons who are no doubt envious at seeing real worth about to be rewarded. Those who know Bro. Little are aware of the falsity of such charges, and those who do *not* know him, instead of crediting slanderous tales, should remember that the Testimonial Committee are aided by Masons of world-wide fame, like the respected Grand Secretary and others.

Yours fraternally,

W. JAMES HUGHAN.

Edward-street, Truro, 11th Feb., 1871.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR,—Having read with very great pleasure the letters in your last issue from Bros. Ohren and Boyd, I cannot refrain from addressing a few lines to you on the same subject.

The observations in your contemporary alluded to by Bro. Ohren exhibit so much acridity of temper and general mental disturbance that it is to be feared the writer must be suffering from a severe attack of jealousy, and no doubt imagines that he himself should be made the victim of a testimonial instead of our esteemed Bro. Little. Such, however, is not the case, as he is lacking to so culpable an extent in Masonic charity that much time and care will be required to restore him to a proper frame of mind and heart; and we commend him to the pure spring of Masonry, where charity—that chiefest of all the virtues—will be found a sovereign remedy for the crudity and narrowness of his ideas.

Let us now turn to pleasant topics, and a pleasanter one cannot be found than the testimonial now on foot. I need not say it has for several years been contemplated by many—it only required the right and fitting season now arrived, when, on being set in motion, it should extend as far as Masonry itself, on which the sun never sets; and I am sure that in every region where the light of Masonry illumines the heart of man, some will be found to give a hearty response to the call. I am but one of many hundreds who were waiting for the signal. All who know our Bro. Little know that his untiring energy and zeal, and the kindly manner in which he is ever ready to render his services, has given him a position in Masonry second to none as a real worker. His unwearied exertions in restoring the Red Cross Order and its cognate degrees to the noble position they now hold in Christian chivalry has not in the least prevented him from devoting an immense amount of time and energy to the Craft

and the Royal Arch, in every ceremony of which so many of us have had frequent opportunities of witnessing his perfect working; and I can fully bear out Bro. Boyd's remarks as to the number of lodges and chapters wherein he has officiated either as the Consecrating or Installing Officer. I can only add that his testimonial stands on the *broad basis of general Masonic work* of the highest class, and thus commends itself to all Masons. Those who have had the pleasure of knowing him intimately, as I have for many years, will not require to be reminded that it would be difficult to find a more gentlemanly man, a more perfect Mason, or one more deserving of general esteem than our brother.

Yours in fraternity,

WILLIAM ROBERT WOODMAN,  
P.M. 66, P.Z. 33.

Vittoria Villa, Stoke Newington-road.

#### QUALIFICATIONS OF VISITORS TO LODGES.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

SIR AND BROTHER,—There has been some correspondence in THE FREEMASON on the above subject. A circular was issued by Grand Lodge, and ordered to be copied into the lodge minute books, warning lodges not to admit strangers, who, though able to pass the necessary examination, came unprovided with their G.L. certificate. I forget the date of the circular, and am absent from the neighbourhood of my lodge, but feel certain it was issued subsequent to 1860.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. M.

#### "LADY MASONRY."

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to my letter on "Lady Masonry," which appeared in THE FREEMASON, I have again to crave your indulgence and aid. I am happy to say, from inquiries made, I find many warm advocates for the "Eastern Star" as a most desirable means of gathering—uniting—the ladies of our families in our several towns and lodges, &c., for charitable purposes.

Many of our brethren I find averse to the system, lest it might clash with or infringe on our own Order. This is, as you know, erroneous—"Lady Masonry," beyond its object, *Charity*, is quite distinct, and in no way interferes with the Craft.

Having said so much, I earnestly hope the brethren will aid in opening a chapter of the beautiful and useful "Eastern Star"—the best and only means I know whereby our wives and sisters can unite and work together in acts of kindness and charity.

In conclusion, I may observe that many lady friends are desirous of being enrolled, and are anxiously waiting to prove their utility in the good work. I will be glad to hear your opinion, as well as any of your readers, on the subject. Brethren will please address as below.

Yours fraternally,

F. J. JORDAN.

69, Chippenham-road, W., 8th Feb., 1861.

#### CONSTITUTIONS OF GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

V. D. B.,—Respecting the copies of the "Constitutions" I wrote about lately, allow me to state that, thanks to the kindness of brethren, I have now the Constitutions of A.D. 1858 and 1863 (8vo.), and I only want those of A.D. 1776 and 1784 to render my set complete.

I shall be happy to have these two volumes (or exchange), and would deem it a favour if any brother procures either or both for me at a reasonable cost.

Yours fraternally,

W. JAMES HUGHAN,

Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall.

Edward-street, Truro, 11th Feb., 1871.

REPORT of Dr. Arthur Hill Hassall, Analyst of the "Lancet" Sanitary Commission, Author of "Food and its Adulterations," &c., &c., on Mayar's Semolina: "I have carefully tested, chemically and microscopically, the samples of Semolina sent by Messrs. L. Mayar & Co., 36, Mark Lane, London, E.C. I find them to be perfectly genuine, of excellent quality, and eminently nutritious. They contain a very large percentage of nitrogenous matter, chiefly gluten, and are far more nutritious than any other food, such as Arrowroot, Tapioca, Sago, Corn Flour, Farinaceous Food, ordinary Wheat Flour, or any of the Cereals in use as food in this country.—(Signed) ARTHUR HILL HASSALL, M.D., London."—Highly recommended by the Faculty for Infants, Invalids, &c. Makes delicious Pudding, Custards, Blanc Manger, &c. After a trial no family will be without Mayar's Semolina.

**KING WILLIAM CITED FOR TRIAL.**

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The cry of protest which is echoing from every honest heart in this land against the horrors of the actual struggle is a solemn condemnation of King William, and cannot fail being heard in our lodges.

To remain silent would give a tacit approval of deeds which excite indignation in moral society.

I annex my protest, in which I trust our worthy brothers will join as a body. I shall feel thankful for its publication in your columns.

Ever fraternally yours,  
E. DELFRAISSE.

Chard, 1st February, 1871.

In reading the document of the French Masons, recorded in your number of 28th Jan., 1871, page 61, the first impression tells your mind of a wild despair, a powerless wrath, an impossible madness. Then, whirling against time, you leap over long by-gone ages, when blind, intrepid boldness rebels against insuperable forces. But such impression is soon imperilled in the mind which the principles of our Craft have filled with enlarged views of the true mission of all honest men. The golden heart of a Freemason always thrills at the cry of distress of innocence, hurls vengeance against crime, unless he forsakes his duties. Rank and lineage are no boundaries to our domain; our laws cannot stand as dead letters against evil for the sake of the title of the evil-doer. The king who deserts the cause of humanity and justice to secure personal advantages perjures himself in the eyes of the universal Brotherhood. It is a very comfortable way of getting rid of the difficulty, by pleading politics as being without the pale of our laws. Moral, political society comprise an indivisible trinity; they form the trine virtues of humanity, which we are so proud to call the grand principle of Freemasonry.

With dint of a sophism, it may be said that war has cruel consequences, which necessity approves, or at least excuses. Well, as long as such a demoralising system stands as an accepted scourge of our civilised age, we must by force submit. While King William acted on the defensive he had justly deserved applause and praise in his glorious and holy task of protecting his subjects. But what for the useless, wholesale murders of women, old men, and children in their flight before his cohorts? What for the villages reduced to ashes? What for the millions of innocents closely clustered in burning cities, dying by hundreds daily from disease, from mutilation, from cold and starvation? What for the enslavement of many millions of people by sheer lust of conquest? Brothers, if such evil-doings constitute the glory of a king, for the sake and glory of our Order, never let a king soil the gates of our sacred lodges! We, pupils of a school of a pure moral, shall we let such evil triumph without whispering a few words of remonstrance to the ears of our guilty brother? When the sacred voices of justice and mercy faint all round us under the clash of arms—when powerless innocence bleeds under the sword, struggles against famine, or dies under torture—we, brothers, we, the sworn satellites of a merciful Providence, shall we witness the crime and not protest against it? Will not our courage be equal to our duty? Shall we spare King William—the Attila of our age, the scourge from above—the lesson we owe him? Well, it is perhaps better to let his heart spell his own condemnation, written with blood upon his imperial crown. Like Belshazzar, he shall call in vain all his wise men to explain how his eyes become blind by blood dropping from his crown; how his ears become deaf by childlike screams, by the moans of mutilated corpses heaped round his sleepless pillow; how every vein, every artery of his body grows turgid, constantly filling with the tears of tortured women, of widows mourning their mutilated husbands or children. Then his countenance will change; the joints of his loins will become loosed, until a brother, like Daniel to Belshazzar, shall whisper the word of prayer, saying, "The Great Architect have mercy on

you! You, Brother William, who insulted morality, outraged humanity, and apostatised from your engagements to the Craft."

E. DELFRAISSE.

**THE ROBERT WENTWORTH LITTLE TESTIMONIAL.**

A meeting of the friends and subscribers to the above testimonial was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett, P.G.M. for Middlesex, in the chair. There were also present: Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Weaver, Yeoman, Barrett, Walters, J. T. Moss, John Boyd, Parker, George Kenning, Thiellay, Roebuck, and Levander.

The circular convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman briefly explained the objects of the meeting. Letters were then read from the Rt. Hon. the Earl Bective, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Jersey, Sir Gilbert Campbell, Sir Frederick M. Williams, M.P., &c.; and other brethren, consenting to be on the committee, and promising their support and assistance.

A committee was then appointed.

It was proposed and carried unanimously—

"That Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett, P.G.M. for Middlesex, be elected as Chairman of the Committee; and that Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary, be the Treasurer of the Fund."

"That Bros. J. T. Moss and H. C. Levander be requested to act as Hon. Secs. of the Committee."

The following was the first list of subscriptions announced:—

	£	s.	d.
Whittington Lodge, 862 ...	5	5	0
Rose and Lily Conclave ...	5	5	0
Bro. W. B. Woodman, M.D., P.M. 66 ...	5	5	0
George Kenning, W.M. 192 ...	5	5	0
J. T. Moss, W.M. 1326, P.M. 169 ...	5	5	0
Bayles, 297 ...	5	0	0
Paton, 393 ...	3	3	0
Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex ...	2	2	0
Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Chap., P.M. 82 ...	2	2	0
Roebuck ...	2	2	0
Captain J. Bertrand Payne ...	2	2	0
Capt. Irwin, Bristol ...	2	2	0
Tanner, P.M. 177 ...	1	1	0
Sillifant, P.M. 217 ...	1	1	0
Hughan, P.M. 137 ...	1	1	0
F. Walters, P.M. 73 ...	1	1	9
Sneed, G.P. Middlesex ...	1	1	0
Yeoman ...	1	1	0
Mann, W.M. 1306 ...	1	1	0
Rosenthal, P.M. ...	1	1	0
Parker ...	1	1	0
Fairlie, 33 ...	1	1	0
Gumblaton, 10, P.G.D. ...	1	1	0
Weaver, 862 ...	1	1	0
Brett, G.P., 862 ...	1	1	0
Dr. Daniel Moore, Lancaster ...	1	1	0
John Dyer, 22 ...	1	1	0
C. Coote, P.M. 1319 ...	1	1	0
J. M'Kiernan, 192 ...	1	1	0
Angelo Lewis, 788 ...	1	1	0
J. W. Barrett, P.M. 169 ...	1	1	0
H. C. Levander, W.M. 507 ...	1	1	0
A. B. Donnithorne ...	1	1	0
E. H. Thiellay ...	1	1	0
Caveac Chapter, 176 ...	1	1	0
R. M. Bowman, 79 ...	0	10	6
Rev. W. Church, 165 ...	0	10	6
Ohren, W.M. 452 ...	0	10	6
Smith, 76 ...	0	10	6
Dr. Jones, Carlisle ...	0	10	6
Hurlstone, 862 ...	0	10	6
Quilty, " ...	0	10	6
Smith, " ...	0	10	6
Garu, " ...	0	10	6
Kaye, " ...	0	10	6
Whitehead, " ...	0	10	6
Jones, " ...	0	10	6
Frickenbus, " ...	0	10	6
Moll, " ...	0	10	6
Voigt, " ...	0	10	6
Bergmann, " ...	0	10	6
Oswalt, " ...	0	10	6
Sissons, " ...	0	10	6
Haley, " ...	0	10	6
Kingston, " ...	0	10	6
Steiner, " ...	0	10	6
Anderson, " ...	0	10	6
R. Robinson, 1002 ...	0	10	6
J. Pearson, " ...	0	10	6
J. F. Taylor, " ...	0	10	6
W. Taylor, " ...	0	10	6
J. D. Larsen, C. 177 ...	0	10	6
Lord Eliot, 6 ...	0	10	0
Morton, 9 ...	0	10	0

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings, and the meeting was adjourned. It is expected that at the next meeting the list will be very greatly increased.

Reports of Lodges 197 and 975, also Mount Calvary Chapter, Rose Croix, and Mount Calvary Encampment K.T., will appear in our next.

**Masonic Miscellanea.**

THE Triennial General Grand Conclave of the Red Cross Order will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 3rd March.

WE are informed that Lords Limerick and Eliot have been admitted to the 30°, and the Earl of Carnarvon to the 32°, by the Supreme Grand Council 33° for England and Wales.

THE St. George's Conclave Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, will be consecrated at Bolton this day (Saturday, the 18th inst.) by the Illustrious the Intendant-General for North Lancashire.

HIS Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has named Monday, the 8th May next, for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on which occasion His Royal Highness has kindly consented to preside.

As a result of the late Masonic ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, held at the Town Hall, it will be satisfactory to the brethren to know that the Secretary (Bro. R. Wylie) has been enabled to hand over the handsome sum of £102 14s. 8d. to the Treasurer, Bro. R. Wilson.

WE are requested to state that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters is now prepared to grant warrants and certificates for the Ark Mariners' Degree. All Applications must be made to the Grand Secretary G.L.M.M., at the office, 2, Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C., no other person being authorised by the Grand Master to issue them.

A NEW conclave of the Red Cross Order—to be named the "Byzantine," No. 44—is about to be opened at Leicester, under the distinguished auspices of the R.W. Bro. William Kelly Prov. Grand Master; and the Rev. W. B. Langley, Rev. N. Haycroft (D.D.), the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, and other eminent brethren will hold office in the conclave.

THE Annual Ball of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, was held in the new Grand Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday last, when a large and brilliant company assembled on the occasion. The excellent arrangements reflect the highest credit upon the Stewards, nothing being wanted on their part to add to the comfort and success of the evening. Bro. Marriott's band attended, and the musical arrangements were conducted in a most efficient manner by that brother. Supper was served in a *récherché* style, after which dancing was kept up till an advanced hour in the morning.

The Sphinx Lodge of Instruction will not hold its usual weekly reunion to-day (Saturday) in consequence of the meeting of the mother lodge on this day.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Youthful Infirmities.—From causes difficult to discover, producing slight symptoms of deranged action scarcely perceptible at first, the young become prematurely enervated and debilitated. They lose alike their looks, energy and confidence. The general cause of this melancholy state is a disordered stomach, which Holloway's Pills will regulate. By improving digestion, and purifying the blood, they work wonders. They act so kindly, yet so certainly, upon every organ, that the nervous system soon recovers, and the wonted good spirits speedily return with strength, vivacity and vigour. The most delicate may safely take Holloway's Pills. They afflict no violent effect upon the system, and accomplish their end without much restriction in diet or pleasure.—[Advt.]

**GALVANISM.**—Pulvermacher's Monthly Record of Cures is *now ready* for the benefit of Sufferers, containing documentary evidence of remarkable Cures effected by Pulvermacher's Improved Patent Self-applicable Volta-Electric Chain-Bands and Pocket Batteries, and may be had on application to the Sole Inventor and Patentee—J. L. Pulvermacher, 200, Regent-street, London, W. A Test on Loan sent gratis if required. *Caution.*—Spurious Electric Appliances being advertised by Quack Doctors, Patients should consult Pulvermacher's Pamphlet on that subject (free by post), embodying other most interesting matter for those suffering from Rheumatic and Neuralgic Pains, Functional Disorders, &c., &c.—[Advt.]

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday evening, February 6th, in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, at 6 p.m. The Earl of Rosslyn, Most Worshipful Grand Master occupied the throne, and was supported by Bros. H. Inglis of Torsonce, Substitute Grand Master; William Mann, Senior Grand Warden; Colonel Campbell of Blytheswood, Junior Grand Warden; Rev. F. Rowbotham, M.A., acting Grand Chaplain; Alex. J. Stewart, Grand Secretary; John Laurie, Grand Clerk; William Officer, Junior Grand Deacon; Alex. Hay, Grand Jeweller; Major Ramsay, Grand Director of Ceremonies; C. W. M. Muller, Grand Director of Music; Major Hope of Luffness, Captain Colt of Gartscherrie, and others.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form by the Grand Master, the business of the meeting was proceeded with.

Upon the list of Proxy Commissions being read over, Bro. Baird, R.W.M. No. 3 bis, objected to their being sustained, on the ground, as he supposed, of their not having been granted in accordance with the new Stamp Act. Bros. Inglis, Sub. G.M.; and Mann, S.G.W., replied that as Masonic commissions were not granted by "letters of attorney," therefore Grand Lodge had nothing to do with Bro. Baird's objections as now stated, and especially at this stage of their proceedings.

Bro. Colonel Campbell, J.G.W., observed that if Bro. Baird wished to carry forward his ideas in Grand Lodge, he should table a motion to that effect in a proper manner, which would come up *pro forma* at the quarterly communication thereafter; but as to interrupting the proceedings of Grand Lodge in the way he was doing, that was quite unconstitutional.

Bro. Baird, however, persisting in his opposition in rather an obstreperous manner, the Most Worshipful Grand Master requested him to resume his seat.

The motion that the Proxy Commissions be sustained, was then carried.

The report upon the memorial of the lodge of Glasgow St John as to carrying the working tools at Masonic processions was afterwards read and met with great opposition from the R.W.M. of No. 3 bis, who made several statements, for which, however, he was called in question by the office-bearers and members of Grand Lodge present. He also alluded to the circumstance of the St. John's Lodge having carried the working tools at several Masonic processions in the Glasgow province previous to the said St. John's lodge joining the Grand Lodge in 1850.

Bro. Robertson, G.B.B., replied that if the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow really allowed the St. John's Lodge to act as stated, said Provincial Grand Lodge was simply breaking Grand Lodge laws when doing so.

Bro. Buchan, G.S., observed that it was, in his opinion, in great measure owing to the St. John's Lodge having managed to impose their pretended Malcolm Charter upon many of the Glasgow brethren which had enabled it to act as it had done; but seeing said document had been proved by some of the best Masonic and historical authorities in the country to be only a modern forgery, it followed therefore that the pretensions of the St. John's Lodge, as put forward in that memorial, were without due foundation, and fell at once to the ground.

The motion that the report of committee—minus some suggestions appended regarding future processions in Scotland—be sustained, was thereafter carried.

Another motion on the subject of Masonic processions was delayed till next Quarterly Communication, as the Glasgow brethren had to leave in order to catch the 9 p.m. train.

On the recommendation of the Grand Committee, Bros. the Earl of Dalhousie, Andrew Kerr, and William Hay were nominated delegates to represent Grand Lodge at a conference to be held in London on an early day to discuss the question of the Mark degree.

A memorial for the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Quebec was refused. Fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia were established by the appointment of Bro. George Fraser as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and the nomination of Bro. William Hay as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Charters were ordered to be expedited for new lodges—Burns St. Mary, Hurlford, Ayrshire; Rising Sun, Bombay; and Hopetoun, Leadhills.

On the motion of the Substitute Grand Master, Bro. Major Hope, of Luffness, was appointed Provincial Grand Master for East Lothian, in room of the late Bro. the Earl of Haddington.

A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Scott Centenary Committee asking the co-operation of Grand Lodge at the festival in August next.

After the appointment of Grand Committee for 1871-2, and the tabling of several motions, amongst them the following:—"That no office-bearer in the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall hold the same office for a longer period than three years, and, on the expiry of his term of office, shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office, and that at least three years must elapse before he is appointed to it again. This, however, is not to apply to the Grand Master or paid officials"—to be discussed at next Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge was closed in the usual form.

CONSECRATION of the STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

This new lodge was consecrated by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, W.M. 1293, P.M. 975, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Shepherd's-lane, Stockwell. About twenty-five brethren were present, and the ceremony went off with great *éclat*, the presiding officer being absolutely perfect in the beautiful ritual, and great assistance being rendered by Bro. Worrell as Organist, and Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 933, as D.C. The Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. John Thomas, P.M., and W. B. Hambly.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. Little vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. E. Francis, P.M., who then installed Bro. C. Hammeton as W.M. in a most admirable manner. The officers appointed were Bros. W. Worrell, S.W.; J. C. Pain, J.W.; H. E. Francis, Sec.; J. Brighton, S.D.; J. M. Klinck, J.D.; D. Stolz, I.G.; and W. Grant, Tyler.

The thanks of the lodge were unanimously voted to Bro. Little for the able manner in which he had performed the consecration, and he was further elected an honorary member. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Installing Master, the Wardens and visitors generally, for their kind assistance, and after several propositions for initiations, &c., had been made, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a most magnificent banquet, provided by Bro. C. Timewell, the host. The wines were excellent, and the entire *menu* gave great satisfaction. Bro. Hammeton, the new Master, proposed the various toasts of the evening in a terse but telling style, and there can be no doubt that he is the right man in the right place. Among the brethren present were: Bros. J. Stevens, W.M. 1216; H. Thompson, P.M. 177; G. Shček, W.M. 857; T. A. Taylor, 1158; H. Child, 72; J. Wyld, 54; H. Mills, 857; H. Massey, P.M. 619; J. Dawson, 72; &c.

THE FREEMASONS' LIFE BOAT.

The following names were inadvertently omitted in the last report, which appeared in THE FREEMASON of the 11th inst.:-

	£	s.	d.
Bro. W. Grant, 186	...	0	2 6
" H. Carpenter, 186	...	0	10 0
" Heather, 174	...	0	2 6
" Adkins, W.M. 174	...	0	2 6
" H. Barlow, 174	...	0	2 6
" Paddon, 174	...	0	2 6
" Farrar, 174	...	0	2 6
" Roberts, 174	...	0	2 6
" Tuck, 174	...	0	2 6
" Manin, 174	...	0	2 6
" Miller, 174	...	0	5 0
" Hilliard, 174	...	0	2 6
A P.M. 174	...	0	10 0

There is also an error—Bro. Gompertz, 205, subscribed 2s. 6d., and not 2s. The total, therefore, is £242 15s. 6d.

ROYAL ARK MASONRY.

GRAND LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

A Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 9th inst., at seven o'clock. Present: Bros. Morton Edwards, G.C.; R. W. Little, Past D.G.C.; F. Binckes, P.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.C.; S. Rosenthal, G.D.C.; A. D. Loewenstark, G. Standard-bearer; M. A. Loewenstark, G.S.; George Kenning, H. C. Levander, S. M. Lazarus, H. Massey, W. B. Church, H. W. Barrett, J. Rosenthal, W. H. Hubbard, T. F. Starkey, A. Harris, G. Hart, M. Emanuel, E. H. Finney, John Read, Waters, and Longstaff. Bro. Morton Edwards was G.C.; Bro. Rosenthal acted as S.W.J.; and Bro. Lazarus as J.W.S.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of meetings of 21st and 30th June, 29th July, and 2nd of February were read and unanimously confirmed, and letters were read from Bros. Colonel Burdett (Deputy G.C.), Lord Eliot (P.C.), George Lambert (G.T.), Israel Abrahams, and other brethren, apologising for absence.

The G.C. then stated that the meeting had been called to discuss the position the degree now stood in, to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the attachment of this degree to the Mark Degree, and to elect a Grand Commander for the next year.

Several letters and extracts from correspondence from Bros. Dorrington (P.G.C.), Thompson, Vesper, Greenwood, Pilling, and other Royal Ark Mariners, were read, by which it was shown that the degree had been extensively practised during the eighteenth century, and had been worked in various parts of the country and abroad since then and up to the present time. Bro. Edwards had been invested with power from Bro. Dorrington, the G.C., to re-open dormant, and found fresh, lodges, and call a Grand Lodge together under his authority and that of a warrant for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in 1793 signed by several distinguished Masons of that period, when H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence accepted the Grand Command of the Order. This was done on the 21st June, when, on Bro. Dorrington retiring, Bro. Edwards was regularly invested and enthroned as G.C., and appointed a number of officers, at a very influential and successful meeting. Since that period negotiations had been entered into with the Mark Degree for the attachment of the Royal Ark Mariners to it—much in the same manner as the Royal Arch to the Craft—which required some meetings still to complete; but in the interval the Order had been making rapid progress. Ten lodges had been either reopened or founded, other applications received, several Inspector-Generals had been appointed for provinces at home and abroad, and warrants and certificates could now be granted, for which application should be made to the G. Scribe, Bro. Loewenstark. The Mark Degree would, after the 21st June, take over the greater part of the management of the Royal Ark Mariners' Order, if the Grand Master of the Mark Degree, the Rev. G. R. Portal, be elected as Grand Commander; but in the meantime it was necessary that the arrangement for the attachment should be carefully made, so as to secure the rights of this degree to the members.

Considerable discussion now ensued, in which Bros. Binckes, Little, S. Rosenthal, A. D. Loewenstark, and Lazarus took part, Bro. Binckes stating that he considered the arrangements all but confirmed, and that no difficulty whatever would be experienced in coming to terms. But the real difficulty, he went on to say, was this: Did this Grand Lodge still wish to exercise supreme authority or did it not; or, on the other hand, was it willing to give it up to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters? If the Grand Ark wished to resign to Grand Mark Lodge a nominal allegiance and retain the real power, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters would not concede to those terms. If Grand Ark wished to surrender its powers to Grand Mark Lodge, and have it work the degree, then there was no difficulty in carrying that understanding into effect; but Grand Mark Lodge would not go so far as to come to an arrangement by which two concurrent supreme jurisdictions should be allowed to exist.

The G.C. stated that he expected to have seen three times the number of Royal Ark Mariners present, and he felt that the meeting consequently did not entirely represent the Order, but that which was wanted was this: that the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners should be merged into a council, to work as a lodge, which all Present and Past Commanders and all Present J.'s and S.'s should be entitled to attend, and rank as members; that a working committee or Board of Advice be formed to advise the Grand Commander on Royal Ark matters; that all fees should be the property of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners to the 21st June, which would enable them to pay for their furniture, clothing, &c., and probably leave a sur-

plus, part of which would go for charitable purposes, and part towards an installation banquet. The Grand Officers to pay fees of office, to have their past rank confirmed, and that all these fees for office and dispensation fees be the property of this Body, which would thus efficiently represent the Royal Ark Mariners' Order.

Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Past Deputy Grand Commander, then stated that Bro. Portal had done him the honour to show him a programme which he meant to submit to this Grand Lodge. He believed it met all the conditions previously arranged, and went further, and conceded that the officers of this lodge should wear their collars in Grand Mark Lodge. Again, this lodge was to retain all its fees until it had paid the debts it had incurred for clothing, &c. He thought the Grand Master had met, or endeavoured to meet, them in an amicable spirit, and there was probably no brother in the room who did not wish to see the treaty carried out to the fullest extent.

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark then moved that "The Rev. Bro. G. R. Portal be elected Grand Commander, the enthronement to take place on the 21st of June." The motion was seconded by Bro. Levander.

The G.C. then put the motion, and it being carried unanimously, he declared the Rev. G. R. Portal to be the Grand Commander-elect.

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark also moved—"That a Committee be formed of the G.C., and five members of this, as well as of Grand Mark Lodge, to arrange the difficulties in the meantime." This was seconded by Bro. Levander, and carried unanimously.

The Committee was then appointed as under:—The G.C.; Bros. Joshua Nunn, Harris, E. H. Finney, A. D. Loewenstark, and M. Emanuel.

Bro. Binckes stated that he should immediately take the necessary steps to call together the Committee of the Mark Degree, consisting of the Grand Master and five members of that degree.

The G.C. informed the brethren that having been so successful in the efforts made to restore this ancient Order to something like its former dignity, and having been so ably seconded by his officers and Royal Ark Mariners generally, he should not relax his endeavours to render it as influential and numerous as possible, in order to hand over to the Grand Commander-elect a powerful and well-organised body of brethren, and which must be a source of gratification to both degrees.

There being no further business, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The appearance of the rooms on this occasion was certainly picturesque and handsome in the extreme, the brethren wearing the grand clothing, jewels, &c., of the Order.

A Special Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners was held by dispensation at the Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 9th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Meyer A. Loewenstark, G.S.B., in due form and with solemn prayer, when Bros. Waters and Longstaff were admitted and obligated as Royal Ark Mariners. The ballot was taken for Bro. Major E. Hamilton Finney, 31°; John Read (Grand Organist Mark); and A. B. Cook, 30°; which proving unanimous in their favour, Bros. Finney and Read were admitted, and elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Mariners according to ancient custom. On the retiring of some of the brethren, an Assembly of Commanders of the Order was then properly formed, and Bros. Finney, Starkey, and T. W. Barrett had the rank of Commander conferred on them by dispensation, the ceremony being conducted by the G.C., Bro. Morton Edwards, assisted by Bro. S. Rosenthal, 33°, G.D.C., and Bro. Lazarus, P.C. No. 2. The brethren were then readmitted, and saluted the newly-enthroned Commanders. No other business being before the lodge, it was closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

*Dove Lodge, No. 4.*—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 1st of February, when a number of brethren of the order were present; A. D. Loewenstark, Commander. Bro. Major H. T. Duncan, D.G.M. for B. Burmah, and Bro. Geo. Neall were elevated, and the Commander-elect, Bro. Israel Abrahams, was enthroned as Commander N., and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. S. Pollitzer, S.W.J.; Wolf Littaur, J.W.S.; Rosenthal, S.D.; Funkenstein, J.D.; Albert, Steward; M. Emanuel, D.C.; J. Emanuel, Guardian; A. D. Loewenstark, Treas.; E. Hart, Organist; Meyer A. Loewenstark, Secretary; Laing, Warden. The lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer. At the banquet (a capital one) which took place after the Mark Lodge was closed, Bro. M. Edwards, G.C., stated that he had had the pleasure of elevating the M.W.G. Mark Master, and several Grand Officers, as well as some officers of Grand Craft Lodge, and some idea might be formed of the progress this degree is making, when out of some 30 who were round the table, all except five or six were Royal Ark Mariners, and he hoped that this degree, having been buried for years as one might say, possessing merits to some unknown, may yet become of considerable importance.

**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 "CAPTAIN" RELIEF FUND.

The officers of H.M.S. "Resistance," several of whom are members of the Craft, gave an amateur performance at the Birkenhead Theatre on the 27th ult., in aid of the fund for relief of the widows and orphans of those who perished in the "Captain." The ill-fated ship having been built at Birkenhead, a great deal of interest is naturally felt in that locality in everything connected with her mishap, and that, together with the novelty of the entertainment given by the gallant officers, caused the theatre to be well filled. The evening for the performance having been quite accidentally chosen, it was a curious coincidence that that very day completed a year since the ship was floated out from the building-yard into the river Mersey. The pieces selected for this occasion were "Our Wife" and the Irish farce "More Blunders than One," in both of which the officers acquitted themselves very creditably. Between the plays, Lieut. Heron, *R.N.*, entertained the audience with a song, which was vociferously encored, and the same compliment was also paid to Mr. Burnley, *R.N.*, for his admirable execution of a sailor's "hornpipe." The evening's amusement commenced with a most appropriate prologue, written by Bro. Capt. Shanks, Royal Marines (W.M. 189), Knight of the Order of the Medjidic, &c., who, at the rising of the curtain, came forward and delivered it with great emphasis and precision, being frequently interrupted by enthusiastic and well-earned applause. When it was concluded, Bro. Shanks was again called to the front, and received quite an ovation from the well-pleased audience. This is the second entertainment of the kind that the officers of the "Resistance" have given within the last two months, and they have thus added considerably to the "Captain" Fund.

#### PROLOGUE.

Twelve months ago—'tis that within a day—  
The "Captain" first on Mersey's river lay;  
This day completes one year since she with pride  
Came forth to navigate the restless tide;  
On *Friday* she came forth—a day, 'tis said,  
That even bravest sailors greatly dread—  
But who *then* thought that noble ship would be  
So soon o'erwhelmed with dire catastrophe?  
Noble indeed she was—matchless in strength and  
speed,

Perfect in all but safety!—As a steed  
From the restraint of rein and curb set free  
Wanders unchecked, she roamed the faithless sea;  
She sought not idle, calm repose, but loved  
To face the tempest in its fiercest hour,  
Yet, though her crew were brave, the sequel prov'd  
She could not cope with its tremendous power.  
Let us not sorrow for those heroes gone,  
'Twas God's high will! their race on earth was run!  
Within their liquid sepulchre they sleep,  
May He their widows and their orphans keep.  
Their death, to us, a lesson can impart  
That should not fail to reach the hardest heart,  
It loudly bids us lift our thoughts above,  
And put our trust alone in heavenly love!

Friends of the widow and the fatherless  
(As you desire that God should aid or bless),  
Do you—with gen'rous rivalry—how prove  
Foremost in deeds of charity and love;  
Be't yours to dry the widow's burning tear,  
The wretched orphan's poverty to cheer,  
To soothe the bed of sickness, to impart  
Hope to the hopeless—heal the breaking heart.  
These are worthy objects—these, at least,  
Can give pure pleasure to the human breast;  
For this we, Amateurs, now tread the stage,  
You, too, who hear me, in this cause engage.  
We do not wish, to-night, to us our power  
Merely to frisk away an idle hour,  
We seek to aid in charity's design  
And, in our task, most gladly see you join.

What joy 'twould be if every heart could feel  
That happiness springs from the wounds we heal;  
Could we but see all undisclosed despair,  
And take delight in giving comfort there;  
What joy if all the springs within that move  
The tender sympathies of social love  
Were melted to compassion's softest mood,  
And our souls stirred—for age—to doing good.  
When this world's vanities are nearly o'er,  
Ere fate the curtain drops to rise no more;  
When the fast fleeting breath has almost sped,  
Some moments thus devoted then will shed  
A calm and tranquil bliss, a ray serene,  
To gild the mortal drama's closing scene.

Thoughts such as these made us adopt this  
plan  
For bringing some relief to suffering man,  
Inspir'd the Actors (who will now appear)  
With hope to dry, at least, one bitter tear  
From those, to whom that dreadful wreck has  
shown

What 'tis to pass through life unlov'd—alone!  
Should then our efforts and our hopes succeed,  
Yours be the merit, yours the happy meed

Which gracious Heaven promises to those  
Who look with charity on human woes!  
With true delight our histrionic crew  
Exert themselves to win applause from you;  
And feel supremely gratified to be  
The humble instruments of Charity!  
Cynics may say we're but a motley crew,  
As well to acting as to speaking new;  
That accusation is perhaps, too true!  
Yet, though our skill as orators be slight,  
And though our powers, Dramatic, may be few,  
When British Sailors and Marines unite  
There's nothing that they cannot "dare and do"!

### CAPTAIN PETERSEN'S STEAM LIFE BOAT.

The invention of Capt. C. W. Petersen, for the application of steam power to lifeboats, is destined to effect an important improvement in our lifeboat system, and consequently to increase very considerably the means at our disposal for saving life at sea. The committee of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, after examining the models and drawings of the invention, have expressed themselves greatly pleased with it, and are especially anxious that it should have an adequate trial, the success of which, we believe, will fully confirm the anticipations which have been formed of it, strengthened by the opinion of practical and scientific men, who have pronounced the invention to be one of the greatest value. Capt. Petersen is confident that his boat will be able to put to sea in all weathers, and that, if upset, it will instantly right itself without losing its motive power. The advantages it will possess, both in respect to increased speed and power, over the lifeboats now in use must, of course, be self-evident; but the great thing is to put the invention to the test. This, Capt. Petersen is most anxious to do; but having necessarily exhausted, to a great extent, his available resources in experiments and multifarious incidental operations, he is obliged to appeal to the benevolent and to all interested in sailors and shipping, for subscriptions to enable him to accomplish this object, and considering the important bearing his invention is likely to have upon one of the greatest of our national philanthropic instrumentalities, we are sure that this appeal will not be made in vain. Indeed, the manner in which it has already been responded to, prevents the barest possibility of such a result. The cost of building a trial boat will be about £900 or £1,000, towards which the Committee of Lloyds have subscribed £50; the Salvage Institution, £52 10s.; the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, £50; the Royal National Life Boat Institution, £100; Miss Burdett Coutts, £100; and about £200 have been contributed by merchants and others, making altogether upwards of £500. The names here mentioned, as subscribers, afford a satisfactory guarantee for the practicability of the proposal, and we trust their liberality will at once be supplemented to such an extent as to ensure the complete realisation of Capt. Petersen's intentions. The object is one of such national importance that it ought to command universal sympathy and support, and to be received with special favour and interest by maritime communities, directly concerned, in the welfare and interest of our seamen. This being so, Capt. Petersen may reasonably expect such an amount of assistance—and that, too, within a very short time—as will enable him to put his invention to the test. To this end subscriptions are invited, and for their attainment we are pleased to state that the Committee at Lloyd's have granted Capt. Petersen permission to attend daily in the vestibule in order to explain his interesting adaptation of steam power to lifeboat services. Donations may be paid to F. Lean, Esq., R.N., Secretary of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge; to Messrs. Fuller, Banbury, & Co., Bankers, 77, Lombard-street; to Sir W. Mitchell, editor of the *Shipping and Mercantile Gazette*, in the columns of which paper favourable mention has recently been made of the invention. We trust the publicity thus given to the subject will have the effect of expediting the carrying out of an experiment which, from its immediate connection with an essentially national instrumentality, cannot fail to excite the liveliest interest and attention among all who appreciate the dangers of the deep, or who understand, even by imagination, the perils to which seamen are oftentimes exposed within sight of our rock-bound coasts.

Bro. RANSFORD, P.G. Organist, announces that his Annual Evening Concert will take place on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at St. James's Hall.

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### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The General Committee of the Grand Lodge met, and afterwards the Lodge of Benevolence was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. Amongst the brethren present were: Bros. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President (in the chair); Colonel Cole, P.G.S.W.; J. Hervey, P.G.D., G.S.; J. Savage, P.G.D.; N. Bradford, P.A.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. Young, P.G.S.B.; J. Nunn, P.G.S.B., S.V.P.; J. Brett, G.P., J.V.P.; J. Smith, P.G.P.; H. G. Buss, R. Wentworth Little, C. A. Cottebrune, George Kenning, H. Dumas, F. Walters, W. Mann, J. Weaver, J. W. Halsey, W. Smith, M. A. Loewenstark, T. F. Creswick, J. Boyd, &c.

Notice of motion was given by Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, P.G.D., "That, at the Quarterly communication of March 1st, £50 be voted from the funds of this Grand Lodge towards the purchase of a Masonic life-boat."

The grants voted at the previous meeting requiring confirmation were unanimously confirmed.

It was announced that the M.W.G.M. the Earl de Grey and Ripon had sanctioned that in future, on and after the 22nd March, the Lodge of Benevolence be held at six o'clock instead of seven.

There were twenty-one applications for relief. Two were deferred until next meeting, one was dismissed, and eighteen were relieved—one with £100, one £40, eight £20 each, seven £10 each, and one £5—subject to the larger amounts being confirmed at the next meeting. The total sum voted was £375, including £10 voted to an applicant who died before the amount was paid, but which was now transferred to the children.

### A MASONIC TOUR.

(Continued from page 44.)

Richmond Va., U.S., Nov. 22, 1870.

Agreeably, to promise, I continue notes of my tour to this, the well-known rebel capital.

I left New York (15), for Albany, capital of the state, *via* "Hudson Railway;" distance 142 miles; fare 2¾ dollars—about a penny a mile. The speed of the American railways average 25 miles per hour—slow, but most comfortable, travelling. The rail, or "track," as our cousins call it here, runs parallel, and close to the river, on both sides of which there are numerous pretty villas, towns, cities, &c. Those I note are Yonkers, a favourite watering-place; Singing, a great convict depot; Peek's Hill, where the ill-fated Major Andre was caught and hung as a spy by the Americans in 1777; Westpoint, noted for its military academy, fort, &c.; Hudson, a large city, opposite which are the famous Cats-kill Mountains and waterfall. Twenty-two miles further on we cross the Hudson over a fine bridge and enter Albany.

This is a fine, large populous place; from the enormous quantities of goods, provisions, particularly on the wharves and markets, one sees the trade is considerable. On my way to Albany, I visited the postal "car," as the Americans call those railway carriages; two, out of three, of the clerks were Masons. There were Lodges at the various towns we passed. Albany, they informed me, had ten, and, like New York, was full of Masons. I visited many of the public buildings; the Treasury-court, State-house, and Museum are fine. The new State-house, now building, is on a grand scale—will be one of the finest in the world.

My time being limited, I could not visit any of the lodges. After six hours' stay, I went on board the "Drew," and sailed for New York. How will I describe this grand steamer? To be brief, the saloon is 380x80; engines 1,000 horse power; speed 20 miles; no motion perceptible. We had been 20 miles on our way before I was aware of her having started. The saloon is most gorgeously fitted up; there are over 600 cabins, which frequently accommodate as many as 1,000 persons. This magnificent floating palace, like the grand river we were sailing on, must be seen to be appreciated. The Hudson is, and deservedly, called the Rhine of America; all the way it presents some fine points to admire. About Westpoint, the river is wide, bay-like, the fine bluff mountain,

numerous islands, beautiful villas, fort, shipping boats, &c., &c., all combine to make the scene charmingly grand. Near New York, it is over a mile wide, known there as the North River. Numerous steamers, ships, pleasure boats, &c., crowd its bosom; several ships and forts defend it. The battery at Westpoint appears most formidable. On the whole, my trip to Albany was most pleasant. I shall not forget the "Drew" and the kind friend I met in her—Chief Steward Bro. W. Armstrong; fare 2½ dollars, including berth.

Back again in New York, where I slept; pushed on next day (17), to city of Philadelphia. The country *en route* is flat, not picturesque or interesting, numerous towns and rivers on our way. Crossed the Delaware, and into the city of Brotherly Love (as Philadelphia is called) in four hours; distance 88 miles; fare 3¼ dollars from New York. The city is large, populous, and well laid out; the streets most regular, "Chesnut," "Walnut," "Pine," and "Market" being the chief avenues; fine they are, the latter particularly, wide and lined with rows of trees, hence the names. Smaller streets intersect, and are all numbered, hence no going astray. Like New York, tramway cars are all the "go," comfortable and cheap; for 5 cents you can ride 5 miles, equal to ¼d. a mile. Fine houses, hotels, shops; people civil and obliging everywhere.

I visited the Masonic Temple, in "Chesnut" street, a fine Gothic building; numerous Chapters and Lodges, &c., meet here. The rooms, as in New York, are beautifully fitted up. I went to No. 72, "Philadelphia," and another Lodge room, both grand, but through a mistake did not remain to see the working. The Masons are numerous, their fine halls, &c., shows what wealth and numbers can do. Although they have a splendid hall, the Craft is now building another that bids fair to be the grandest in the world. It is now 4 years under construction (began in 1867) and will be 3 more before completed. The building is 250x150, an immense height, of granite, girders of iron, porch and pillars, tower, &c., in fact the edifice is a second Solomon's Temple. Bro. J. Windrim is the architect, and the cost is estimated at 2,000,000 dollars. The New York and Boston Temple are put in the shade, but of this more bye-and-by.

I also visited several of the public buildings. The Treasury is fine, but the "Hall of Independence" merits notice from the rare collection of paintings and relics it contains, many reminding us of days and people forming links in our own history. The fine paintings, statues, banners, &c., of the early settlers, the portraits of Columbus, Penn, Washington, the statue of the latter, relics of Washington and Columbus's ship, the tree under which Penn signed the treaty with the (now nearly extinct) Indians, the original draft of declaration of independence and the table on which it was signed by the American chiefs, the bell which tolled the same is also carefully preserved. These, with numerous relics of the old war, remind us of our claims on, and the relationship with the Americans. There is a curious coincidence attached to the old bell alluded to, viz., on the rim, in large raised letters, is the following quotation:—"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof (Lev. xxv)", and the old bell (cast in 1753) did proclaim American liberty in the year 1777.

(To be continued.)

### THEATRICAL.

OPERA COMIQUE.—"Our Mutual Friend," has been dramatised, and is now presented at this elegant establishment under the title of "Found Drowned," and is likely to be performed for a considerable time, it being a genuine success. The other pieces are Mr. J. R. Planche's Play "The Welsh Girl," concluding with Mr. Brough's laughable farce "The Comical Countess." An original burlesque is in active preparation; it is to be a parody on Verdi's opera "Un Ballo in Maschera," entitled "The Grand Duke of Camberwell," and will shortly be produced.

ST. JAMES'S.—Mrs. John Wood has produced "Vesta," a grand new classical burlesque, at this fashionable theatre; it has proved a great success. It is preceded by "To Oblige Benson" and "Naval Engagements."

STRAND.—The grand burlesque "Cœur de Lion," by Mr. Strachan, is a great success, and proves that the lessee has again made a good selection for her patrons. It is necessary to make arrangements beforehand for those who wish to possess good seats, as the house is crowded nightly.

SURREY.—The very popular pantomime of "My Son Jack" continues to draw crowded houses, and is pronounced to be equal to any of its predecessors.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending February 25, 1871.

MONDAY, FEB. 20.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters', Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 " 185, Tranquility, Radley's, Blackfriars.  
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street.  
 " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
 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. 21.

- Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 " 194, St Paul's, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 " 435, Salisbury, 71, Dean-street, Soho.  
 Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 186, Industry, 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. 22.

Ash Wednesday.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.  
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.  
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.  
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.  
 Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.  
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 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. Lindus, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, FEB. 23.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.  
 " 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street.  
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham.  
 Chap. 657, Canonbury, Masons' Arms, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street.  
 St. George's Red + Cross Conclave, No. 18, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell.  
 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. 24.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury.  
 " 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-st., St. Luke's Chap. 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 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. 25.

Red + Conclave, Roman Eagle, No. 6, Anderton's Htl., Fleet-street.  
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7.  
 Sphinx Lodge of Instruction, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 7; Bro. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.  
 Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
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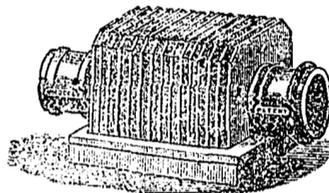
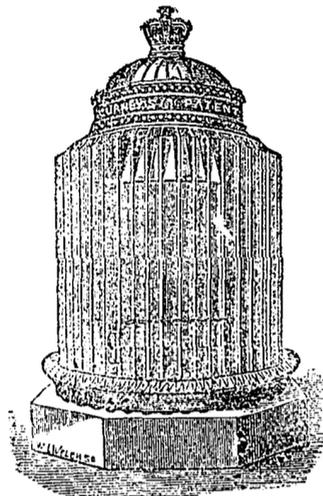
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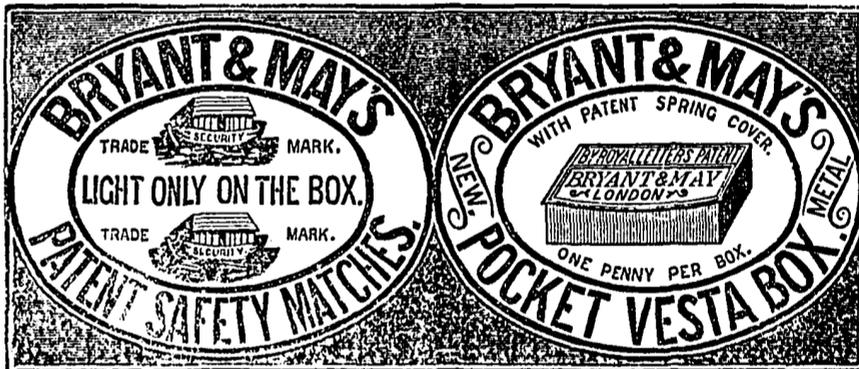
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